



children's  
ADVOCACY CENTER  
OF KENT COUNTY

Following are the services that our family advocate can provide:

- Crisis assessment and intervention, risk assessment, and safety planning and support for children and family members at all stages of involvement with CAC.
- Assessment of individual needs and cultural considerations for the child and family to ensure needs are addressed.
- Presence at CAC during the forensic interview in order to participate in information sharing; inform and support family about the coordinated, multidisciplinary response; and assess needs of child and non-offending caregiver.
- Provision of education and access to victims' rights and crime in victims' compensation.
- Assistance in procuring concrete services (housing, protective orders, domestic violence intervention, food, transportation, public assistance etc.).
- Provision of referrals for specialized, trauma focused, evidence-supported mental health and medical treatment, if not provided at the CAC.
- Access to transportation to interviews, court, treatment and other case-related meetings.
- Engagement in child and family response regarding participation in the investigation and/or prosecution.
- Participation in case review in order to discuss the unique needs of the child and family and plan associated support services, ensure the seamless coordination of services, and ensure the child and family's concerns are heard and addressed.
- Provision of updates to the family on case status, continuances, dispositions, sentencing, and inmate status notification (including offender release from custody).
- Provision of court education and courthouse/courtroom tours, support, and accompaniment.
- Coordinated case management meetings with all individual's providing victim advocacy services.