



# Mission Kids

## Child Advocacy Center

### *Every Child. One Mission:*

Achieving healing and justice for victims of child abuse by providing collaborative services, advocacy, leadership and education

#### OUR VISION

We will **unfailingly serve to protect children** and youth from abuse. To do so, we will boldly expand our reach and resources to do whatever is necessary to prevent them from harm, address their physical and emotional needs and **achieve justice** on their behalf.

We will live up to and exceed the uncompromising values and expectations of our founders to serve and protect our community's own children, while accepting a leadership role that is unencumbered by boundaries and seeks to ensure that the world is a safe and better place for all children.

#### WE ARE COMMITTED TO...

- Serving with compassion, empathy and respect for all
- Ensuring that the voices of child abuse victims are heard
- Passionately pursuing healing, justice and abuse prevention
- Upholding a culture of excellence and professionalism
- Celebrating teamwork, nurturing trust and prioritizing self-care
- Fostering diversity, equity and inclusion in all that we do
- Modeling effective collaboration across partners
- Striving for forward-thinking leadership
- Embracing research-based best practices

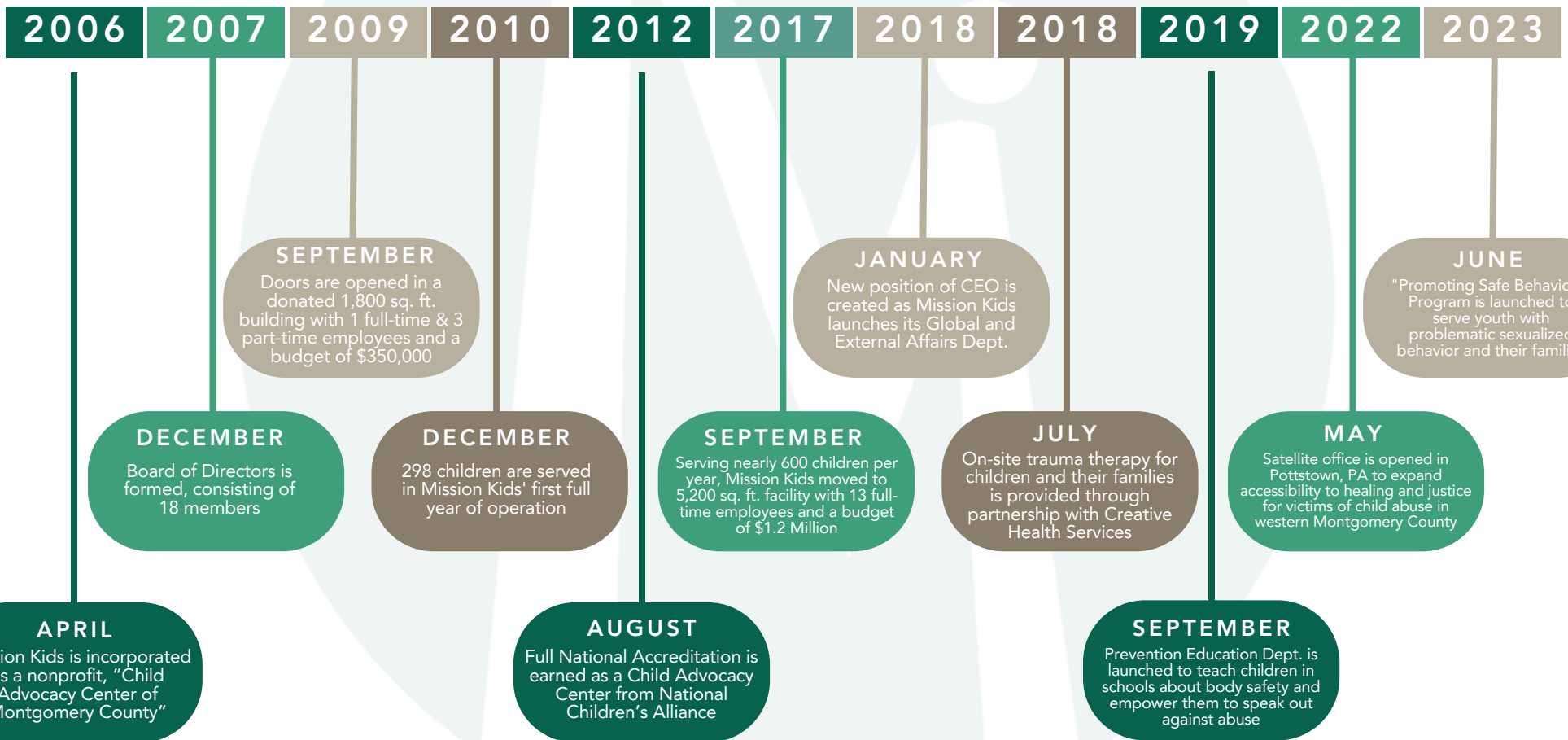


# OUR HISTORY

## Without a Child Advocacy Center...

- » An abused child may be **retraumatized** by having to tell their story over and over again in scary places like police stations or hospitals.
- » Children rely on their caregivers to **blindly navigate the entire process alone** - police, doctors, therapists, lawyers - *it's all on them.*

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY BEFORE WE OPENED OUR DOORS IN 2009



**10%** of all children  
in the United States



**WILL BE ABUSED  
BEFORE THEY TURN 18**

Child abuse knows no boundaries.  
It affects children from diverse backgrounds  
of race, religion, and socioeconomic status.

#### WITHOUT A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC):

- » The estimated lifetime cost of nonfatal child abuse is more than \$830,928 per case, putting a heavy burden on our social service systems.
- » A recent national cost-benefit analysis of the CAC model shows that CAC's save approximately \$1,000 per case in services to children and families during the course of an investigation.



Mission Kids has transformed Montgomery County's response to child abuse cases. But we want to do more than just change it. We want to *eliminate it*.

# OUR IMPACT

## WE COLLABORATE *by providing*

### COLLABORATIVE CASE COORDINATION

with detectives, prosecutors, child protection caseworkers, and forensic interviewers in response to allegations of child abuse

### FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

at our child-friendly center by our specially-trained staff to elicit key information from children about their experience

### MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

by child-abuse-trained pediatricians in partnership with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)

## WE HEAL *by providing*

### FAMILY ADVOCACY

to connect victims and their families with the resources and support they need to heal from abuse

### TRAUMA THERAPY

both on-site and with partner agencies for victims and families

## WE PROTECT & LEAD *by providing*

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION

lessons for adults and children that empower them to recognize and report abuse

### GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

through research partnerships to develop evidence-based treatment and response models to best serve our children and families in Montgomery County

