

# Medical Exams

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO HAVE ONE?

We want to assure you and your child that their body is healthy. Even if the abuse occurred months or years before the disclosure, children often have unvoiced worries and concerns about the effects of the abuse on their bodies. The exam can be one more step towards healing for your child (and you).

A medical exam is provided by a nurse with specialized training, experience and expertise. The exam is performed in a trauma-sensitive environment that focuses on consent and being as non-invasive as possible. The exam will include an overall head-to-toe checkup in addition to photo documentation of any injuries. The practitioners will be able to determine if your child has been exposed to any sexually transmitted infections and can develop a treatment plan, if needed.

We understand the sensitive nature of this experience, and we recognize that this is can be a stressful time for you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns regarding medical exams, please contact the CAC at 616.336.5160.

### MEDICAL REFERRALS IN KENT COUNTY:

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