

ONLY 1 IN 10 SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILDREN DISCLOSE THEIR ABUSE

1 IN 5 GIRLS & 1 IN 20 BOYS ARE A VICTIM OF CHILD ABUSE

ALMOST 5 CHILDREN DIE EVERY DAY FROM CHILD ABUSE IN AMERICA

#### **REPORT CHILD ABUSE:**

Lassen County Child and Family Services

(530) 251-8277

Lassen County Dispatch

(530) 251-6121

#### **QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.**

MDIT Coordinator

2950 Riverside Drive, Suite 102

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## All About Our Child Advocacy Center



The MCAC is housed within the Lassen County District Attorney's Office located at:

2950 Riverside Drive, Suite 102 Susanville, CA 96130 (530) 251-8280 http://www.lassencounty.org/dept/district-attorney/ mikailia-child-advocacy-center

### The Benefits of a Child Advocacy

Research has shown that multiple interviews by untrained interviewers can create additional problems for a child and can adversely affect outcomes. Our Child Advocacy Center is designed to protect children and assist families while streamlining the legal process. MDI team members represent law enforcement, child and family services, mental health, medical providers, prosecution, and victim advocacy.

### What We Do...

We are a community-based Multidisciplinary Interview Team (MDIT) that responds to child abuse with a trauma-informed, research-based approach. While supporting effective investigations and prosecutions we work to support and assist children and their caregivers throughout the process. Our collaborative team consists of professionals from various agencies, including but not limited to:

- Lassen County District Attorney's Office
- Lassen County Victim Witness Program
- Lassen County Behavioral Health
- Lassen County Child & Family Services
- Lassen County Sheriff's Department
- Susanville Police Department
- Lassen Family Services, Inc.
- Banner Lassen Medical Center

# What kinds of cases are seen at the Child Advocacy Center?

The Child Advocacy Center is available for interviewing of children, not needing emergency medical care, under the age of 18, who are alleged to have been victims of:

- Sexual abuse
- Serious physical abuse
- Violent crime including being a witness to domestic violence, homicide, or other serious violent crime
- Severe neglect

# How can I help children in our community?

Here are 3 ways you can help protect children and their childhood.

- Learn the Signs of Child Abuse
- Nurture Children's Self Confidence
- Report Suspected Child Abuse

For more tips and resources like and follow our Facebook page. <u>https://www.facebook.com/LCMCAC/</u>



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