

# Family Success STORIES

An FSC Newsletter

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



"At Family Success Center, connecting with our community is at the heart of our mission. From service, to outreach, to raising awareness, we aim to remain positive and stable advocates for families as we expand our capacity to serve each day.

We hope this monthly newsletter shines a light on how Family Success Center is working to uplift your community, through the efforts of those passionately striving to change lives for the better, and showcases the amazing partners, local businesses, fellow organizations, and individuals who support our endeavors and collaborate with us year-round."

Emma Clapp  
FSC Executive Director





# SUMMER OF AWARENESS



"Child abuse casts a shadow the length of a lifetime. With your help, we can shine a light on the darkest situations in these children's lives."



Family Success Center's Summer of Awareness Campaign is comprised of the Center's three child abuse advocacy Programs: The Safe and Successful Child Abuse Prevention Program, the PEACE Program, and Prevention Talks.

These three programs are funded through the Alabama Department of Child Abuse & Neglect via The Children's Trust Fund of Alabama.

While driving through downtown Gadsden this summer, or across Etowah County, you may have noticed blue banners or ribbons attached to lampposts, trees, or storefronts. These banners and ribbons represent the incredible businesses, organizations, and individuals who contribute to the Center's Summer of Awareness Campaign. Through these donations, the Center is able to provide life-saving materials to children inside of schools and offer mandatory reporter training for adults.

Since 1983, April has been designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month throughout the United States - a time of reflection and recognition, awareness and action for the betterment of children nationwide. At Family Success Center, our educators wanted to extend its awareness campaign further.

With the knowledge that children often experience greater abuse during the summer months - due to close contact with abusers and the absence of school activities

- Family Success Center created an initiative to expand its advocacy, develop protective and preventative practices, and support our children during these challenging times.

**This initiative is called Family Success Center's Summer of Awareness.**



**Every donation represents a child whose life is affected by these Programs.**

**DONATE**



# Did You Know?



A child is abused or neglected in the United States every 47 seconds.



The median age for reported abuse is 9 years old.



90% of abusers are someone the child knows.

Collectively, Family Success Center's PEACE Program, Safe and Successful Program, Prevention Talks Program see 15,000 children per year.

