

**LOCAL CRISIS  
HOTLINE NUMBERS:**

YWCA Bradford  
Victims' Resource Center:  
1-888-822-6325

The Guidance Center  
Mental Health Crisis Services:  
1-800-459-6568

If you suspect a child is being  
abused, CALL 1-800-932-0313,  
PA ChildLine: the child abuse  
hotline available 24 hours a day.



[penncac.org/](http://penncac.org/)



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## Role of the CACMC Family Advocate

Victim support and advocacy services are provided to ALL children, teenagers, and caregivers that visit the CAC.

The CACMC Family Advocate's primary responsibility is to help reduce trauma for children and their caregivers.

Advocates serve as a liaison between the family, the criminal justice system, law enforcement, Children & Youth Services, and any other system that may be involved.

The Family Advocate believes that non-offending caregivers and family members who are supported will, in turn, provide support for their children.



## Family Advocate Responsibilities

- ◆ Greeting and orientation to the CACMC.
- ◆ Provide supportive counseling from the date of the initial CACMC visit throughout the life of the case and beyond, if requested.
- ◆ Relay information to and from Multidisciplinary Team members, as needed/requested.
- ◆ Make referrals for:
  - Trauma focused, evidence-based mental health services
  - Specialized medical services at the BRMC First Step Clinic.
- ◆ Complete *Family Needs & Services Assessment* and make referrals for needs or services not provided at the CACMC.
- ◆ Keep families informed about the status of the investigation.
- ◆ Provide coordination with the District Attorney's Office for cases pending court proceedings.
- ◆ Provide, or arrange for, court preparation and accompaniment services for children having to testify in court.
- ◆ Provide assistance in filing a Victims Compensation claim.
- ◆ Be a voice for children, teenagers, caregivers, & family members!

## Other Services Provided for Children, Teenagers, & Caregivers:

- ◆ Boundaries Education
- ◆ Body Safety Education
- ◆ Internet Safety Education



## Resources:

- ◆ **The Mama Bear Effect**  
[themamabeareffect.org/](http://themamabeareffect.org/)
- ◆ **Darkness to Light**  
[www.d2l.org](http://www.d2l.org)
- ◆ **PA Family Support Alliance**  
[pafsa.org](http://pafsa.org)
- ◆ **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**  
[www.missingkids.org](http://www.missingkids.org)

It is recommended that caregivers and family members discuss resources with the CACMC Family Advocate, in order to address questions, concerns, and feelings that might arise while researching information.