



MDT AWARD

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QUARTERLY WINNER - ONTARIO COUNTY

AALIYAH B.

Aaliyah, a child advocacy specialist with Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, began as an intern in August 2022 and became a full-time staff member, co-located at the Child Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes in February 2023. An Ontario County native, she holds a bachelor's degree in social work and is pursuing a master's degree in social work at Keuka College.

Q: What's your favorite part of your job?

A: My favorite part about my job is being able to assist families and link them to the correct services

Q: Since we work in the child abuse prevention field, what's one piece of advice you would give to parents to help protect their kids?

A: Social media can be harsh nowadays, make sure you are keeping tabs on your child.

Q: You're leaving the CACFL and Safe Harbors to focus on your studies. What will you miss most about working at Safe Harbors/the CACFL?

A: The thing I will miss the most is the staff. Everyone was so friendly and it was amazing to work with all the MDT members and see what roles they play as well.

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: In my spare time, I enjoy working out or playing with my puppy.

Aaliyah has demonstrated her compassion and empathy for the youth and families who come through the CAC and has sought out ways to provide the best support and services. She goes out of her way to help clients and researches the best interventions and resources.
- Amber Bedford,
Child Advocacy Coordinator