

# What is a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)?

An advocate works with the family to ensure that they have access to critical resources and provide support as the case moves through the system.



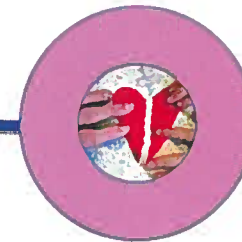
A medical expert is consulted in order to evaluate physical impact on the child and identify appropriate follow-up.



Law enforcement and DCP&P (Division of Child Protection and Permanency) investigators examine all of the evidence to guide decisions about next steps in the case.



The child and family are provided with mental health services that are in line with current evidence on the most effective forms of treatment.



An interview with the child is conducted in a child-focused and legally defensible manner, by a trained forensic interviewer, with participation from the investigative team.



The Prosecutor's Office receives and evaluates all case evidence in order to efficiently determine any future criminal justice involvement.





New Jersey  
Children's  
Alliance



is a statewide membership  
organization



dedicated to helping  
communities,



through local children's  
advocacy centers (CACs),



respond to allegations  
of child abuse



in ways that are effective  
and efficient



and put the needs of  
the child victim first.

### Our Mission:

*The New Jersey Children's Alliance* promotes hope, healing and justice for child abuse victims by supporting Children's Advocacy Centers throughout the state with training, resources, advocacy and leadership.

**New Jersey Children's Alliance (NJCA)** helps local CACs identify and meet the needs of their communities by:

Providing technical assistance

Soliciting and administering funds for active and developing CACs

Offering trainings for multidisciplinary teams, CAC boards, and staff

Creating awareness among professionals and communities about Children's Advocacy Centers and child abuse