

About the Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs)

- Program of the CAN Council.
- Accredited by the National Children's Alliance by adhering to nationally established standards.
- Provide services to an average of 550+ children a year.
- Members of the Michigan Chapter of the National Children's Alliance, a statewide coalition of CACs.
- Cover Arenac, Bay, Huron and Saginaw counties.



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Together we CAN stop child abuse and neglect.

The CAN Council is a nonprofit organization that depends on the financial gifts of caring people in our community. Your tax-deductible gift will let us provide a safe, caring place for children to be expertly interviewed and examined, lessening the trauma and providing the best opportunity for their safety in the future.

Learn

The CAN Council helps prevent child abuse and neglect through education, intervention and advocacy programs.

Donate

Make a contribution to help support the CAN Council and its programs.

Volunteer

As a CAN Council volunteer, you can help prevent child abuse.

Speak Up

Report child abuse to Children's Protective Services:
(855) 444-3911



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A BETTER WAY FOR ABUSE & NEGLECT SURVIVORS

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Using teamwork to make a difference in the lives of abused children



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Facts About Child Sexual Abuse*

- One in 10 children are sexually abused before they turn 18.
- More than 90% of abused children know their abusers.
- Approximately 60% of child sexual abuse victims never tell anyone.
- Child sexual abuse is likely the most prevalent health problem children face, with the most serious array of consequences.
- About 35% of victims are 11 years old or younger.
- As many as 60% of victims are abused by people the family trusts.

The Way It Used to Be

- Medical exams and child interviews happened in threatening and scary settings (e.g., police stations, police cars and hospitals).
- The child was asked to tell what happened over and over again. As many as five agencies became part of the investigation.
- Sadly, the child's needs became lost in the investigation.

A Better Way for Abuse & Neglect Survivors

The Children's Advocacy Centers provide a safe, supportive atmosphere for children who have been physically or sexually abused or have witnessed a violent act. Professionals work as a team to share information to avoid multiple interviews, minimize trauma and coordinate a response to protect the child.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER SERVICES

- Designed to provide a supportive, child-friendly environment – a place where a child can feel safe telling their experiences.
- Specially trained forensic interviewer talks to the child about what happened, while a multidisciplinary team – including law enforcement, Children's Protective Services and the prosecutor's office— observes the interview on a closed-circuit television. To minimize trauma, the child is interviewed in one place, by our expert interviewer, only one time.
- Child can be examined by a specially trained nurse in a child-friendly setting, as opposed to the emergency room.
- Family assistance for counseling, support services, follow-up and crime victim compensation throughout the process.

"Our multidisciplinary team works together to provide critical services for children and families who have gone through a traumatic experience. As a team, we CAN make a difference, one child at a time."

Cynthia Morley,
CAC Program Director