



THE CAC MODEL




1. REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE IS MADE TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) OR LAW ENFORCEMENT




2. LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CPS MAKE A REFERRAL TO HOPE HAVEN FOR A FORENSIC INTERVIEW FOR CHILDREN AGE 3-17. THE INTERVIEW IS SCHEDULED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.



3. A NON-OFFENDING CAREGIVER BRINGS THE CHILD(REN) TO HOPE HAVEN FOR A FORENSIC INTERVIEW. THE CHILD AND FAMILY ARE PROVIDED WITH ADVOCACY AND MEDICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH REFERRALS AS NEEDED.



4. THE FORENSIC INTERVIEWER CREATES A SAFE SPACE FOR THE CHILD TO TELL THEIR STORY WITHOUT INTERROGATION. THE INTERVIEW IS OBSERVED OVER VIDEO BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CPS INVESTIGATORS TO GATHER EVIDENCE FOR PROSECUTION AND REDUCE TRAUMA.



5. A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM COMPRISED OF CPS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, YOUTH COURT, MEDICAL, MENTAL HEALTH, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS WORKS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILD THROUGH THE ENTIRETY OF THE CASE AND PROSECUTION.