

WHERE CHILDREN FIND TRUST, JUSTICE, AND HEALING



The CAC's multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach coordinates services among law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, medical professionals, probation officials, therapists, advocates and volunteers.

Whenever possible, children participate in only one forensic interview, and one medical evaluation at the CAC — a streamlined process which reduces the chances that the children are re-traumatized and preserves the best evidence for investigators.

THE CAC'S
PARTNER
AGENCIES
SURROUND
YOUR CHILD
WITH SUPPORT,
PROTECTION
AND CARE.

THE CAC'S MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission: The Child Advocacy Center of Oswego County delivers excellence in child abuse response, healing and prevention through collaborative service, awareness, education and leadership.

Our Vision: A community where all children are safe and free from abuse.

The experienced team at our secure and confidential facility offers these comprehensive services:

- Forensic interviews by trained professionals
- Victim advocacy support
- Mental health services
- Complete, private medical evaluation with minimal stress to the child
- Joint child protection and law enforcement investigations conducted without multiple victim interviews (to minimize trauma)
- Crisis intervention and counseling
- Advocacy, education and awareness



PREVENTION EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The first step in stopping child sexual abuse is education — and the CAC is THE community resource in this area. The blue ribbon is recognized as the symbol representing support for awareness and prevention of child abuse.

Less Is More

This training is designed to give mandated reporters the tools needed to optimally respond when a child discloses or indicates that he or she may be a victim of abuse.

Darkness to Light

Are you unsure of what to do if you suspect child sexual abuse? The CAC provides Darkness to Light training. This 2-hour training empowers adults to identify the risks and eliminate the potential for child sexual abuse to occur.

Corporate and Professional Presentations

Help us educate professionals and the community about child sexual abuse. Schedule a presentation for your workplace.



NATIONAL
CHILDREN'S
ALLIANCE®



THE CAC IS THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE FOR CHILD ABUSE.

The Child Advocacy Center of Oswego County is a safe, welcoming place where children who have been sexually or physically abused can begin their journey of healing. Our collaboration works together under one roof to protect, treat and counsel child victims and their families. From prevention and investigation through prosecution, the CAC provides a compassionate, efficient, cost-effective infrastructure for child abuse intervention.



DO YOU SUSPECT CHILD ABUSE?

We need all of you to help us protect children.
If you suspect a child is being abused:
TRUST YOUR GUT.

Report Abuse

NYS Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-342-3720

Make an Appointment

Child Advocacy Center (315) 59-CHILD
592-4453

Assist

Volunteers help provide comforting support to children, serve on committees, promote our mission and help organize and staff fundraising events.

Educate

The CAC offers educational programming. To request a presentation or participate in a Darkness to Light training class, contact us at cac@oswegocac.org or call (315) 59-CHILD.

Donate

There are many ways to contribute—you can make a gift or attend one of our fundraising events throughout the year. You can channel your United Way donation to us through our Donor Designation.

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WHERE THE TRAUMA OF CHILD ABUSE STOPS AND HEALING BEGINS.



CHILD ABUSE IS AN EPIDEMIC.

- **Nearly 5 children** die every day from child abuse and neglect - more than from Juvenile Diabetes, Multiple Sclerosis or Cancer.
- **1 in 10 children** will be sexually abused before the age of 18, but **only 10%** will disclose as a child.
- **90%** of abusers are someone the child knows, loves and trusts.
- **On average, 90%** of the children evaluated at the CAC experience multiple trauma before age 10.
- **More than 30%** of those children are under the age of 7.
- Child abuse is **100% preventable.**