

# WHAT WE DO

The mission of the Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is to work together with our community to promote hope and healing for child abuse victims and provide support for non-offending caregivers.



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# SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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The CAC provides a safe, family-friendly environment where children are given the opportunity to tell their stories. A forensic interview is an interview where the goal is to obtain detailed facts from children. The interview is conducted by a trained, unbiased interviewer who uses a strictly governed questioning format. The interview is recorded on a DVD and can be observed via closed-circuit television by investigative professionals. The recorded interview stands as the child's statement regarding the offense.



## CAC SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Forensic Interviews of Children
- A Multi-Disciplinary Team Approach to Investigations
- Family Advocacy
- Referrals for Professional Counseling and other Community Services
- Assistance with Crime Victim Compensation



# COOPERATIVE JOINT INVESTIGATIONS

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*The CAC is an interagency, multidisciplinary program, and the purpose of all Child Advocacy Centers across the country is to facilitate cooperative joint investigations of child abuse cases, essentially bringing all of the various multidisciplinary team members together simultaneously so that the best possible investigation can be done with the least negative impact upon the child and the family.*

**If you suspect child abuse or neglect, you are required by law to report it by calling the Statewide Child Abuse Hotline at 800-252-5400. To learn more about the Child Advocacy Center and specifics about child abuse, please visit [www.cactx.org](http://www.cactx.org)**

