

Child abuse hurts.  
But healing does happen.

*And, the path for  
healing starts here.*



**"I never knew that  
I could have a  
team to help me  
and my family."**

*- mother*

*The Children's Advocacy Center  
of Suffolk County supports children  
and families impacted by  
violence and abuse.*



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**CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER**  
*of suffolk county*

## A HOLISTIC APPROACH

Helping abused children and their families requires an approach that addresses the physical, emotional, and legal dimensions of abuse. It requires a coordinated response from expert professionals to reduce stress throughout the investigation and intervention process.

The Children's Advocacy Center works in partnership with all the necessary agencies, including police, prosecutors, social workers, advocates, medical and mental health professionals, and other specialists to coordinate a plan of action.

We provide high-quality, specialized services for abused children and their families in the comfort and convenience of our child-friendly location.

### Our services include:

#### Family Advocacy

Providing support, referrals, and resources to children and their families.

#### MDT Investigations

A prompt, interagency response to gain knowledge and clarity about the child's experience.

#### Forensic Interviews

A fact-finding conversation with the child conducted by a specially trained interviewer.

#### CAC Services

#### Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN)

Comprehensive case coordination and support for high risk and exploited youth.

#### Medical Services

Evaluation and consultation by expert medical professionals specializing in child abuse and exploitation.

#### Mental Health Services

Providing crisis intervention, support, and evidence-based, trauma-informed services.

*Healing Starts Here*

## THE FIRST STEP

### Abuse.

The word alone is hard to hear. And when a child has been abused, it is even harder to know where to turn for help, guidance, and understanding.

The first step is the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of Suffolk County. The CAC has the experience to help children and families navigate a complex system while ***staying focused on what matters most:***

***Child safety and well-being.***



**"Thanks for helping me and my mom step by step."**

*- 16-year-old girl*

**"Everyone was very thorough and patient. I appreciate how my son was treated with respect and kindness."**

*- father*