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## CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

OF SOUTHMOUNTAIN CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

# CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC) BENEFITS

- Compassionate support for children and their caregivers
- Child-friendly atmosphere
- Centralized location for multiple services
- Referrals to professionals
- Fewer victim interviews
- · Higher rates of prosecution
- Increased satisfaction with the investigation system



### **OUR SERVICES**

#### **FORENSIC INTERVIEW**

Forensic interviews conducted at the CAC are neutral, fact-finding interviews that are led by a trained professional. The information gathered from these interviews are legally defensible in court.

#### **FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMS**

Forensic medical examinations are performed by a medical provider at the CAC who is specifically trained in the investigation and treatment of child sexual and physical abuse.

#### **CLINICAL COUNSELING**

The CAC provides mental health counseling such as trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, an evidence-based treatment that helps improve trauma symptoms and responses.

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CONSOLIDATE CARE, REDUCING
CONTINUED TRAUMA AND
ACCELERATING HEALING.

#### **MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM CASE REVIEW**

The CAC coordinates with a multidisciplinary team (professionals from multiple agencies) to review cases and plan the best legal and supportive action for the child victim.

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION | CHILD & FAMILY ADVOCACY

The CAC raises community awareness, educates the public about child abuse and provides resources for the safety and protection of children.