



Our Goal...



... is to provide a way out and a way forward for children in abusive situations. At Turning Point, we aim to provide advocacy, support, resources, hope, and healing for children in abusive situations.

Our Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is a safe place police or DCFS investigators send child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, severe neglect, violent crimes, or witnesses to any of the above, to talk with our trained staff. Our trained staff members aim to find out what happened to a child and to offer follow-up services, like counseling or medical examinations. We stay with a child and their caregiver throughout the life of the case, providing case management, court advocacy, referrals for services, needs assessments, and counseling.

Turning Point Child Advocacy Center

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Questions?

Feel free to call us, we're here to help.

Suspect child abuse?

Child Abuse Hotline: (800) 252-2873



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Growing hope out of hurt for youth and families in Knox, Warren, and Henderson Counties since 2002.

Turning Point Child Advocacy Center

Turning Point was established in 2002 as the Knox County Child Advocacy Center when local professionals saw the benefit of having a local CAC. In early 2023 the Knox County Child Advocacy Center became Turning Point Child Advocacy Center. Our Center provides a safe, child friendly environment for kids to come and talk about their abuse. We provide services and support to assist children and families impacted by abuse.



What is a CAC?

Prior to CACs, children were often forced to tell their stories multiple times to investigators, attorneys and other professionals. The creation of CACs in 1985 streamlined the investigative process for child abuse cases by bringing agencies that investigate these crimes together to work as a multi-disciplinary team (MDT). The CAC model decreases the number of times children need to be interviewed after they've experienced abuse and has given hope to children by providing a path to healing for kids and their caregivers.

Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)

The multidisciplinary response is a prompt, interagency response to gain knowledge and clarity about the child's disclosure. This means when a report is made about child abuse the MDT member receiving the report reaches out to our office to schedule a Forensic Interview and begin coordinating services.

Our MDT Consists of:

CAC Staff

Law Enforcement

DCFS (Dept. of Children and Family Services)

Prosecutors' Office

Mental Health Professionals

Medical Professionals

Our MDTs meet regularly to discuss active cases and CAC client needs.



Our Services

Advocacy

We Provide support, referrals and resources to children and their families during the interview and court cases stemming from the case.

Forensic Interviews

A neutral fact-finding conversation with the child conducted by a specially trained interviewer in a child friendly environment.

Mental Health Services

We contract with Monarch Trauma Counseling to provide trauma-informed therapy and assess mental health needs for victims and their families.

Medical Services

After a disclosure of abuse, we refer youth to the Pediatric Resource Center for a specialized medical examination and consultation.

Prevention

We offer prevention education programs to Elementary, Middle, and High School students. We also give presentations for many community groups.

All Services are offered free