



children's TRUST

STAND TOGETHER against child abuse



Our mission is to prevent and reduce the occurrence and trauma of child abuse and neglect.

COMMITMENT

Since 1979, Children's Trust has served the children and families of Virginia. Our programs are:

- **Children First**
- **Healthy Families**
- **Trauma Informed Community Network**
- **Children's Advocacy Center**
- **CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates**



Children's Trust combines needed public education outreach, effective advocacy, and a strong network of support for children and families in Virginia. We are dedicated to:

- Promoting awareness about child abuse
- Providing family support education
- Providing a child-friendly environment for the investigation of abuse
- Advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children



OUR FIVE PROGRAMS



children first
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION



Children First offers child abuse prevention classes to children (Speak Up Be Safe™) in schools and training for adults who work with children (Stewards of Children™).



Healthy Families
Roanoke Valley™

Healthy Families is a national home-based, evidence-based family support and coaching program that supports parents and helps them create stable, nurturing environments for their children.

The program matches parents with trained professionals who visit families' homes to provide support during pregnancy and the child's first 3 years of life. Home visitors teach parents about proper baby care, promote nurturing and attachment, practice effective parenting skills, and ensure parents have a solid understanding of healthy child development. They also counsel parents on achieving personal goals such as going back to school or securing a job.

ROANOKE VALLEY
TRAUMA
INFORMED
COMMUNITY
NETWORK



stronger people • resilient communities

The **Trauma Informed Community Network** seeks to educate the Roanoke Valley about trauma, trauma-informed care, and resiliency. TICN connects organizations in all sectors with resources, training, and techniques for implementing trauma-informed systems to help everyone thrive. Children's Trust anchors TICN and is the backbone agency, now including 20+ organizations.





CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) are child-friendly facilities designed to reduce the trauma children endure during the investigation and prosecution of abuse. The CAC operates regional centers in Roanoke, Bedford, the New River Valley.

The CAC works with multi-disciplinary team that includes medical professionals, law enforcement, mental health, the Commonwealth Attorney's office, child protective services, victim advocacy, and other professionals who make decisions together about how to help the child based on the interview.



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S TRUST

The **Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA)** program trains and supervises volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in foster care, ensuring they have safe, permanent homes.

Volunteers get to know the child by talking with everyone in the child's life; parents and relatives, foster parents, teachers, medical professionals, attorneys, social workers, and others. They use the information they gather to inform judges and others of what the child needs and what will be the best permanent home for them.



Since 1979, Children's Trust has provided child abuse prevention, intervention and advocacy for children and families of Virginia.



CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE WITH A GIFT TO CHILDREN'S TRUST

Donations from individuals are crucial to our success. We apply for grants year-round and receive funding from federal, state, and local sources, but our mission and service area grows every year.

Ways to Donate



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www.roact.org
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