

# 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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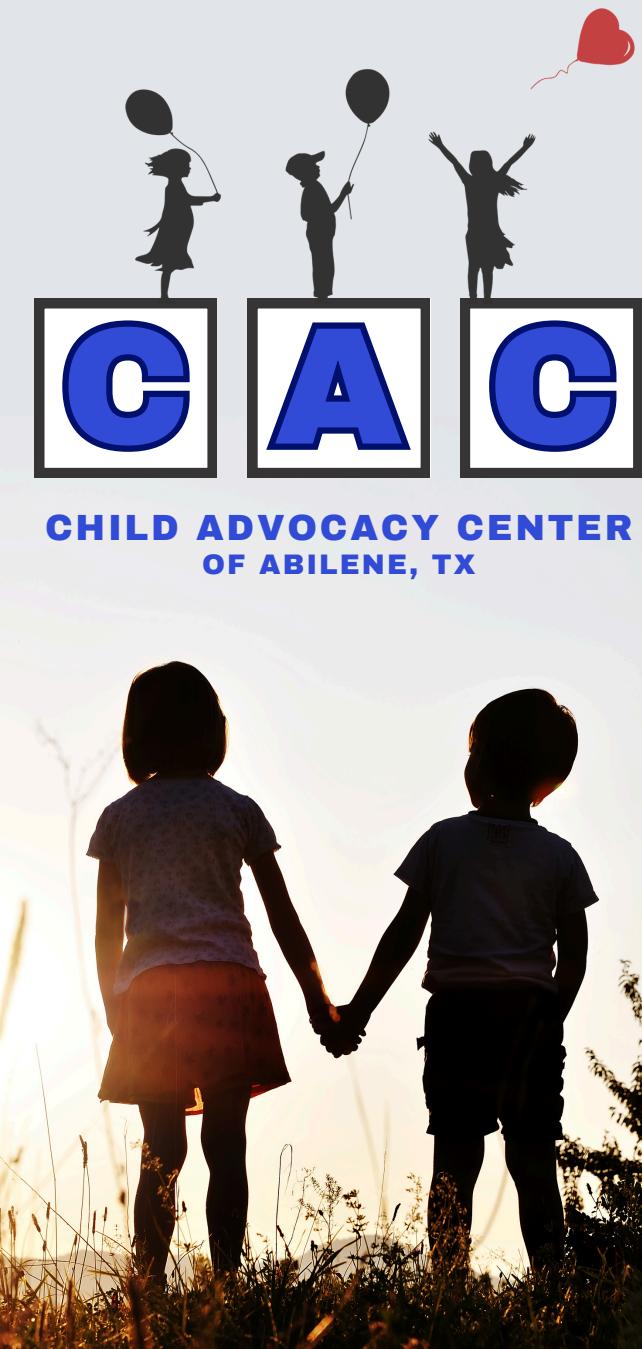
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# SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

*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)**

