

As a proud employee of Liberty House Child Abuse Assessment Center for almost 10 years, I know how critical our work is to the health of our community's children. I feel our mission is as crucial as education, law enforcement, and the many other things we pay taxes towards to make our state strong and healthy. I also know firsthand how difficult it is to raise money to serve the number of children that need our services. The assessment, counseling and prevention of child abuse should be at the top of your list for funding! Early Childhood Trauma is at the root of SO many of our societies problems! It will only benefit our society, and the lives of those affected, if we fund these critical services to provide early intervention! Investing 6M in Children's Advocacy Centers is urgent and necessary, for this reason I urge your "YES!" vote on HB 2826. Thank you for putting our children FIRST!