

# Advocates

## Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County

**CAC Expanded Advocacy Services - Emergency Meal Care Kits for Children & Families:** Over 3,000 visits are made to the Children's Advocacy Center each year for victims of child abuse and their families. To provide hunger relief, this program will expand the services for families in emergency situations by distributing more substantial meal kits, which will include facts on nutrition and food pantry resources.

## CASA of Northwest Arkansas

**A Voice Out of Poverty:** This program will build a pathway out of poverty for children in foster care through advocacy that stabilizes children's lives, promotes their healthy development, and assists their transitions to safe and permanent, loving homes. Committed and compassionate Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers will be empowered to stand up for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the court system.

## Legal Aid

**Child Poverty Law Project:** The Child Poverty Law program provides legal interventions to improve child well-being and increase familial stability. Through community education, direct legal representation, and strategic partnerships, Legal Aid of Arkansas helps families overcome barriers to accessing legal protections, benefits, services, employment, and housing to help lift them out of poverty.

## Restoration Ministries

**Restoration Village Animal-Assisted Interaction:** The program provides coordinated services for the family that addresses individual needs while supporting the family unit. Children will be able to connect to needed services, such as mental health support, and expanded therapeutic resources will include animal-assisted interactions with horses, canines, and felines.

