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If you suspect a CHILD is being ABUSED, PLEASE CALL 1-800-932-0313, Childline: The Child Abuse hotline available 24 hours a day.

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All Services are Free and Confidential

Our Office Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The “One Stop Shop” for providing support and services to victims and their families.
ABOUT THE CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER OF MCKEAN COUNTY (CACMC/MDIT)

The Children’s Advocacy Center of McKean County is a child-focused, facility-based program in which representatives from seven core disciplines work together as a Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT), conducting joint forensic interviews and making team decisions about the investigation, treatment, and management of child abuse cases. The CACMC 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 MDIT:

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

Role of the CACMC Family Advocate

The CACMC Family Advocate’s primary responsibility is to represent the interests and safety of the child. 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.

Services are provided on-site from the date of the initial CACMC visit until the case is closed.

Family Advocate Responsibilities

- Greeting and orientation of children and their families to the CACMC.
- Provide information and case management services to victims of crime and their families, including assistance in applying for Victim Compensation, victim support counseling and referrals for and assistance in obtaining other needed services.
- Make appropriate referrals for follow-up services, including, but not limited to Trauma-Focused therapy, specialized medical care, and family services.
- Provide coordination and collaboration with the District Attorney’s Office about cases pending court proceedings.
- Keep families informed about status of criminal proceedings and provide support as needed. Provide, or arrange for, court preparation and accompaniment services for children having to testify in court.