

WHY WE HAVE A MEDICAL CENTER

It has been our guiding principle since The Children's Advocacy Center started in 1989, that we do all we can to be an advocate for the victims of child sexual abuse. This means we are with the children from the beginning. Ideally, we will interview a child only once. That reduces the number of times the child has to discuss the issues in a way that might be uncomfortable for him or her.

We also decided to provide an on-site medical clinic where children could be examined by an experienced pediatrician for any physical signs of abuse. Now the child and the parent(s) need not travel to a distant location, see more "strangers" and prolong their already difficult process any further.



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OF NORTHWEST COOK COUNTY

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MEDICAL
CENTER
INFORMATION



THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER
OF NORTHWEST COOK COUNTY

A HEALING PLACE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

A PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENT, STAFFED BY PROFESSIONALS

The Medical Clinic at The Children's Advocacy Center is staffed by a Physician and a volunteer Registered Nurse who are experts in working with child victims of sexual abuse. The Center provides medical examinations, medical treatment and follow-up care as appropriate, for children under 18 years of age in response to allegations of child sexual abuse.

Medical exams are scheduled by appointment only. These non-intrusive exams usually take about 20 minutes. Non-offending parents are allowed to be in the room during the exam, if they choose.

A volunteer Registered Nurse will be with the child during the entire exam, as well as spend time with the child before the exam to make him/her feel more comfortable.

During the exam, the physician will use a colposcope, a magnification instrument with a camera attached, to determine — without an internal exam — if physical findings of sexual abuse exist. It's a safe, non-threatening procedure.

After the exam, the physician will meet the parent(s) to explain the results. A report of the exam is sent to the appropriate investigating agencies.

CAC will bill family insurance carriers for reimbursement when possible.

The Medical Center at The Children's Advocacy Center features state-of-the-art equipment and a comfortable examination room. Since the Medical Center was established in 1990, several hundred exams have been performed.

For further details and information concerning the Medical Center at The Children's Advocacy Center, please call 847/885-0100.



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Barrington (Cook County)
Barrington Hills
Bartlett
Buffalo Grove (Cook County)
Des Plaines
Elgin (Cook County)
Elk Grove Village
Evanston
Glencoe
Glenview
Golf
Hanover Park (Cook County)
Harwood Heights
Hoffman Estates
Inverness
Kenilworth
Lincolnwood
Long Grove
Morton Grove
Mount Prospect
Niles
Norridge
Northbrook
Northfield
Palatine
Park Ridge
Prospect Heights
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