

95% of victims know their perpetrators



The Children's Assessment Center



20% of children are sexually abused before the age of 8

20%

1 in 5 children are solicited sexually while on the internet

20%



The Children's Assessment Center's mission is to provide a professional, compassionate and coordinated approach to the treatment of sexually abused children and to serve as an advocate for all children in our community.

The Children's Assessment Center was designed with the fundamental belief that not one agency or professional can prevent or treat child sexual abuse alone - a multidisciplinary team approach is necessary. The Children's Assessment Center and its partner agencies will work constantly to learn more about the evolving issue of child sexual abuse and will not hesitate to attempt innovative solutions to this challenge. Community awareness and prevention is a high priority. **The CAC is one of the largest accredited advocacy centers in the nation, serving approximately 5,000 clients annually.**





As a collaboration of Harris County Commissioners Court and The Children's Assessment Center Foundation, The CAC represents a true partnership between the public and private sectors for the most effective service delivery to children and families. Located at 2500 Bolsover, the 52,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility was specifically designed to provide an environment that will meet each child's need for warmth, support and protection. The Children's Assessment Center is an accredited member of the National Children's Alliance and part of a national movement to create child-friendly intervention systems for sexually abused children.

The vision of The Children's Assessment Center is a greater Houston community in which we heal children who are sexually abused and reduce the number of children who are the victims of child sexual abuse through both treatment and the development of strategies for prevention.



The median age for reported abuse is 9 years old

1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18

CAC Programs and Services

The CAC programs are designed to provide a seamless collaboration to minimize trauma, break the cycle of abuse and create a unified effort to empower children, families and community organizations serving children, to protect themselves. Ultimately, the goal of The CAC is to promote the complete healing of child victims of sexual abuse and their families by providing them with the necessary resources to effectively handle their trauma and then begin to lead normal and productive lives.

This mission is accomplished through:

- Digitally recorded forensic interviews of children's statements, thereby reducing the need for multiple interviews by the various entities involved in a child sexual abuse investigation.
- Sexual assault examinations using digital colposcopy, a non-invasive procedure conducted by trained pediatricians.
- Monthly staffings with the Child Sexual Abuse Review Team (CSART) to review and discuss important cases handled by The CAC. The purpose of team review is to improve the systems that respond to cases of child sexual abuse. Team review often reveals additional information affecting agency decisions.
- Therapy, psychological and psychiatric services to help child sexual abuse victims and their families heal.
- Expert testimony in civil and criminal court cases.
- Children's services with events in a child-friendly play-room where children rest and can play while they await services at The CAC.
- Advocacy for children and their families as their cases are processed through the criminal justice system.
- Community outreach and training to heighten awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse.





Collaborating Organizations

The Children's Assessment Center has a formal relationship with numerous agencies, many of which are co-housed at The CAC. The CAC and its partners are involved in the investigation, legal aspects and delivery of services to child sexual abuse victims and their families.

Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital
Baytown Police Department
Bellaire Police Department
Child Advocates, Inc. / Court Appointed Special Advocates
Communities in Schools Houston, Inc.
Crime Stoppers of Houston
Deer Park Police Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Friendswood Police Department
Harris County Attorney's Office
Harris County District Attorney's Office
Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults
Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services
Harris County Sheriff's Office
Hedwig Village Police Department
Houston Area Women's Center/Children's Court Services
Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC)
Houston Police Department
Humble Police Department
Jacinto City Police Department
Jersey Village Police Department
Katy Police Department
Lakeview Police Department
La Porte Police Department
Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
Memorial Village Police Department
Pasadena Independent School District Police Department
Pasadena Police Department
Seabrook Police Department
Southside Place Police Department
Spring Independent School District Police Department
Spring Valley Police Department
Texas Center for the Missing
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Texas Rangers Company "A"
The United States Attorney's Office Southern District of Texas
Tomball Police Department
Webster Police Department
West University Place Police Department

39mil

An estimated 39 million survivors of childhood sexual abuse exist in America today

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One Child at a Time*



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