

The importance of a Child Advocate Office in Kansas

My grandson, Adrian Jones was abused, tortured and starved to death in 2015 by his dad and stepmother in Kansas City. I believe if an Office of Child Advocate would have been in place in Kansas, that he would still be with us today. Establishing a Child Advocate Office in Kansas would not only benefit children, but also entire communities across Kansas. There are times when DCF will be involved in the lives of children and families, and the Office of Child Advocate would have the responsibility to make sure that the State of Kansas does the best job possible in caring for and protecting children by providing independent and impartial oversight. Our children desperately need for us to be their voices, and an advocacy would provide that to them. Preventing child abuse/neglect is not “someone else’s business”, it is everyone’s business. There are currently 22 states that have a Child Advocate Office, so please consider establishing one in Kansas. We all must come together to better protect our children in Kansas, we must turn hurt into hope.

Thank you,

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