

Travis County is experiencing a growing number of children who are victims of abuse. More than six children are identified as victims each day in our community. And that is only the children that we know about. Many more children will never tell about their abuse. They may feel like they won't be believed. Their parents won't love them anymore. Or, that what happened is their fault.

The investigative process can be daunting, but the Center for Child Protection and its collaborative children's advocacy center model was established to make it safe for children to tell what happened once and in one place, rather than over and over. The Center for Child Protection is the only nonprofit agency in Travis County involved in the investigation of crimes against children. It is a safe environment where protective adults are ready to listen and to act to keep children safe. All of the agencies involved in the investigation come to the child at the Center, and Center professionals provide immediate crisis intervention and determine individualized support for the child and family for a continuum of care.

Children who survive abuse and receive the help they need can recover. Treatment can release a child from a future of mental illness, unhealthy or violent relationships, substance use, or suicide. By addressing abuse when a child is young, children reclaim their hopes and dreams and return to the very important business of being a child.

Agency Partners

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| Austin Police Department | Manor Police Department |
| A.I.S.D. Police Department | Mustang Ridge Police Department |
| Bee Cave Police Department | Pflugerville Police Department |
| Cedar Park Police Department | Rollingwood Police Department |
| Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas | Sunset Valley Police Department |
| Jonestown Police Department | Texas Department of Family & Protective Services |
| Lago Vista Police Department | Travis County District Attorney's Office |
| Lakeway Police Department | Travis County Sheriff's Office |
| Leander Police Department | West Lake Hills Police Department |

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Our Mission

The mission of the Center is to reduce the trauma for children during the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.



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~ About the Center ~

Established in 1989, the Center for Child Protection is the first stop for child abuse victims and child witnesses to violence during the investigative process. The Center is a nationally accredited children's advocacy center serving children and families in Travis County. After a crime is reported to law enforcement or Child Protective Services, children are scheduled to come to the Center to begin the investigative process with a recorded forensic interview. An expert staff of child specialists and investigators convene at the Center's child-friendly, specialized facility which is designed to keep children safe and comfortable.

After the initial interview, children may return to the Center for a medical exam, counseling, and other support services to assist them with the healing process. Parents may return for therapy and parenting classes to help them develop knowledge and skills needed to keep their child and family safe. All services for children and families are provided at no charge.

~ Services ~

- Forensic Interviews
- Medical Examinations
- Crisis Intervention and Assessment
- Counseling for Children, Caregivers & Families
- Case Management & Follow-Up
- Emergency Funding for Family Preservation
- Court Orientation
- Parenting Education Classes
- Education & Community Outreach

You can help ensure a child's safety

If you know or suspect a child is being abused, call 800-252-5400. If it's an emergency, call 911.



~ How You Can Help ~

If we are to meet the needs of our community's children, we ask that you get involved to help the Center for Child Protection. The Center welcomes volunteers to work directly with children and families, assist with operations, participate in or organize fundraisers and donation drives, and spread the word to friends and family. We ask that volunteers attend a one-hour orientation to find out about all the volunteer roles available. Then, fill out a volunteer application and records check, set up an interview, and sign up for the appropriate training for your specific volunteer role. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 512/472-1164 to learn more.

In addition, the Center for Child Protection welcomes your financial support and in-kind contributions. Most of our funding comes from donations from individuals, families, and local organizations. Please help us protect our community's children.

More information and a recent Annual Report is available at www.centerforchildprotection.org.