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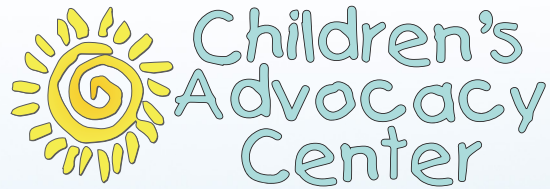
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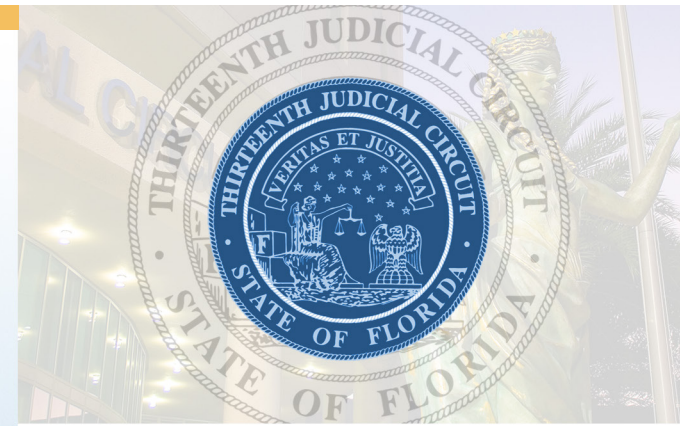
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(813) 272-KIDS/5437

To report Abuse please dial:
1-800-962-2873 or 1-800-96-ABUSE

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About Us

The purpose of Child Advocacy Services at the Children's Advocacy Center located at Mary Lee's House is to provide advocacy, support, referral and community liaison services to children and their families involved in child abuse investigations.

Child Advocacy Services provides families the opportunity to receive widespread multidisciplinary services without dealing with multiple agencies. It aims to ensure all children receive the necessary and most appropriate services based on a comprehensive assessment.

Child Advocacy Services is committed to providing prevention, intervention and treatment services to children and their families while upholding integrity in using our child friendly approach.



Services Provided

- Advocacy and support to children and caregivers
- Crisis Counseling
- Referrals for counseling and community resources
- Safety Planning
- Assistance in filing Victim Compensation Claims
- Follow up contact and support
- Multidisciplinary Staffing
- Coordination of sexual abuse medical exams with the Child Protection Team (CPT)

Child Advocacy Services generally occur after a forensic interview is completed; however, an interview is not necessarily needed in order to receive advocacy services.

Who Can Make Referrals?

- Law Enforcement
- Child Protective Investigations Division with Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (CPID)
- The Child Protection Team (CPT)
- The Children's Advocacy Center
- Any person or agency aware of a family in need of assistance



Referral Criteria

- The child is a victim of abuse
- The child/family resides in Hillsborough County
- There is a law enforcement report number

****PLEASE NOTE:**

When Child Protective Investigations Division (CPID) is not involved in a child abuse investigation, most often families are not provided a link to necessary referrals and services. Child Advocacy Services can provide that link.

