



Hope for Children and Families News from Onslow County

Hello August! Welcome to this month's edition of the One Place newsletter—your go-to source for the latest updates on our programs, services, and all things early care and education. We've got helpful resources, inspiring stories, and upcoming events to keep you connected and informed.

Stay in the loop! Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to see behind-the-scenes photos and catch real-time updates on what's happening throughout One Place.

Back-to-School Roundup

As summer vacation winds down and you prepare for a new school year, families are juggling everything from supply lists to emotional readiness. That's why we've gathered helpful resources to make the transition smoother for both children and caregivers.

Whether you're looking for advice on easing first-day jitters, building routines, or transitioning to a new school, we've got you covered:

- [Find the Best Back-to-School Routine for Your Child](#)
- [Coping with Separation Anxiety-Tips for Parents](#)
- [3 Ways to Help Your Military Child Transition to a New School](#)
- [How to Prepare Your Toddler for Preschool](#)

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

- What made you smile today?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- What made your teacher smile/frown?
- What kind of person were you today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?



15 Years of Hope & Healing

This month marks a powerful milestone for One Place Child Advocacy Center—15 years of unwavering commitment to protecting and empowering children affected by abuse and neglect.

Since 2010, the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) has been a beacon of hope, providing a safe, supportive environment where young survivors can begin to heal. Through multidisciplinary collaboration, trauma-informed care, and tireless advocacy, the CAC has served more than 4,000 children and families across our community.

CAC PARTNERS & COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

- District Attorney's Office, 5th Prosecutorial District
- Onslow County Dept. of Social Services
- Onslow County Sheriff's Office
- Jacksonville Police Dept.
- Naval Criminal Investigative Service
- Criminal Investigation Division-Camp Lejeune-New River
- Holly Ridge Police Dept.
- North Topsail Beach Police Dept.
- Richlands Police Dept.
- Surf City Police Dept.
- Swansboro Police Dept.
- N.C. State Bureau of Investigation
- Onslow Memorial Hospital
- Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune
- Onslow County Guardian ad Litem
- Onslow County Schools
- Camp Lejeune Dependent Schools
- Family Advocacy Program Camp Lejeune-New River
- Regional Trial Counsel Office-MCIEAST
- TEDI Bear Children's Advocacy Center
- Cohen Veterans Network
- Marine Corps Community Services
- Onslow County Health Dept.
- Legal Services Support Section-East
- Bay Area Psychology Associates
- Let's Talk, Elbert Owens, LPC
- Serenity Behavioral Therapies, PLLC



As we honor this legacy, we also look forward with renewed dedication to building a future where every child is safe, heard, and supported. Thank you to the staff, partners, and supporters who make this mission possible.



