



Community Advocates for Family & Youth, Inc.

"CREATING A CONNECTION"

Educating Families & Youth

Empowering Communities through outreach to action

Embracing Victims from victimization to victory

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Goal: To help individuals, families and communities survive trauma and receive the help and healing they need.

Services:	<u>Victim Services</u>	<u>Restoration</u>	<u>Education</u>
	Case Management	Mediation	Know Your Rights
	Court Companions	Support Groups	Identify Theft
	Crisis Intervention	Family Dialogue	Court Education

Prevention: Alternative to Suspension Program
Teens against Assault, Violence & Abuse (TAVA)

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What are we doing in the community?

Helping Families Solve Problems and Regain Control

Creating "Effective Witnesses"



Every year at least 125 youth and families are supported after a crime has occurred.

Court Education helps adults, youth and parents learn about giving testimony in court.

Reaching out to the Community

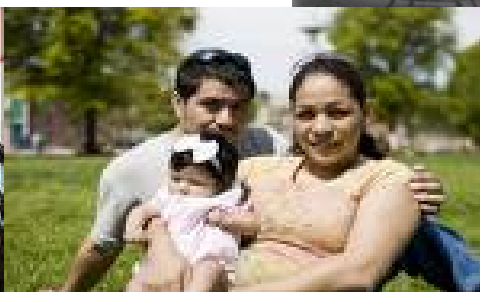


Teens participate in our Alternative to Suspension Program.



Teens and parents participate in SAFE Support Groups (Survivors are Free & Empowered).

Teen Advocates help define victimization and crime for other teens .



Family Dialogues help spouses, parents, significant others after the trauma of victimization to restore relationships.

Conducting Workshops based on Community needs and population.

Community Advocates for Family & Youth is part of the Local Federation of Charities. During the Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capitol Area (CFCNCA), please direct your donation to the Community Advocates for Family & Youth. **#15978**

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Community Advocates for Family and Youth (CAFY) offers critical services to individuals, families and victims of crime and provides community education and outreach programs in Prince George's County. CAFY'S vision is to help victims become confident and empowered survivors by holding offenders accountable and to have a shared sense of responsibility and community awareness through continuous education and on advocacy-minded judicial system. They accomplish this by helping individuals, families and communities survive trauma and receive the help and healing they need. CAFY core services are:

Victim Services Outreach Program (VSOP) - staff and volunteer advocates who work to apprise each referred victim of all of their rights, assist them in completing the compensation applications, register victims with VINE (Victim Information Notification Everyday), support groups and support them through court proceedings.

Court Education Program (CEP) - help prepare victims to be "effective" witnesses" in a court of law; This program is the only agency in the state of Maryland to offer Court Education

Teens against Assault, Violence & Abuse (TAVA) - teen facilitated victimization and awareness campaign.

In 2008 CAFY:

- **Trained** 5 operations and 7 direct client services volunteers;
- **Received** 156 referrals each of which have received information regarding their rights as victims, resource referrals, services and support
- **Assigned** a dedicated advocate to 88 people to be their "ConstantLink" providing case management, court accompaniment, and other personal support
- **Educated** 58 youth, non-offending parents and adult victims in our Court Education Program.
- **Included** 15 teens and adult survivors in our support group SAFE (Survivors are Safe & Empowered).
- **Facilitated**, with teen advocate group 2 outreaches and 4 workshops on teen dating violence and teen alcohol abuse
- **Conducted** 3 Family Dialogue Sessions to help families heal from victimization
- **Co-facilitated** at the Prince George's County's State's Attorney Law Day, where TAVA educated 100 students, from schools across the county, on the importance of reporting violence and victimization.

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How will my contribution help?

Your contribution through the CFCNCA Campaign will be used towards direct client services through CAFY's:

- 1. Court Education Program**—Youth ages 5-18 are who are victims/witnesses of homicide, sexual abuse, domestic violence, divorce cases, foster care must testify in court.
 - Your dollars can help prepare these children to become effective witnesses
 - Help them in holding offenders accountable
 - Encourage a voice in the judicial system
 - We will PURCHASE much needed materials, books, puppets needed for this monthly program.
- 2. Family Dialogue Sessions**—Families, spouses, siblings must heal after trauma within a family. Open dialogues assisted by a neutral party helps to address unanswered question,
 - Your dollars can help CAFY hold more sessions in the communities where healing is needed.
 - To restore families, relationships
 - We will PURCHASE Space and supplies for these sessions
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- 3. Community Outreach** - To increase reporting, residents need to know their rights, knows their local resources, and have support throughout the process.
 - Your dollars can help recruit more volunteers and to serve more individuals and families who are impacted by crime;
 - Increase reporting and participating
 - We will PURCHASE translation services to ensure all materials are available to citizens regardless of their language and recruit from specific communities to support the Non-English speaking population.