

Benefits of a CAC

- Compassionate support for children and their families
- Consistent and immediate responses to reports of abuse
- Reduction in duplication of services
- Reduction in the number of child interviews
- Increased successful prosecutions
- Cost efficient



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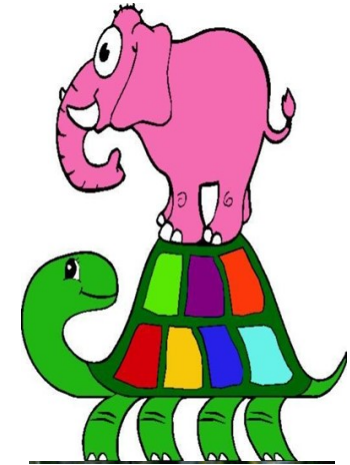
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The Reality of Child Abuse

ONE out of every **FOUR** girls and ONE out of every **SIX** boys will be Victims of CHILD ABUSE—

- Child abuse is a tragedy that affects over 1700 children per year in **OUR COMMUNITY**.
- 95 % of physical and sexual child abuse crimes are committed by individuals the child knows.
- Consequences of child abuse include fear, loneliness, self-blame, poor self-esteem, anger, and mental health issues.
- Legal, social, medical and mental health services are designed for adults, not children.

THIS IS A COMMUNITY PROBLEM

If you suspect a CHILD is being ABUSED PLEASE CALL

1-800-932-0313

Childline: The Child Abuse hotline available 24 hours a day

About the Children's Advocacy Center of McKean County (CAC/MDIT)

The Children's Advocacy Center of McKean County is a child-focused, facility-based program in which representatives from several core disciplines work together as a Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT), conducting joint forensic interviews and make team decisions about the investigation, treatment, and management of child abuse cases. The CAC is a child-friendly environment where a child who has alleged abuse can be interviewed in a safe, neutral, and supportive setting.

Agencies Working Together...

The following disciplines from McKean County make up the Multidisciplinary Team:

- District Attorney's Office
- Child Protective Services
- Local Law Enforcement and Pennsylvania State Police
- Bradford Regional Medical Services—SANE / First Step Clinic
- Mental Health Services
- Victim Advocacy
- CACMC Staff
- Juvenile Probation

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Our Office Hours: Monday through Friday
8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

Mission

The Children's Advocacy Center of McKean County Multidisciplinary Investigative Team are dedicated to serving child victims of abuse and their families by providing collaborative services in a child friendly environment to reduce trauma and promote healing.



“Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective census and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear.”

~Nelson Mandela