**Pictured: Current Child Advocacy Center Staff*

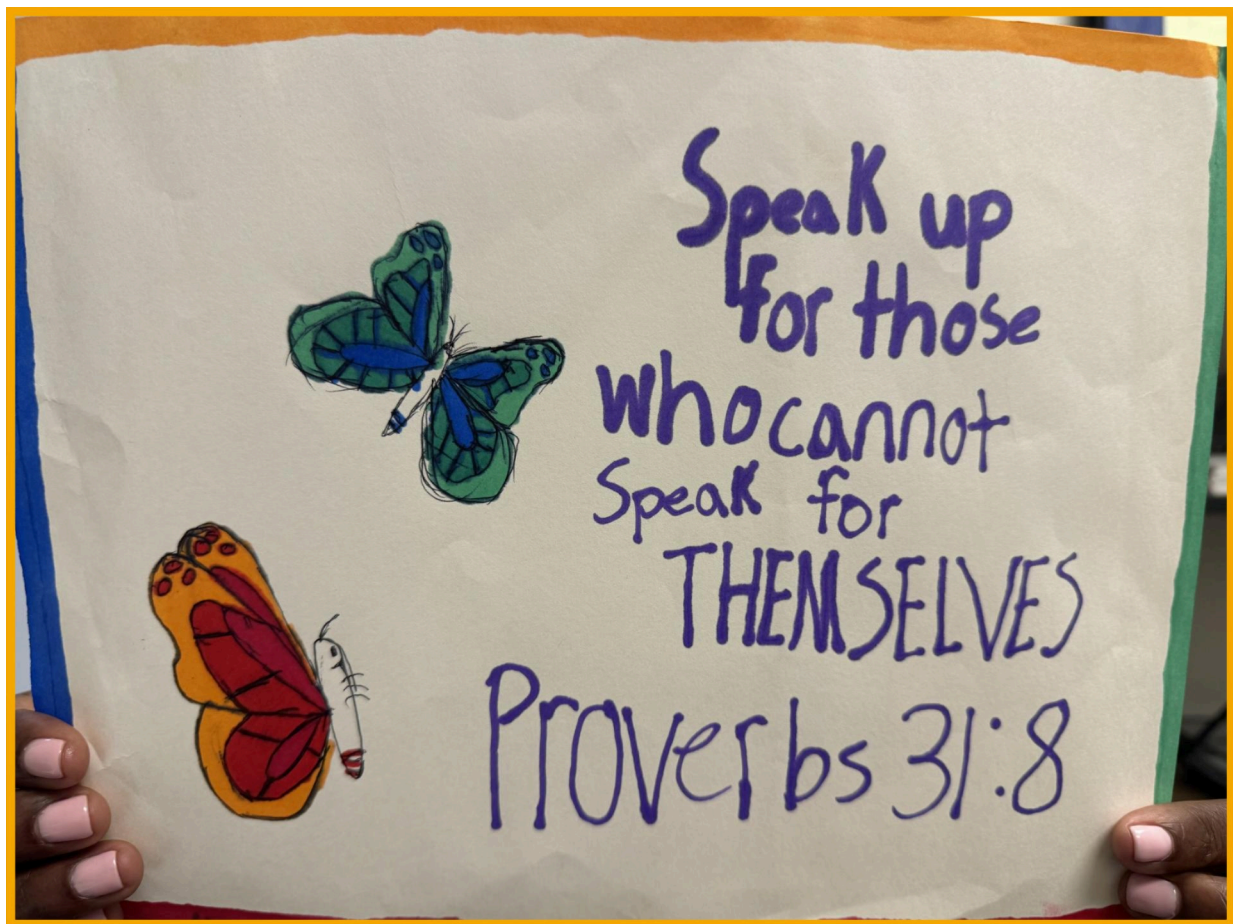
Want a behind-the-scenes tour of the Child Advocacy Center? [Click here to let us know!](#)

Your Sponsorship, Their Future

Our annual [Diamonds & Denim](#) fundraiser is more than just a night of sparkle and celebration; it's a powerful opportunity to make a lasting impact and change lives. Every dollar raised helps provide vital support to children and families in our community who are facing unimaginable challenges.

By becoming a sponsor, you're not just supporting an event—you're investing in healing, hope, and brighter futures. Your generosity helps fund critical services, resources, and care that make a lasting difference for those who need it most.

Join us in making this year's Diamonds & Denim our most impactful yet. [Click here to reserve your sponsorship today.](#)



**Artwork by a child receiving services in the One Place Child Advocacy Center.*

Smart Start Spotlight: A Statewide Celebration of Early Childhood Success



Smart Start month is right around the corner. Join us in September as we celebrate efforts to ensure every child in North Carolina receives the best possible start in life.

We are part of a network of 75 Local Partnerships serving all 100 counties in the state. We provide whole-child support from birth to five and invest in early care and education, family support, and healthy families and communities.

By supporting young children and their families, we are building a stronger, healthier future for North Carolina. Celebrate with us and learn how Smart Start is making a difference in our community.

In case you missed the blogs we shared on social media this month, check them out:

- [Diamonds & Denim: A Celebration of Community and Commitment](#)
- [Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect in Onslow County](#)

One Place in the News

- [One Place Child Advocacy Center Celebrating 15 Years of Serving the Community](#)

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