

**Always report any suspicions
of child abuse.**

Call the Department of
Children and Families:
(413) 775-5000

After 5 pm and on weekends,
call the Child At-Risk Hotline:
(800) 792-5200

**You may save a child from
further harm if you report your
suspicions.**



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CHILDREN'S
ADVOCACY CENTER
of Hampshire County

Safety | Healing | Justice





WHAT IS THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY (CAC)?

The CAC is a child-friendly house where a multidisciplinary team consisting of Department of Children and Families workers, police, prosecutors, victim advocates, and medical and mental health professionals meet to coordinate a response to allegations of child sexual and severe physical abuse.

The CAC fosters collaboration and communication amongst agencies, minimizes the number of times that children are interviewed, and provides a swift, sensitive, and coordinated response to victims of child abuse. The CAC provides outreach and education to mandated reporters and community members to prevent and end child abuse in our community.

OUR SERVICES

The CAC of Hampshire County (CAC) provides forensic interviews, victim advocacy, medical exams, mental health referrals, and connections with community resources for victims of child abuse and their families. The CAC also provides outreach, mandated reporter training, prevention resources, and educational materials to childcare providers and others who work with children in Hampshire County. All services are provided free of charge. Visit www.cachampshire.org to find out more about these services and access resources.

Our mission is to prevent and end child abuse in our community by providing safety, healing, and justice.



IF A CHILD TELLS YOU THEY HAVE BEEN ABUSED OR YOU SUSPECT THEY HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED:

- Stay calm
- Believe the child
- Protect the child
- Don't make promises you can't keep
- Keep the child informed about what will happen next
- Reassure the child
- Get help

Child abuse affects the entire family. Often, caregivers will ignore their own needs once abuse is disclosed. Schedule self-care time, join a support group, or seek out a qualified mental health counselor for support and guidance.



1 in 4

girls are sexually abused before turning 18



1 in 6

boys are sexually abused before turning 18



1 in 5

children are sexually solicited online

90%

of child sexual abuse victims are abused by someone they know, love and trust