

What is the EAC Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center?

The Child Advocacy Center, operated by the Education & Assistance Corporation (EAC), is a facility for child victims of physical and sexual abuse.



The Mission of the Child Advocacy Center is to provide a neutral, child

friendly environment where a coordinated response to child abuse allegations may be pursued in ways that support and protect children, non-offending parents and other family members.

Using a multidisciplinary team approach, the Child Advocacy Center:

- * Provides a safe, child-friendly setting for interviewing and examining child victims.
- * Improves investigations and prosecutions of child physical and sexual abuse cases.
- * Enhances interagency communication and cooperation.
- * Provides the family with services and assists them throughout the investigative and legal processes.

Who are the members of the Multidisciplinary Team?

The Multidisciplinary Team is composed of representatives from the District Attorney's office, the County Attorney's office, the Police Department, the Department of Social Services Child Protective Services, Medical Staff and EAC.

What geographical area does the Child Advocacy Center serve?

The Child Advocacy Center serves predominantly children from Suffolk County, New York.

How do children come to the Child Advocacy Center?

Children who are identified as potential victims of physical or sexual abuse are directed to the Center by investigating officials.

When is the Child Advocacy Center open?

The Child Advocacy Center is open daily from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with evening and weekend hours as needed, Child Advocacy Center staff is on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Are services available to Spanish-speaking families?

Yes, the Child Advocacy Center has bilingual staff to assist families who only speak Spanish.

Does the Child Advocacy Center provide other services?

The Child Advocacy Center hosts periodic public education forums on issues relating to child abuse. Training is also provided to enhance the skills of individuals working with abused children.

The Crime Victims Advocate provides referrals, accompaniment to court and police and offers much needed emotional support to the child and family.

Kids 2 Kids Peer support groups for child victims and their non-offending parents are also offered.

Who are the Child Advocacy Center staff?

The Child Advocacy Center staff includes social workers, medical professionals, support staff, victim counselors and trained volunteers.

How is the Child Advocacy Center funded?

The Child Advocacy Center is supported by the County of Suffolk, NYS Crime Victims Board and by private donations from individuals and corporations.

What is EAC?

EAC is the Education & Assistance Corporation, a not-for-profit organization serving vulnerable children and families throughout the New York metropolitan area.

The mission of EAC is to respond to human services needs with programs that empower people to take control of their lives.

How can I help the EAC Suffolk Child Advocacy Center?

You can help by donating funds, time and energy to the Child Advocacy Center.

Throughout the year, EAC hosts a variety of activities to support the Child Advocacy Center. These activities include fundraising events, clean-up days, and food, clothing and toy drives.

For further information, please contact the individuals listed in this brochure.

Other Affiliations

- National Children's Alliance
- Suffolk County Advisory Committee on Child Protection
- National Association of Social Workers
- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children

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