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# The Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center

## What is the Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center?

The Child Advocacy Center is a facility for child victims of physical and sexual abuse.

The mission of the Child Advocacy Center is to provide a neutral, child-focused environment where a coordinated response to child abuse allegations may be pursued in ways that support and protect children, non-offending parents and other family members.

Using a multidisciplinary team approach, the Child Advocacy Center:

- Provides a safe, child-focused setting for interviewing and examining child victims.
- Improves investigations and prosecutions of child physical and sexual abuse cases.
- Enhances interagency communication and cooperation.
- Provides the family with services and assists them throughout the investigative and legal processes.

## What area does the Child Advocacy Center serve?

The Child Advocacy Center predominantly serves children from Suffolk County, N.Y.



## Who are the members of the Multidisciplinary Team?

The Multidisciplinary Team is composed of representatives from the District Attorney's office, the County Attorney's office, the Police Department, the Department of Social Services Child Protective Services, Medical Staff and EAC Network Staff.



## How do children come to the Child Advocacy Center?

Children who are identified as potential victims of physical or sexual abuse are directed to the Center by investigating officials.

## When is the Child Advocacy Center open?

The Child Advocacy Center is open daily from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with evening and weekend hours as needed. Child Advocacy Center staff is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## Are services available to Spanish-speaking families?

Yes. The Child Advocacy Center has bilingual staff to assist families who only speak Spanish.

## Does the Child Advocacy Center provide other services?

The Child Advocacy Center hosts periodic public education forums on issues relating to child abuse. Training is also provided to enhance the skills of individuals working with abused children.

The Crime Victims Advocate provides referrals, accompaniment to court and police and offers much needed emotional support to the child and family. Additionally families can receive assistance in completing claim application forms for OVS reimbursement.

Kids 2 Kids Peer Support Groups for child victims and their non-offending parents are also offered.

## Who are the Child Advocacy Center staff?

The Child Advocacy Center staff includes social workers, medical professionals, support staff, victim counselors and trained volunteers.

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