



Where abuse ends and healing begins



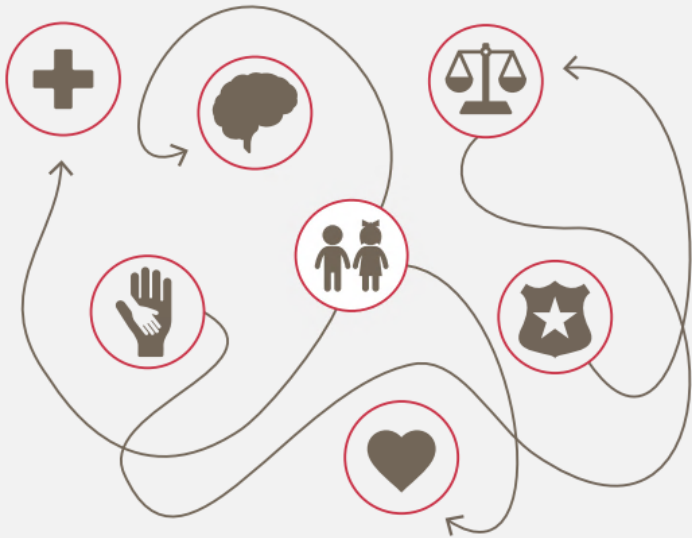
Today's Presentation

- What We Do
- Arizona's Child & Family Advocacy Centers
- Where We're Going

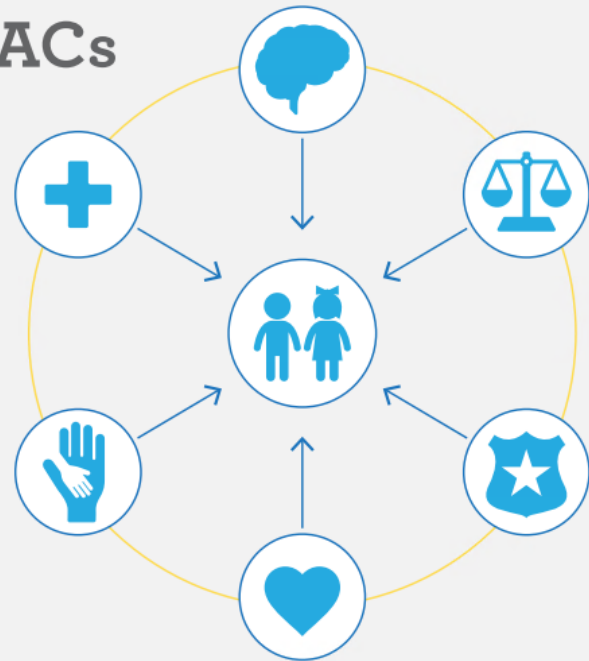


The mission of the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center is to provide a safe, compassionate, healing environment for children who have been a victim or witnessed a crime.

Without CACs



With CACs



Forensic Interview



Medical Services



Child & Family Advocacy



Arizona's Child & Family Advocacy Centers



Minimize trauma
Comprehensive victim care
Thorough investigations
Open communication
Accountability

Mandatory Reporter Training



HOW DOES THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER MODEL WORK?



Core Function of CAC



Function Provided by a Team Member

LAW ENFORCEMENT



The role of local law enforcement is grounded in public safety

If not criminal in nature, law enforcement may not take action

Immediate Response

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The role of CPS is to ensure that a child's home is safe

If the family/caretaker is not the alleged abuser, CPS may not take action

Priority Assigned
(24-72 hours)

Child is brought to children's advocacy center

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Joint Investigation Begins
Forensic Interview
Evidence Collected
Photos Taken
Witness Interview
Medical Treatment and Exam

CAC coordinates Case Review with all team members, including law enforcement, prosecution, Child Protective Services, the forensic interviewer, a mental health provider, a medical professional, and a family advocate

Case presented to
District Attorney

Suspect Charged or
Case Refused

Child & family receive
mental health services—
Family advocate works with
family to assess critical
resources and provide
support as the case moves
through the justice system

Child Removed
from Home,
or
Case Opened for
Services,
or
Case Closed

Family Support Program

- **Classes for Parents/Caregivers and Children**
- **Trauma-Informed Parenting**
- **Book Club**

Prevention and Outreach

- **Protective Factors Training**
- **Training for Professionals:**
 - **Adverse Childhood Experiences**
 - **Trauma Informed Care**
 - **Psychological First Aid**
- **Resilience Project**

Where We're Going

- Expanding and streamlining services for victims
- Serving all of Southern Arizona
- Participating in Statewide initiatives

Questions?

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