

Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse - 2020

To the Citizens of the Town of Sandgate,

On behalf of the Bennington County Association Against Child Abuse (dba Bennington County Child Advocacy Center), I would like to thank you for your continued support of our organization this year. The support you give our organization allows us to continue to provide support to victims and community members living in the Sandgate community.

We are accredited by the National Children's Alliance every five years to ensure that best practices are continually applied. Although our prevention programming has been limited this year due to COVID-19, we continue to work with, and support, children, and families during investigations of sexual abuse and egregious physical abuse.

We support the Town of Sandgate by:

- Providing direct services to children and families upon the commencement of an alleged child abuse case, for as long as needed, regardless of the judicial outcome. For victims and their non-offending family, we provide support for up to three years, or sometimes longer, depending on the judicial process and the needs of the family.
- Providing direct services to adult victims of sexual abuse, for as long as needed, regardless of the judicial outcome.
- Housing a child-friendly interview room and a private family waiting room.
- Serving as a resource to any adult working with children.
- Holding several community awareness events during the month of April. We have continued the #Benningtongoesblue campaign, Clothesline Project, Candlelight Vigil, and our pinwheel garden. We hope to find a spot in your community for a small pinwheel garden in April- hopefully, you will spot a bit of color.
- Hosting Just Bike! Justice for kids. This year our event was a virtual one allowing participants to log their miles anyway that was fun for them: bike, walk, run, paddle, or swim.
- Collecting and repairing bikes through our Bike Drive for kids in foster care/ kinship care.

We respectfully ask for your continued support this year in the amount of \$200.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy Kitchell, Executive Director