



No child will be denied access to the Child Protection Center based on his/her family's ability to pay.

The Child Protection Center is a private, non-profit organization. We are a full member of the National Children's Alliance and are recognized as a Children's Advocacy Center. The agency serves federal crime victims.

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- The National Children's Alliance
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- The Ohio Attorney General's Office
- Children's Trust Fund
- Ross County Court
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The mission of the Child Protection Center, a children's advocacy center, is to reduce the incidence and trauma of child abuse through a coordinated multi-agency approach. To promote healthy children, families, and communities through the professional provision of education, prevention, and protective services.

Introduction

The Child Protection Center of Ross County was designed by a group of local agencies to assure that children who have been physically or sexually abused receive **free, appropriate** treatment (medical treatment, counseling, support and advocacy to the children and families).

The Child Protection Center utilizes a **multi-disciplinary approach** to care for families located in South Central Ohio including but not limited to: Ross, Vinton, Jackson, Pike, Scioto and Gallia Counties, as well as victims of federal crimes. Children and families will meet with a nurse, social worker, child abuse specialist, child therapist and pediatrician during his/her visit. All staff are specially trained in dealing with child sexual and physical abuse.

A clinic appointment includes an assessment and a physical exam for the child. During the physical exam, specialized equipment (colposcope) is used to document any evidence of trauma. This is **not** an invasive exam. After the examination, the child and family may be referred for counseling or other services needed for the family to **heal**.

About the Center

The Child Protection Center is located at 138 Marietta Road, Suite E, Chillicothe, Ohio, 740-779-7431.

The hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Appointments are made by referral from county Children's Services agencies, law enforcement and physicians. Physicians however, are still required by law to report any suspicions of abuse to a local Children's Services agency. CPC provides free services for all victims of crime!

Supervised Visitation

The Child Protection Center offers court ordered supervised visitation and supervised exchanges. These are done by an appointment only basis. The facility provides a friendly, neutral setting for positive interactions between parents and their children. Please contact the Visitation Coordinator for more information.



Other Services

The Child Protection Center offers preventative programs for/about children. Child Abuse Recognition and Stewards of Children presentations to schools (Body Safety), churches and other community organizations are available. In addition, parenting classes and body safety/ internet safety programs are available. Call (740) 779-7431 for more information.



About the Staff

The Child Protection Center is staffed with pediatricians, nurses, child abuse specialist, child therapist, victim advocate, parent educator and a supervised visitation coordinator. The staff assures accessibility of services to physically and sexually abused children and their families. The victim advocate makes referrals and appointments to outside resources on behalf of the child and family and provides emotional support.
