

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, children's advocacy centers are child-focused, facility-based programs in which representatives from many disciplines, including law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, healthcare, and victim advocacy, work together as a team to make decisions about investigation, treatment management, and prosecution of child abuse cases; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, children's advocacy centers around South Carolina served over 7,000 children, providing victim advocacy, medical and mental health treatment services, and support to these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40 percent of the children receiving services from our advocacy centers were between the ages of six and twelve, with an additional 38 percent between newborn and six; and

WHEREAS, although neglect is the most common form of child maltreatment, victims also suffer year after year from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse; and

WHEREAS, children's advocacy centers seek to model, promote, and deliver excellence in best practice to child abuse response and prevention through service, education, and leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2014, as

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the valuable contributions of children's advocacy centers to the health and well-being of children and families throughout the Palmetto State.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA