



No child wants to be interviewed **MULTIPLE TIMES**.  
The Delaware County Children's Advocacy Center  
ensures that the child will be interviewed **ONE TIME**.



*The Delaware County Children's Advocacy Center is a child-friendly space where children can talk about their experiences and families can get the support they need.*

### THE DCCAC

The Delaware County Children's Advocacy Center (DCCAC) is a place where children who may be victims of child abuse talk with a trained forensic interviewer about their experiences. The DCCAC is here to make the child abuse investigation process go as smoothly as possible, both for you and your child. Cases are referred to us by local police, Children & Youth Services, or the District Attorney's office.

Your child will be interviewed by the forensic interviewer while members of the investigative team watch on a closed-circuit television in another room. Interviewers have been trained to talk with children about their experiences in a way that is unbiased and respects each child's stage of development. Your child will be asked to talk about things in their own way, at their own pace. While your child is being interviewed, a Family Advocate or other DCCAC staff member will talk with you about supports that you and your family may need.

### THE TEAM

The Delaware County Children's Advocacy Center coordinates a multidisciplinary team to investigate possible child abuse. Many people are involved in this process to ensure that your child is safe. The following professionals may be involved with the investigation:

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecutors from the District Attorney's Office
- Forensic Interviewers
- Children & Youth Services Case Workers
- Family Advocates
- Medical Providers

### NEXT STEPS

After the interview, you will have the chance to talk with the investigative team about their observations and the next steps in the investigation.

You and your child may be referred for a medical exam and other services, such as:

- Counseling
- Legal Services
- Crime Victims Compensation

You will be given information about resources in the community.

It is difficult to talk about abuse. We understand the challenges for children and their families and are here to help.

### CONTACTS & NOTES

Law Enforcement Contact Information:

Children And Youth Services Contact Information:

District Attorney's Office Contact Information: