



## Genesee County Prosecutor's Office David Leyton, Prosecutor



### 2008 Child Advocacy Center's Annual Awards Dinner

Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) began developing in the late 1980s to help child sexual abuse victims. There are now more than 300 CACs across the country. They vary in size and format, but they all share a common goal: to provide a safe haven for child sexual abuse victims. Child advocacy centers coordinate services to the victim in one child friendly location, working with a multidisciplinary team that is usually comprised of representatives from child protection, law enforcement, prosecution, mental health and the juvenile/family court. This coordination expedites the investigation and prosecution of abuse cases while ensuring that victims receive effective, sensitive and immediate support in a setting that puts their needs first. The collaboration dramatically reduces the number of times a child is questioned about the abuse.

For more information about the Genesee County Child Advocacy Center [click here](#).

Each year, the Genesee County CAC hosts an award dinner to recognize members of the law enforcement, prosecution, and social service worker communities who have been especially helpful in standing up for children who have been abused. This year, Assistant Prosecutor Andrea Legendre received the "Prosecutor of the Year" award.



Prosecutor David Leyton; the 2008 Child Advocacy Center's "Prosecutor of the Year" award winner, Andrea Legendre; and Circuit Court Judge Joseph Farah .



Prosecutor David Leyton and Sheriff Robert Pickell presented the Child Advocacy Center's 2008 " Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award."