

Eastland County Crisis Center

# The Inspired View

June. July. August

Crime Victim Assistance Center & Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center  
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## BINGO 2020

Mark your calendars to roar into the twenties at the Kathleen Jackson Boots and Bags Bingo on September 19th at the First Baptist Church in Eastland. At noon, we will begin with a silent auction of donated items and services from the Eastland County Community. The festivities continue with ten rounds of bingo, each awarding a designer brand purse or a gift card to Greer's Western Store to one lucky winner. Throughout the event there will also be door prize drawings, as well as a costume contest based off the "Roaring 1920's" theme. Attendees are encouraged (but not required) to dress up.

The cost to attend is \$35 per person and is available to be purchased online ([eastlandcrisis.org](http://eastlandcrisis.org)), at the door, or by calling 254.629.3223 prior to the event. This entry fee includes thirty bingo cards (3 cards per game), entry into the door prize drawings, and themed food and drinks at the event. Additional cards and bingo daubers will be available for purchase at the event. Per state law, you must be at least 18 years of age to play bingo.

This event is made possible through the generous sponsorship and donation by Daniel and Susana Jackson family. Learn more and follow the event on Facebook (@eastlandcvac) or on the ECCC website: [www.eastlandcrisis.org](http://www.eastlandcrisis.org).



Unfortunately, we are having to cancel the Benefit Round-Up because this event is so heavily funded by sponsorships. We want to make sure all of our local businesses can get back on their feet and we hope we can bring this event back next year.

2020 CAC Superhero  
**Freestyle**  
Superpowers:  
Uses her mind to  
change bullies, has a  
force field, can dance  
and do karate.  
CREATE A SUPERHERO WINNER: FREESTYLE

## Responding to Child Abuse

A child's outcry of abuse can be an unexpected and challenging moment for any adult. Shock, anger, grief, fear, and general anxiety about what to say are common emotions for parents, caregivers, and family members.

**Here are a few tips to help any adult navigate that conversation for the best interest of the child:**

1. **Realize the importance of the moment:** Even if stated calmly, an outcry can be a painful and scary moment for a child. The immediate response will shape how he/she feels about the abuse.
2. **Listen:** Allow the child to speak freely and openly without criticism, judgment, and investigating questions.
3. **Thank the child:** Express simple gratitude for the child trusting you and reassure him/her you will do what you can to help.
4. **Report:** Even suspected child abuse needs to be reported to either the Department of Family & Protective Services (800-252-5400) or local law enforcement. Reports can be made to DFPS anonymously.

**Although it can feel like a natural response it is not helpful to the child or to any potential investigation for adults to:**

- Investigate the case by asking or pressing the child for more details.
- Offer opinions or suggestions on what the child should have done to stop, prevent, and/or get away from the abuse.
- Promise the alleged offender will go to jail, be punished, never hurt anyone again, or some other outcome.
- Avoid reporting the child's outcry until reporter is 100% sure abuse has occurred.

For more information on recognizing and responding to child abuse, please contact the Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center at 254.629.8229.

## Working Through A Pandemic

During this trying time, the Eastland County Crisis Center staff remains committed to providing crucial immediate, short-term, and long-term assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Hotline services are still operational 24/7 with general business office hours Monday-Friday. Virtual counseling, education, forensic interviewing, and other victim services are available through secure online platforms or over the phone. Staff is also able to work with clients in person if needed.

“Our goal is for the families to receive the same quality of care, frequency of services, and overall supportive environment today, just as they were before the pandemic started,” states Eastland County Children’s Advocacy Center Program Director, Gena Camacho, “The ECCC staff has been taking this time to not only provide victim services, but to actively work to improve them— with ongoing training, program evaluation, and honestly, out of the box problem solving. When things come back, we will be stronger and I think, better.”

“Coronavirus caused our agency to rethink the way we provide services for our clients and community. Over the past several weeks, I have been so impressed with our staff’s ability and willingness to adapt as needed, to continue contacts and advocacy for our clients, and to continue to work, even if that means working alternative hours from home so children could complete their school assignments as well. We will take all the positives from this time and use them to enhance our services for our clients and outreach for our community.”

## Community Outreach at the ECCC

### Upcoming News:

The 2020 CAC Benefit Round-Up has been cancelled.

### AUGUST 2020:

Candles for the Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) Candle-light Vigil will be released online.

Advance tickets for Boots & Bags Bingo will be available.

For more information about upcoming events, please contact: Rachel— 254.629.3223



Top Left: Child Abuse Awareness Month—Go Blue Day



Bottom Left: Waving at residents through the windows at care centers



Bottom Right: #DenimDay for Sexual Assault Awareness Month



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