We provide a safe space for children and youth who have experienced abuse to tell their story and receive the care they need.
At the Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) of Santa Clara County, we help young survivors of abuse, assault, and neglect heal from their painful experiences. Our staff is trained to understand the impact of trauma on survivors of all ages, cultures, and religious faiths. We treat each child and every family with respect and compassion.

The services we provide are free, comprehensive, and designed to meet the special needs of each child and family.

We receive referrals from law enforcement, medical professionals, and the Department of Family and Children’s Services.

CAC Services

Forensic Interviews

Forensic Interviews provide children with a safe space to tell their story to experts trained in trauma-informed interviewing. These interviews are essential in the investigation of child physical and sexual abuse cases and can produce evidence critical to the investigation and criminal prosecution, and lessen the frequency of children needing to repeat their story.

Medical Exams

Our specially-trained medical staff provides age-appropriate evaluations for young victims of abuse and neglect. Youth often are relieved to learn that their bodies are healthy.

Victim Services & Advocacy

Victim Advocates support the child and family throughout the investigation and prosecution of the case. We connect families to support services and victim compensation.

Mental Health

The CAC partners with community based mental health specialists who are trained and credentialed in trauma informed treatment for the entire family. Referrals for individual and group therapy is available.

Training & Professional Development

The CAC is a leader in the prevention of child abuse in Santa Clara County. We provide expert training for professionals. We partner with organizations to offer classes for families and the community on healthy parenting.