

Advocacy

CLINTON COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER



Advocacy focuses on the needs of the children and non-offending caregiver(s).


Advocates provide needed support, referrals & information with a compassionate, listening ear.

The goal of advocacy is to help the family navigate the system while supporting them through a difficult time.


Advocacy services are available from first contact throughout the investigative, judicial and recovery processes.




MAKING A REFERRAL



Advocacy is available for any child or family who needs support and information about child abuse.



Referrals for advocacy services are made by multidisciplinary team (MDT) members, parents, caregivers, or other agency professionals concerned for a child's well-being in an ongoing child abuse investigation.



See contact info on the other side of this page to reach out to an advocate.




WHERE ADVOCACY HAPPENS



At your local CAC




At home



Over the phone



At school



At the hospital



In the court room



Advocacy services occur in many places.



Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

Franklin

Clinton

Essex

ADVOCACY SERVICES

The CAC offers a variety of services to support children and families.

At the initial visit, an advocate at the CAC will:

- Greet families & orient children to the CAC
- Offer crisis intervention & support
- Meet with the multidisciplinary team (MDT)
- Explain process and purpose of forensic interview
- Explain process and purpose of a coordinated MDT response
- Attend to the family's needs during the interview
- Offer resources and education on child abuse, signs of trauma, parenting & self care
- Make referrals for mental health & medical treatment
- Explain next steps and schedule a follow up meeting

Beyond the initial visit, an advocate will:

- Work with the MDT to secure transportation for interviews, medical exams, court dates, and other case-related meetings
- Inform families of the rights of crime victims
- Help families apply for reimbursement for costs associated with the crime (counseling, medical expenses, lost wages, etc.) by preparing Office of Victim Services compensation claims
- Provide case updates to the family
- Share child & family's perspectives and progress with the MDT during case review
- Provide education/support/accompaniment throughout court proceedings

Child Advocacy Centers are child-friendly settings that coordinate and provide services for children who may have been abused. These CACs help hundreds of North Country children and their caregivers each year using evidenced-based practices.



HOW TO CONTACT THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER



(P) 518.565.4484




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130 Arizona Avenue
Plattsburgh, NY 12903

Satellite Sites:


Franklin County CAC:

 246 W Main St.
Malone, NY 12953

Essex County CAC:

 7432 US Route 9
Elizabethtown, NY 12932

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe CAC:

 36 Raquette Point Rd.
Hogansburg, NY 13655



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