

## **Why We're Here:**

- ♦ In 2023, our CPS unit received a total of 241 reports containing allegations of severe physical abuse, child fatalities, and sexual abuse.
- ♦ 1 out of 10 children are sexually abused.
- ♦ 90% of abuse is perpetrated by someone the child knows.
- ♦ 39% of abused children are abused by a family member.
- ♦ Only 1 out of 10 sexually abused children will disclose who their abuser is.
- ♦ Nearly 5 children die every day from neglect and abuse.
- ♦ Abuse happens everywhere, even in your neighborhood.

## **New York State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment**

Mandated Reporter Hotline:  
(800) 635– 1522

Public Reporter Hotline:  
(800) 342– 3720

**Member of the New York State  
Children's Alliance**

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## **SULLIVAN COUNTY**

## **CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER**

**Support**

**Advocacy**

**Healing**



## Reducing Trauma & Providing a Safe Environment

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- ◆ Our first priority is to minimize the trauma to the children and their families by providing a safe and comfortable environment.
- ◆ To minimize trauma to the child (ren) by avoiding the child(ren) having to retell their experience(s) multiple times.
- ◆ To ensure the safety and security of the victim.
- ◆ To support the child(ren) and families and ensure they receive the advocacy and mental health support services .
- ◆ Prevent further sexual and/or physical abuse against children.



## About Us

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*The Mission of the Sullivan County Child Advocacy Center is to provide a safe place for child victims and their families, to receive an array of services during the investigative process and thereafter.*

The CAC collaborates with various agencies throughout Sullivan and surrounding Counties in order to form a Multidisciplinary Team comprised of the following professionals:

- ◆ Law Enforcement
- ◆ Child Protective Services
- ◆ District Attorney's Office
- ◆ County Attorney's Office
- ◆ Westchester Institute for Human Development
- ◆ FEARLESS! Advocacy
- ◆ Astor Mental Health

To provide services such as:

- ◆ Victim Advocacy
- ◆ Mental Health consultations and referrals
- ◆ Forensic Medical Examinations

## Child-Focused Setting

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The CAC provides a neutral, child-friendly environment that supports and protects children and families during the course of an investigation.

- ◆ Private interview room.
- ◆ Separate, private waiting area for families.
- ◆ Interactive materials appropriate for children of all ages, cultures and stages of development.
- ◆ Private area for case consultation.
- ◆ Therapeutic, calming environment for children to utilize post interview.