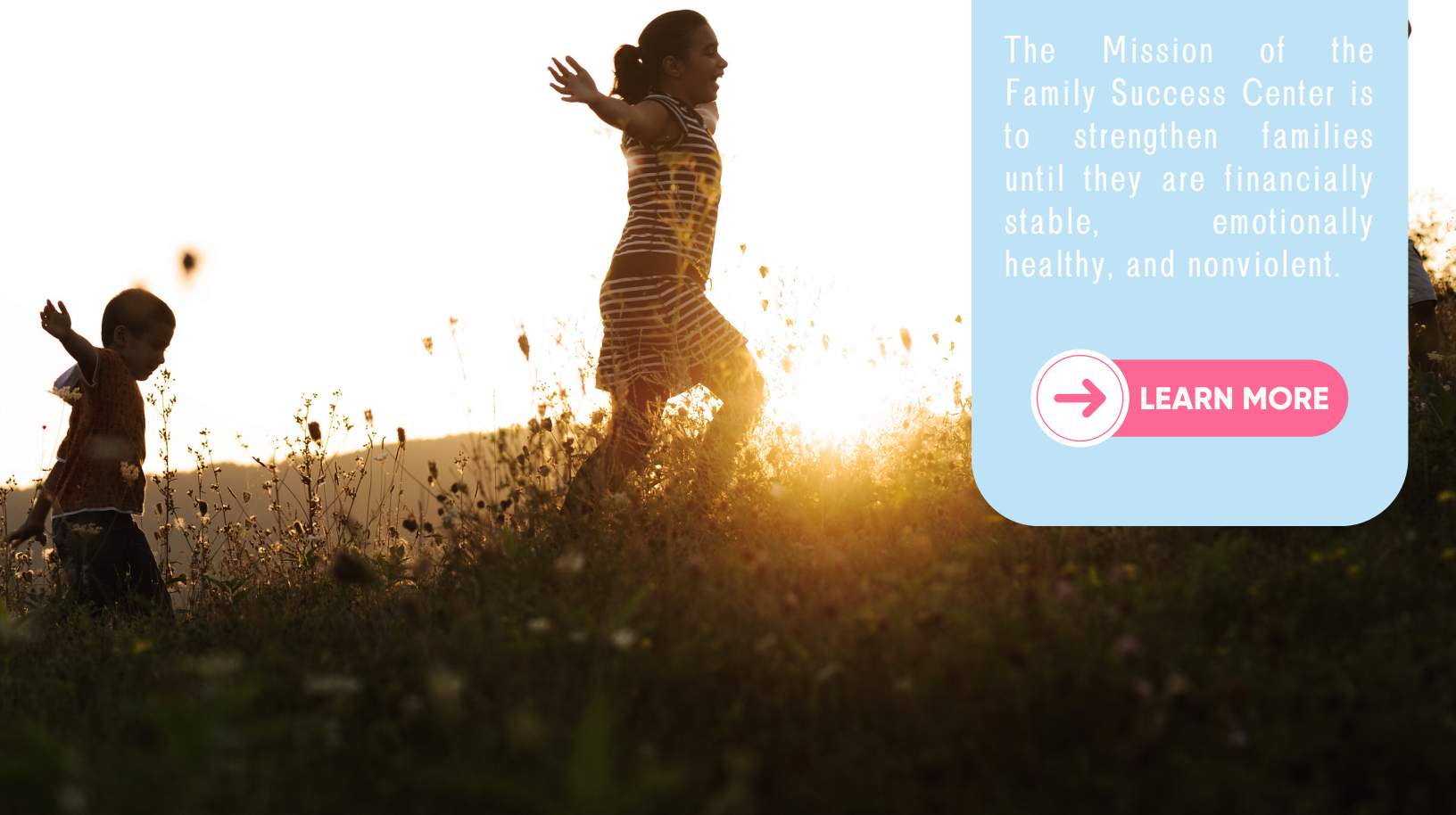
## WHO WE ARE

The Family Success Center is a non-profit organization that provides comprehensive and coordinated services allowing families to make positive changes in their lives. The Center serves Etowah, Cherokee, Calhoun, Marshall, and surrounding counties.

The Mission of the Family Success Center is to strengthen families until they are financially stable, emotionally healthy, and nonviolent.



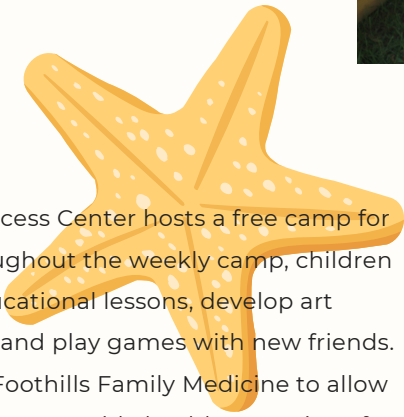
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# KIDZ KAMP 2023



Every summer, Family Success Center hosts a free camp for children ages 4 to 11. Throughout the weekly camp, children experience interactive educational lessons, develop art projects, create fun crafts, and play games with new friends. The Center partners with Foothills Family Medicine to allow the clinic's resident doctors to provide health screenings for all children present. Each day represents a different educational theme, with the Center concluding the camp by donating backpacks and school supplies to each student who attended.

***This July, Family Success provided backpacks and school supplies for 16 children!***



## 2023 KAMP THEMES

- SPACE
- NATURE
- ARTS & MUSIC
- THE OCEAN
- MOVIE DAY!





# Mullets, Mayhem & Murder

In this interactive murder mystery experience, you play as a character in the narrative and solve the mystery as it unfolds throughout the night!

All proceeds raised from this event support the Center's IN Program – an Inclusive Needs Program that supports those with special needs, providing medical equipment, resources, and trips to Camp ASSCA.



[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **AUGUST 5** BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

SAT. AUGUST 5

MORAGNE PARK

100 MORAGNE AVE, GADSDEN, AL 35901

1 P.M. - 4 P.M.



### **AUGUST 19** MULLETS, MAYHEM & MURDER - AN INTERACTIVE MURDER MYSTERY PARTY EXPERIENCE

SAT. AUGUST 19

TAIVAS FARM

1713 GREEN VALLEY RD, GLENCOE, AL 35905

5 P.M. - 8 P.M.

