

Patti Bortko, M.S. Ed.  
Therapist, Alternatives Counseling

Patti has been working toward improving the lives of at risk children since 1974. Patti began her career teaching special needs children and first grade. Ms. Bortko then worked as a child abuse investigator for the IL Department of Children and Family Services. After graduate school, she was the children's therapist at the SIUE Rape and Sexual Abuse Care Center. Patti transferred to the SIUE East St. Louis Center as the Violence Education Coordinator and retired from there in 2007. Patti now works part time as a therapist at Alternatives Counseling.

“I have served on the Advisory and now the Friends Board since 2003. I am proud to be a part of an organization whose mission is to provide services to children and families traumatized by violence and abuse. No one person acting alone can accomplish what several individuals working toward a common goal can achieve. I am delighted to bring whatever talents and resources I have to meld with those of other board members and improve the lives of those children and families the CAC serves.” –Patti Bortko