



**“Helping
victims
become
children
again”**

Reporting Suspected Child Abuse

If you suspect child abuse, you are required by law to report it.
Call Family and Children’s Services of Niagara
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
You can report anonymously or ask to remain confidential.

**905 937-7731 or
1-888-937-7731**

Mission Statement:

“Serve victimized children”



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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTRE NIAGARA

exists solely to serve victimized children within Niagara's twelve municipalities who have suffered abuse.

The Centre is a non-profit charitable organization that brings Law Enforcement, Family and Children's Services workers, Medical and Mental Health professionals together in one child-friendly location.

Situated at 8 Forster Street, St. Catharines, Ontario the Centre opened its doors in the fall of 2008 and is the first dedicated facility of its kind in Canada.



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THE NEED

for Child Advocacy Centres in Canada is great. Within the municipalities of Niagara alone, the latest statistics exposed 708 cases of physical and 343 cases of sexual child abuse.

Advocacy centres have a real impact that is measurable not just in terms of benefits to victims and their families, but also in dollars.

Research by the National Children's Alliance in the USA confirms that an investigation into a child abuse case in a community with a CAC is 45 % less expensive than in a community without a CAC.

CACN HELPS

by reducing trauma to children and families involved in abuse investigations. Children, up to age 16, are provided immediate medical attention if required, a comforting environment to tell the details of their abuse and access to counselling for themselves and their non-offending family members.



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One location where children receive all necessary professional services maximizes the likelihood of their successful treatment and the successful prosecution of their offender.

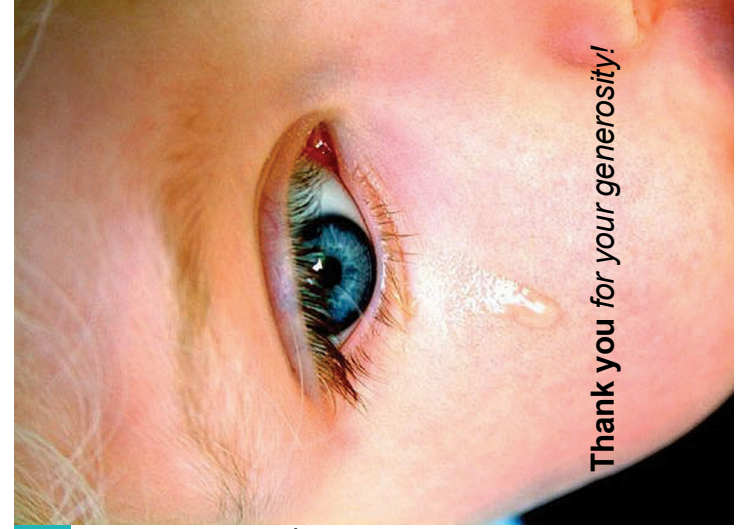
A NEW APPROACH

Prior to CACN's existence, child victims, many under the age of ten, were subjected to multiple interviews in multiple locations, which created additional trauma and jeopardized the accuracy of details.

Today an abused child enters CACN and is greeted by one of the team members in a comforting and relaxed environment.

Plain clothes Police Officers become involved when the abuse is determined to be criminal and when charges are likely to be laid.

Interviews are conducted in a neutral, fact-finding manner and are coordinated to avoid duplication. These video-taped interviews, required by the courts, take place only when the child is ready.



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