

## Did you know...

- One out of four children will experience sexual abuse.
- Most sex offenders (90-95%) are known to the children they molest.
- Abuse and neglect are the leading causes of death in children under the age of four.
- Children who witness domestic violence often demonstrate significant emotional problems including psychosomatic disorder, depression, suicide, stuttering, anxiety, sleep disruption, excessive crying and school problems.

If you suspect child abuse or neglect, report it to Lucas County Children Services at 419/213-CARE.



## Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)

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[www.fcapc.org](http://www.fcapc.org)

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00  
Handicapped Accessible  
There are **no fees for services.**



Lucas County  
Children Services



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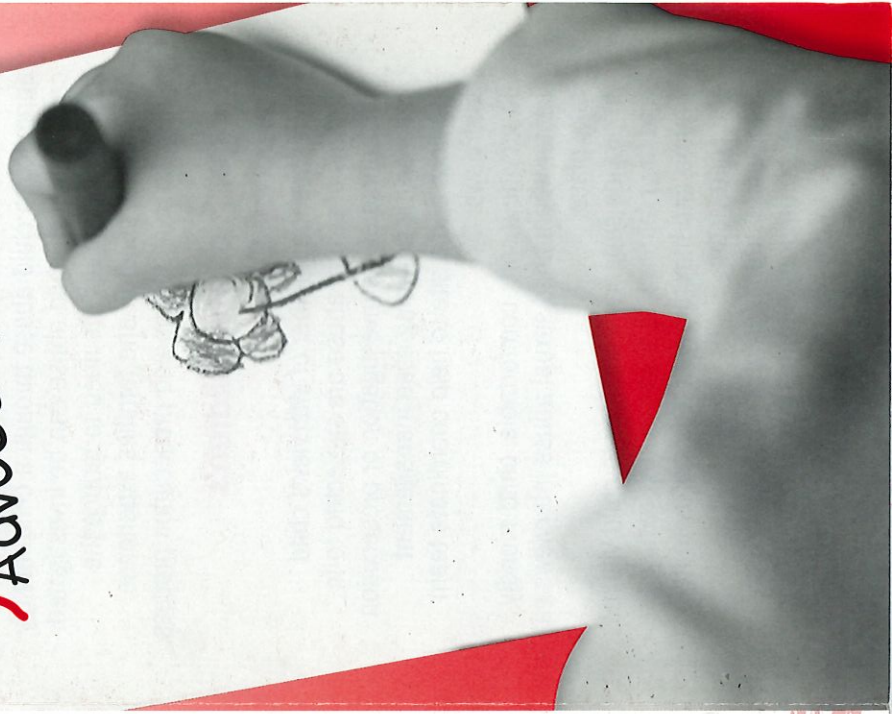
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**The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)** was established in 1997 as a project of the Lucas County Child Abuse Task Force and now operates under the umbrella of Family & Child Abuse Prevention Center.

### **Mission**

The mission of the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is to provide the community with a coordinated, multidisciplinary, and sensitive approach to child abuse through a child-friendly center in which child abuse can be investigated. The CAC recognizes the need to reduce the trauma that children and families experience during the investigation and prosecution process.

### **The goals of the Children's Advocacy Center:**

- To reduce the number of interviews child victims of sexual abuse are subjected to in the course of the investigation or prosecution process, by providing case management services and a site to help coordinate team interviews.
- To provide a safe, comfortable, child-friendly center where child sexual abuse interviews can take place.
- To provide supportive services to child victims and their families as a way to help reduce the trauma and maximize families' ability to help the child victim.
- To promote education of professionals and other community members and contribute to research in the area of child victimization.

### **Services:**

#### **Forensic Interviews**

A child-friendly site where qualified professionals conduct joint investigative interviews of child victims of abuse or other acts of violence.

#### **Crisis Counseling, Trauma Treatment and Advocacy Services**

Available to children and families at all stages of the investigation and prosecution process. Our licensed, trained and certified staff helps children and families cope and heal emotionally from the effects of abuse. Individual and group services are available.

#### **Non-Offending Caregiver Services**

Support, counseling, and practical information is given to family/caregivers about sexual/physical abuse, safety issues and the investigation process. In addition to individual sessions, a Non-Offending Caregiver Group is offered to adult caregivers to help them gain further understanding of the issues of abuse, trauma and how to respond and protect their child during this stressful time.

#### **Safety Education**

Teaches young children about safe and unsafe touches and ways to seek help from trusted adults.

#### **On-Site Medical Exams**

Medical examinations are provided by the Child Maltreatment Program at Mercy Children's Hospital in our fully equipped medical examination room.



#### **Children Who Witness Violence Project**

Children who have witnessed violence receive in-home crisis intervention services. The goal of the program is to help the child overcome the trauma of violence and to minimize the effects of exposure to violence on them. Families are also linked with helpful community resources.

#### **Community and Professional Education**

Trained facilitators are available to provide the *Stewards of Children* interactive program which educates adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

#### **Resource Lending Library for Professionals**

