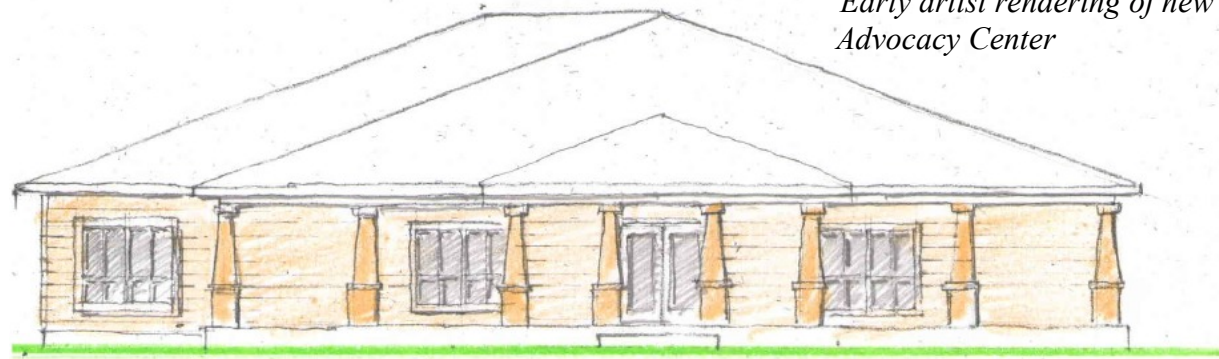


Early artist rendering of new Children's Advocacy Center



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Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center  
Seguin, Texas

## GCCAC Facility Needs Assessment Completed

A facility needs assessment was recently completed for the Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center by Wade Goolsby, a principal with LECS, LLC, a consulting firm. The needs assessment studied the Center's recently completed strategic plan as well as programmatic and administrative functions for the Advocacy Center. The result is a recommendation for facility size to serve the community throughout the next decade and beyond.

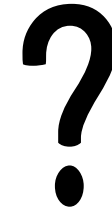
As a result of the needs assessment, initial architectural drawings show a 6,600 ft.<sup>2</sup> facility. It will provide office space for additional staff, programs, and training opportunities for both team members and the public.

Goolsby, who also serves as Deputy Chief of the Seguin Police Department, donated his services to the Center. Deputy Chief Goolsby has a degree in architecture and has been instrumental in building projects throughout the state over the last twenty years. "I am so appreciative of the many hours of work that Deputy Chief Goolsby has put into this needs assessment," said Paul Marsh, GCCAC executive director. "His willingness to offer his extensive expertise at no cost to us is truly a godsend, and will save us thousands of dollars as we plan and build our new facility."

*Are we busy? YES!*

Year	# of new children served	# of forensic interviews	# of medical accompaniments	# of free counseling hours	# of volunteers	# of volunteer hours (family greeters and medical accompaniment)
2004	130	116	More than 16	?	29	473.5
2005	214	212	62	467	32	1331.75
2006	294	296	52	517	33	1032
2007	303	298	44	834	33	862
2008	256	252	38	745	34	868
2009	328	345	29	470	34	1190.95
2010	309	344	37	512	43	1235.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1834</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>3545</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>6994</b>

Are you



The Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center has served thousands of children since we opened in 2003. Our annual operating budget this fiscal year approaches \$300,000. In order to continue providing the level of service to children and their non-offending family members in the manner to which our community has become accustomed, we need your generous support.

The GCCAC board of directors has recently completed a multi-year strategic plan, which calls for decreased reliance upon federal funding, while adding needed human resources to meet the increasing demand for services in our community.

As a result, we are pleased to announce our new annual fund, the **Fund for Courage**. The **Fund for Courage** provides an opportunity for individuals, families, companies, churches, and others throughout our community to provide funding for our vital mission.

Please take a moment and consider your family's gift to the **Fund for Courage**. You can make a one-time donation, or increase your contribution by making a monthly commitment. Would your congregation like to make a statement about your priorities? Is your community organization looking for a nonprofit to support which is making a real difference in the lives of families throughout our community? The **Fund for Courage** is that opportunity.

To become a charter member of the **Fund for Courage**, simply fill out the coupon below and mail it to GCCAC, 424 N. River Street, Seguin, Texas, 78155. You can also go online to our website at [www.gccac.net](http://www.gccac.net) and make a gift securely through our *donate* button.

Thanks to you, we have helped children heal through the devastation of sexual and physical abuse. Please help us continue our important work. Are you **One with Courage**?



*Please check one:*

- One with Courage \$5,000 or more
- Children's Table \$1,000
- Friend of Children \$500
- Advocate \$250
- Kid \$100

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*I want to be a charter member of **The Fund for Courage!***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Org/Company/Church \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly commitment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# New Faces at GCCAC!

the newsletter of the Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center  
Fall 2011

We are thrilled to announce the addition of several new staff and interns at GCCAC. **Michele Meehan**, Family Advocate, has joined our staff on an interim basis while Assistant Director Christy Williams is on maternity leave. Michele formerly served as Victim Assistance Coordinator with the Nueces County Children's Advocacy Center (now the Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend). She is now a graduate student working towards her master's degree in social work at Texas State University.

**Marisol Deluna** is serving as Counseling Intern for the fall semester. Marisol is a bilingual teacher's aide at Patlan Elementary School in Seguin, and is working on her degree at Texas A&M.

**Erica Deleon** is majoring sociology at Texas Lutheran University and is serving as a program intern this semester. **Georgia Hester**, also a program intern, is a student at Texas State University majoring in applied sociology and minoring in forensic psychology.

We welcome each of these dedicated professionals to our team here at the Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center!



424 N. River Street  
Seguin, TX 78155



Breaking the Cycle of Abuse  
One Child at a Time

# Recess!

## GCCAC receives stellar scores from clients and partners

The Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center received extremely high scores on the statewide Outcome Measurement System (OMS) over the last quarter. OMS, an instrument developed by researchers at UT's LBJ School of Public Affairs, tracks satisfaction with Advocacy Centers statewide by both clients and partner agencies. The OMS survey responses are based on a scale of 0 to 4, with 4 being the highest score possible.

Client survey scores averaged 3.9 out of a possible 4, and included comments such as "this place makes you feel at home and a good environment to talk," and "very kind and gentle people."

Partner agency surveys averaged 3.8 out of a possible 4 as well. Respondents included representatives from law enforcement, Child Protective Services, prosecutors' offices, medical professionals, and victim advocates.

## Bill Engvall hosting new game show on GSN



Bill Engvall, the nationally-renowned comedian who performed for GCCAC supporters last fall, is the new host of *Lingo* on the Game Show Network (GSN). Described by Engvall as a cross between Scrabble and Bingo, Engvall has signed on for 40 episodes.

Engvall performed for nearly two hours in front of a hometown crowd of 950 people at Texas Lutheran University's Jackson Auditorium in October of last year.