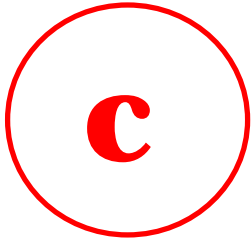


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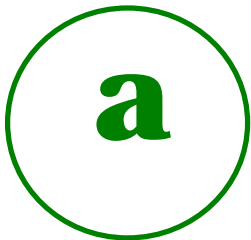
# Child Abuse Network News

*Stop the hurt...  
begin the healing*



**Special Events:**

- ▼ Pennies From Heaven
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>



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## For the Sake of Oklahoma's Children

April is traditionally the month that communities across the United States focus on child abuse. Whether one calls it child abuse prevention month or child abuse awareness month, April is a time when we pause to focus on the numbers and profiles of children who are reported. Most of us are appalled and cannot imagine how someone could abuse a child.

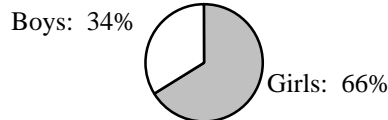
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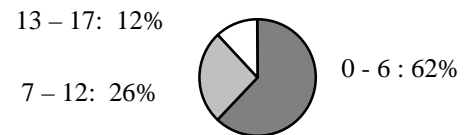
*Services provided –  
36% increase*

For the Child Abuse Network it is a time when we review the past year and ask the questions – “How are we doing and are we making a difference?” In 2005 **1600 children** came to CAN - – a 24% increase compared to 2004. These children received **2900 services** – a 36% increase compared to 2004. Medical services experienced a 29% increase and 20% more forensic interviews were provided. The following charts provide an overview of our children and their alleged abuse.

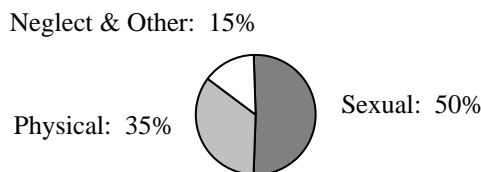
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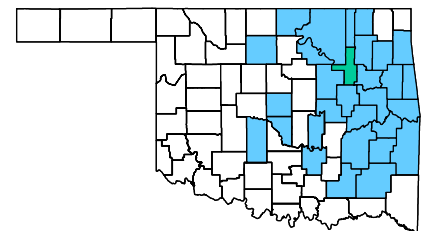


**TYPE OF ABUSE**



April is also a time to applaud those who work tirelessly to prevent abuse, protect children, provide therapy and/or advocate for children. For the Child Abuse Network, which focuses on protecting children, we think of the **123 caseworkers and 88 detectives from 30 counties** who utilized CAN's services in 2005.

**How is CAN doing? Is CAN making a difference?** One wishes that the numbers were decreasing. But for the 1600 children who came to CAN last year, we helped stop their hurt and begin their healing.



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**From the Desk of The Executive Director  
 Making The Difference**



**Barbara Findeiss**

Much gratitude is owed to so many for their support of the Child Abuse Network in 2005. Our contributors and volunteers make all the difference – without them, CAN could not serve the increased numbers of children we experienced in 2005. Our wonderful donors, despite the demands for their time, talent and treasures, have continued to support and encourage us as our staff and team partners strain to do more.

It would take a book to acknowledge all who have supported our center in so many ways this past year. As you read the first page of this newsletter and ask is this Center making a difference? The answer is yes, and the message I wish to convey is that each and every one of you are responsible for helping save lives through your support of this child abuse crisis center.

Only by working together with our friends and supporters can we make a difference in the lives of the children. We are so appreciative and want to say thank you for your commitment to help children in crisis and for a year of great support.

**2005 CAN Services Statistics**

**October through December**

*New children served at CAN*

**Ages of these children were:**

- **0-6 years**                   **249**
- **7-12 years**                   **98**
- **13-18 years**                 **33**
- **Unknown**                    **3**

**These children were seen for:**

- **Sexual Abuse**               **163**
- **Physical Abuse**             **157**
- **Witness to Violence**       **6**
- **Other**                         **18**
- **Neglect**                      **62**

*Children may have been seen for more than one type of abuse.*

**CAN Film Festival – A Huge Success!**



**Tender Loving Clowns are once again a big hit!**

Over \$50,000 was raised thanks to our many contributors to the 9th annual CAN Film Festival.

Major sponsors for this year's event were: Cinemark IMAX® Theatre, Renaissance Tulsa Hotel & Convention Center, Samson Companies, D & L Oil Tools, Hille Family Charitable Foundation, Kathy and Markus Hilti, ONEOK, Zink Foundation, QuikTrip Corporation, Alamo Rent A CAR, Helmerich & Payne, Neurosurgery Specialist, Dr. Robert Block, Just In Time Band and the Tender Loving Clowns.

Special thanks and much appreciation goes to our wonderful committee, consisting of Chairpersons, Karla Rogers and Valerie Stendebach, our Patron Chairs, Jodie Benner and Karen Langdon, along with Judi Baker, Robyn Brooks, Connie Canfield, Teresa Cleveland, Corey Cornelison, Kayce Cox, Pam Cox, Denice Fothergill, and Karen Rose.

Ticket holders enjoyed fabulous food, live entertainment, fun activities, and giveaways along with a terrific 3D movie. Renaissance Hotel chefs catered the event. Clowns, live music, crafts, and other activities were enjoyed along with free popcorn and soda pop, which were available all day. If you missed the fun this year make sure to mark your calendars for the second Sunday in November for our 10<sup>th</sup> year of the CAN Film Festival.

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**October 1, 2005 – December 30, 2005**

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***"PENNIES FROM HEAVEN"  
CAMPAIGN***



**WHO:** Family and friends of SKYLA BROOKS (June 5, 1998-March 21, 2000) and The Child Abuse Network, Inc. (CAN) Staff, Board and Volunteers who seek a safer world for all children

**WHAT:** Local sponsors and volunteers have joined The Child Abuse Network (CAN) to honor Skyla's memory with the campaign "PENNIES FROM HEAVEN"

**WHEN:** *March 21, 2006 – April 30, 2006 (April is Child Abuse Awareness month)*

**WHERE:** All Taco Bueno Restaurants and IBC Bank Locations in Tulsa *and Many Local Businesses Plus*, and if you contact us "*At Your Location*"

**HOW:** Special **PENNIES FROM HEAVEN** "Banks" will be available for your donation

**WHY:** *The Child Abuse Network would like your help ----*

**STOP THE HURT – BEGIN THE HEALING**



***April is Child Abuse Awareness Month  
Wear Your Blue Ribbon Every Day!***

In cities across the nation citizens are asked to wear a blue ribbon to signify the recognition that abused and neglected children in their communities are not forgotten and that those children CAN be priorities for us.

Child abuse damages our community's most vulnerable citizens, and often has generational implications. In the context of violence, child abuse is a public health problem that presents complex social and moral dilemmas concerning its cause, effect and remedy. Addressing child abuse requires a comprehensive plan with multiple, coordinated strategies. *CAN philosophy statement*