

## Our Focus

By focusing first on the needs of the children and their families, CACs ensure that families get the appropriate services. Through the CAC, child victims and their families are linked to medical, mental health, victim advocacy & safety planning, and other services determined on a case by case basis.



Partnerships and collaboration are essential to supporting children and families impacted by abuse and exploitation. No single agency can do it alone. Our partners include:



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

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## Child & Family Advocate Services

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## What is the CAC?

The Children's Advocacy Center is where a multidisciplinary team consisting of Department of Children and Families workers, police, medical and mental health professionals, prosecutors and victim advocates meet to coordinate a response to allegations of child sexual and child physical abuse. CACs are designed to reduce stress experienced by child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members throughout the investigation and intervention process.



*Our vision is to be community leaders that help all child abuse victims access coordinated services at no charge. We envision a community in which children are respected and free from harm.*

## OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

Victim Advocacy & Support

Mental Health Referrals

Safety Planning & Educational Information

Victim Compensation

The role of the Child & Family Advocate is to provide families with referrals to appropriate mental health providers and community services to ensure the healing process for child victims and their families.

The Child & Family Advocate is available to coordinate, advocate and support children and families navigate all services necessary during a difficult time.



Family Waiting Room at the CAC