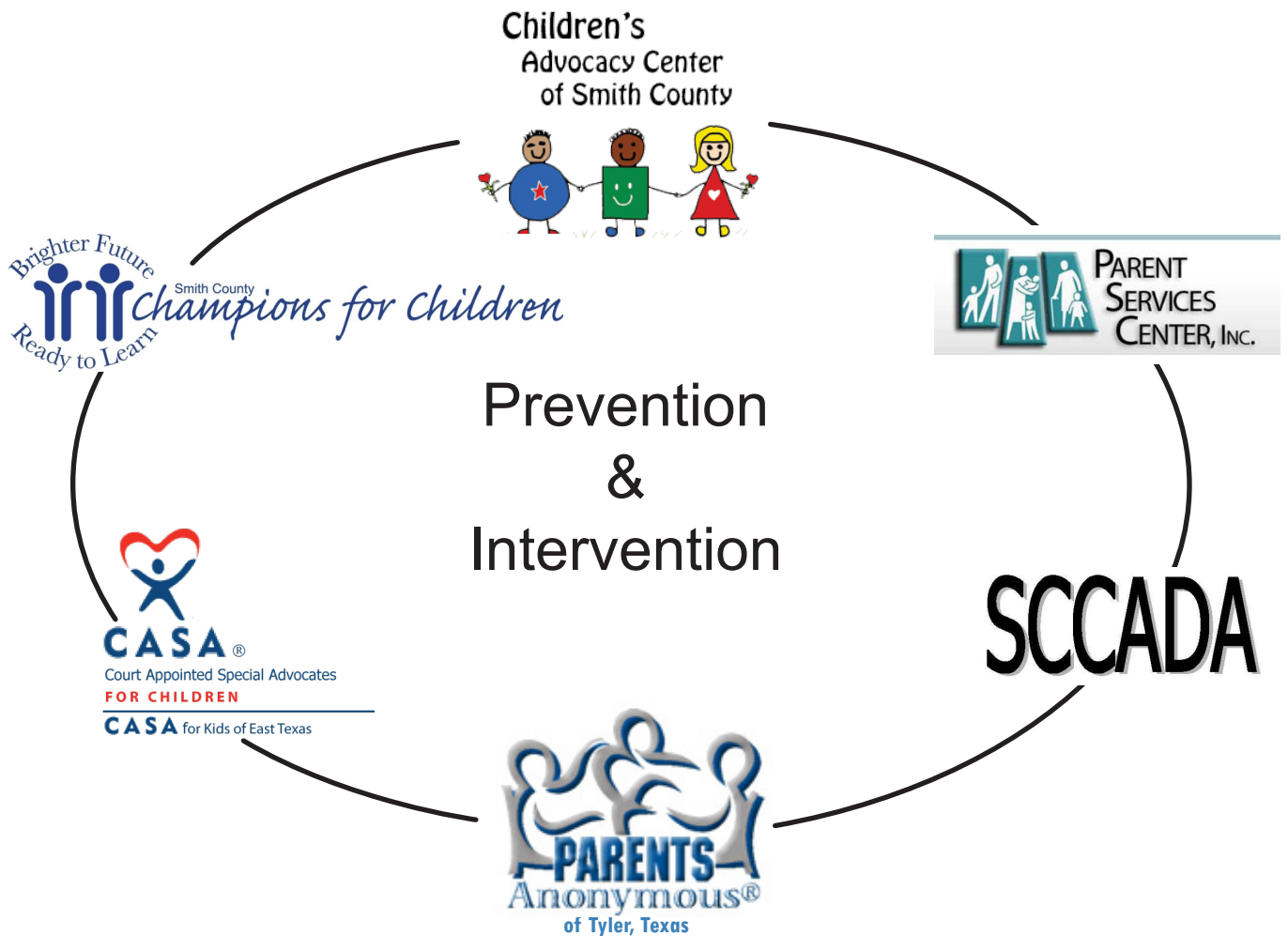


# Partners for Children



**Partners for Children** agencies serve the needs of those who live in our local communities. We are proactive to help prevent situations from occurring, while also being available to intervene in the inevitable that happens in an imperfect society. We positively impact lives each and every day.

Collectively, Partners for Children address the physical and emotional safety of children and families.

Some of our partner agencies are primarily needed in adverse circumstances. Without their services, and the assistance to “heal”, these children will be victims without hope. We provide intervention services for children and their families with real solutions, a vision for “health”, and tools to change the cycle that brought them to this point.

Our other agencies in Partners for Children work toward healthy productive families because without these agencies, more children and families will have more pain...and scars. We provide prevention services to handle the ups and downs of child-rearing.

Partners for Children is a group of small, local, community-based agencies that gather on a regular basis to dialogue and work together to more effectively serve the needs of children and families in the Tyler area.

**CASA for Kids of East Texas** [www.casaforkidsofeasttexas.org](http://www.casaforkidsofeasttexas.org)



- Court-appointed volunteer advocates for abused and neglected children
- Children (clients) are all removed from families and in the care of the State of Texas
- Goal is to get children in safe, permanent homes
- Volunteer's only consideration is best interest of the child

**Champions for Children** [www.championsforchildren.org](http://www.championsforchildren.org)



- Helps children start school ready to learn, not already behind
- Improves the quality of existing childcare programs
- Provides training, mentoring and support to childcare teachers
- Provides movement based program designed to promote positive behavior and increased learning potential
- Increases social, emotional and intellectual enrichment for children in child care settings

**Children's Advocacy Center of Smith County** [www.cacsmithcounty.org](http://www.cacsmithcounty.org)



- Provides comprehensive care for child sexual and physical abuse victims
- Coordinates investigations and prosecutions of child sexual abuse and serious physical injury cases
- Provides essential evidence-based services DIRECTLY to child abuse victims and their families
- Enacts child abuse prevention through educational presentations and community initiatives emphasizing "recognize, react & report"
- Children remain with safe family members

**Parents Anonymous** [www.parentsanonymousoftyler.org](http://www.parentsanonymousoftyler.org)



- Child abuse and neglect prevention program with research demonstrating effectiveness and national standards
- Provides a structured year-round parenting program, The Middle Way Parenting Program, in English and Spanish
- Provides on-going classes for children and teens who accompany their parents to programs specifically tailored to their age group
- Provides youth programs for those struggling with truancy, out of control behavior or petty misdemeanors
- Provides on-going classes for expectant and new teen mothers to address the challenges of rearing children

**SCCADA** [www.sccada.org](http://www.sccada.org)



- Provides a coordinated community wide approach to prevention, education and intervention of substance abuse
- School-based programs provide drug prevention curriculum, screening, early-identification and referral for behavioral health issues
- Community-based programs help individuals and families in need of substance abuse treatment find help
- Serves as lead agency for Drug Free Communities Coalition and East Texas Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Recently merged Adolescent Development and Achievement Program of Tyler (ADAPT). Their after-school programs and Camp SCCADA provide youth safe places to learn, succeed and develop lasting connections

**Parent Services Center** [www.parentservicescenter.com](http://www.parentservicescenter.com)



- Helps parents and parent surrogates improve their effectiveness in rearing children
- Free weekly stand alone classes on topics like child development, bullying, discipline/guidance, your angry teen
- Low cost (\$15-\$20) Annual Parenting Conference and Annual Symposium
- Autism Network: low cost, multi-disciplinary service to help families navigate the confusing assessment process
- Support groups for parents of ADHD & Autistic Children; Single Parents; Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren