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Child Advocacy Center?**

You can help by donating funds, time,
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Center.

Throughout the year, EAC Network hosts
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Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center
at The Pat & Mary Bagnato Place For Kids



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*A child-focused center for child victims of
physical and sexual abuse*

What is the Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center?

The Nationally Accredited 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 comprehensive, culturally competent, and trauma-informed response to child abuse allegations. We utilize a multi-disciplinary team approach in a child-friendly environment in ways that support and protect children, non-offending parents, and other family members.

Using a multi-disciplinary 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 investigation and legal processes.

What area does the Child Advocacy Center serve?

The Child Advocacy Center predominantly serves children from Suffolk County, N.Y. The Riverhead satellite location has been in operation since August of 2019 to better serve our east end families.



The Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center

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, Mental Health representatives, Medical staff, and CAC personnel, including- Family Advocates.



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 Centers in Central Islip and Riverhead are open from 9a.m.-5p.m. weekdays, with evening and weekend hours as needed. Child Advocacy Center staff are on call 7 days per week, 24 hours per day.

Are services available for Spanish-speaking families?

Yes, The Child Advocacy Center has bilingual staff for families who only speak Spanish.

Does the Child Advocacy Center provide other services?

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

The Family Advocate provides referrals, accompaniment to court and offers much needed emotional support to the child and family. Family Advocates provide information about victim's rights and the Office of Victim Services Compensation Program, as well as identifying other service needs.

Safe Harbour and Safe Harbour Mentor Programs specialize in case management and mentorship for Suffolk County youth considered at risk for trafficking. After an initial assessment, youth considered at risk are able to be mentored on a regular basis and provided necessary referrals and emergency services.

Who are the Child Advocacy Center staff?

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

The Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center at the Pat & Mary Bagnato Place for Kids is supported by the County of Suffolk, NYS Office of Victim Services, NYS Office of Children and Family Services, Suffolk County Department of Social Services, and by private donations from individuals and corporations.