The Carroll County Advocacy & Investigation Center

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Mission
The Carroll County Advocacy & Investigation Center (CCAIC) provides a child friendly environment committed to reducing the trauma to children who have been abused. The CCAIC investigates allegations of sexual abuse and sexual assault, assesses and protects the victim and provides resources for the victim and the victim’s family.

CCAIC is an Accredited Member of the National Children’s Alliance and the Maryland Child Advocacy Center Alliance.

CCAIC Team
The Carroll County Advocacy & Investigation Center consists of representatives from the Westminster City Police Department, Carroll County Sheriff’s Office, Maryland State Police, Carroll County State’s Attorney’s Office, Carroll County Department of Social Services / Child Protective Services, Family and Children’s Services of Central Maryland, Carroll Hospital Center and the Carroll County Government, Department of Citizen Services, which includes the Program Manager, Victim Support Coordinator and Legal Secretary.

Law Enforcement
The various law enforcement agencies assigned to CCAIC are responsible for the criminal investigation of the cases referred to the Child Advocacy Center.

Department of Social Services / Child Protective Services
The CPS workers investigate reports of child sexual and physical abuse and make the determination of whether the child(ren) are at the risk of further harm.

Prosecution
The representatives from the Carroll County State’s Attorney’s office, consult with the various law enforcement and child protective services workers during the investigations. They evaluate the cases and determine when and what criminal charges will filed. The prosecution of all the cases referred to the CAC are handled by this office.

Therapist
The representative’s from Family & Children’s Services of Central Maryland provides individual and group therapy for children and non-offending caregivers, and when necessary makes referrals to mental health professionals within the community.

Victim Support Coordinator
The Victim Support Coordinator (VSC), an employee of the Carroll County Government, Department of Citizen Services, provides the much needed support for both the victim(s) and their family(s) in crisis at the onset of the investigation. The VCS also provides linkage to the other services.

Program Manager
The Program Manager is also an employee of the Carroll County Government, Department of Citizen Services. This individual is responsible for the day to day management of the CAC.

Forensic Medical Exams
Off-site medical exams are provided by both a pediatrician and SAFE (Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner) nurse. These individuals are specially trained in the area of both sexual and physical child abuse.
Referrals to the Carroll County Advocacy & Investigation Center come directly from the Department of Social Services and / or Law Enforcement.

**The Goals of the Carroll County Advocacy & Investigation Center**
To provide a safer environment for the children of Carroll County by:

- Providing swift intervention and team collaboration to minimize potential trauma to the children.
- Provision of prompt intervention for appropriate medical and specialized therapeutic services.
- Investigate thoroughly to obtain sufficient evidence for successful prosecution of child abuse cases.
- Education and support of the family(s) to enable them to provide and maintain a safe and nurturing environment.
- Increase public awareness of the signs and impact of abuse.

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