



Protecting Arkansas's Children



U.S. Senator Blanche Lincoln receives the National Children Alliance's Bud Cramer Award from Cramer and members of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas and the National Children's Alliance.

As the mother of twin boys, I know the challenges and concerns parents face in our state and across the nation. Children are our most precious blessings, and throughout my career in the United States Senate I've fought for federal resources and measures to ensure their safety and well-being.

This week I was honored [to receive the National Children Alliance's 2009 Bud Cramer Award](#), presented by my friend and former colleague, former Congressman Bud Cramer. I was particularly pleased to be nominated for this award by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas, a member of the National Children's Alliance (NCA). Individuals involved with our Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) in Arkansas and across the nation are at work every day providing young victims much-needed treatment and support. I am proud to be associated with their good works.

CACs are community-based, public-private partnerships in which professionals from law enforcement, prosecution, child protective services, victim advocacy agencies, and the medical and mental health communities work together to investigate and intervene in

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Health communities work together to investigate and intervene in cases of suspected child abuse. Since 1992, federal funding has enabled the establishment of more than 700 CACs in communities nationwide, including 13 in Arkansas, which have provided services to more than 171,000 children annually. Last year, [I visited the Cooper-Anthony Mercy Child Advocacy Center in Hot Springs](#) to help bring local attention to this work.

Working with my colleagues in the Senate, I remain committed to ensuring that our children and families stay safe. As a mother, I know the ultimate winner will be our children.

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