

1 State of Arkansas  
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5 By: Senator Irvin

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO RECOGNIZE THAT ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN IS A  
9 SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM; TO COMMEND THE  
10 IMPORTANT WORK BEING DONE TO COMBAT THIS SERIOUS  
11 PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM; AND TO PROCLAIM APRIL 11,  
12 2023, AS "CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER DAY" IN ARKANSAS  
13 AS PART OF NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

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16 **Subtitle**

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22 AS "CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER DAY".

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24 WHEREAS, in 2022, an estimated three hundred ninety thousand (390,000)  
25 children were served by children's advocacy centers nationwide; and

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27 WHEREAS, in 2022, the thirty (30) children's advocacy centers locations  
28 throughout Arkansas served an estimated ten thousand three hundred (10,300)  
29 child victims of abuse, provided victim advocacy and support services to the  
30 victims and their families; and of those ten thousand, three hundred (10,300)  
31 children, a significant number were twelve (12) years old or younger; and

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33 WHEREAS, although neglect is the most common form of child  
34 maltreatment, victims also suffer year after year from physical abuse, sexual  
35 abuse, drug endangerment, commercial sexual exploitation, and psychological  
36 maltreatment; and



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WHEREAS, children’s advocacy centers seek to model, promote, and deliver excellence in child abuse response and prevention through direct service, education, collaboration, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Children’s Advocacy Centers of Arkansas is the leading statewide organization supporting the multidisciplinary response to child abuse; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the growing problem of child abuse and the serious impact child abuse has on the citizens of Arkansas and the future generations of our state, as well as on those of the rest of the nation,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate recognize that abuse and neglect of children is a significant public health problem commend the important work being done to combat this serious public health problem, and proclaim April 11, 2023, as "Children’s Advocacy Center Day" in Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Ms. Elizabeth Pulley, Executive Director of the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Arkansas, by the Secretary of the Senate.