

# OUR APPROACH

Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of Butler County is a non-profit Agency primarily servicing Butler County, Pennsylvania. The CAC of Butler County is dedicated to providing compassionate, professional, trauma-informed services to child victims of abuse and their families using a collaborative multiple discipline approach.

Our center provides opportunities for members of the multidisciplinary team-- child protection, law enforcement, medical & mental health providers, family & victim advocates, and center staff--to work collaboratively to manage cases by providing coordinated, compassionate treatment and support to children, their families, and investigative team members.



Making a Difference One Child at a Time



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Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person.

-Paul Shane Spear





## OUR MISSION

Empowering our community to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of children and families.

## OUR VISION

A community where all survivors of abuse can heal.

## GOALS

1. Provide a child-focused center where representatives, including law enforcement, child protection, behavioral health, medical professionals, and victim advocates come together to make team decisions regarding resources available for families facing alleged child abuse, treatment of survivors, and potential prosecution of alleged offenders of crimes against children.
2. Reduce the overall trauma experienced by survivors by placing their needs first throughout investigations of child maltreatment and abuse by enhancing communication and collaboration amongst investigative team members.
3. Assist in the medical, emotional, and physical recovery of survivors, non-offending caregivers, and family members.
4. Ensure that alleged victims receive a non-leading, legally sound forensic interview.
5. Advocate for the use of overall best practices throughout investigations of child abuse, the treatment of survivors, and coordination of trainings for members of the multidisciplinary team.
6. Promote the education and awareness of the realities of child abuse throughout our community.



## SERVICES

- Forensic interviews
- Medical evaluations
- Advocacy and support
- Case coordination
- Mental health referrals
- Community education
- Professional training



## THE CAC MODEL

The primary goal of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) model is to ensure the children are not further victimized by the intervention systems designed to protect them. Our hope is to reduce the number of times a child has to be interviewed regarding their abuse and minimize the trauma the family experiences during a difficult time by bringing them to one location where professionals come to them.

In order to understand what a Child Advocacy Center is, you must understand what children face without one. Without a CAC, children have to repeatedly provide details related to a horrific life experience at several different locations. Children's Advocacy Center of Butler County offers a neutral, child-focused environment where children can feel safe and supported while disclosing details of their suspected abuse and experiences. The core component of the Child Advocacy Center model is teamwork, resulting in an effective, efficient, and child-centered investigative process.

