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DCFS Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-24-ABUSE Available 24/7

National Sexual Assault Hotline

For 24/7 support related to sexual abuse/assault 800-656-4673, or chat with a Hotline advocate by visiting the website, online.rainn.org.

Metropolitan Rape Crisis Line

Text and chat services available: Monday-Friday, 3:00 pm – 11:00 pm CST. To use the English chat, users must be 13 years or older. No cost to user, only standard messaging rates apply.

Medical

After a sexual assault, you may want to consider seeking medical attention. Outpatient medical treatment related to a sexual assault is free of charge in the State of Illinois, including follow-up medical care for 90 days. All hospitals in Illinois should be partnered with a local rape crisis center and should contact that rape crisis center when a survivor of sexual assault comes to their hospital. If the hospital has not contacted an advocate in advance, survivors may request one through the rape crisis hotline or by asking the hospital to contact an advocate. Rape crisis center services are free of charge and confidential.

Legal

Free legal services for survivors of sexual assault, sexual stalking, and sex trafficking with any background or identity who were harmed in Cook County, IL, and are aged 13+. Our attorneys assist survivors in criminal and civil matters, including:

- Upholding victims' rights within the criminal justice system by advocating for the survivor. For example: joining them at law enforcement interviews, following up with police, arguing in court, and more
- Getting legal protection from offenders through protective orders
- Pushing for support, accommodations, and accountability from employers and schools (often through Title IX)
- Seeking financial damages from perpetrators, employers, or schools through civil lawsuits

- Taking action against revenge porn and cyber sexual abuse
- Helping survivors of sex trafficking clear criminal records

CAASE cannot accept cases involving criminal defense, divorce, custody, property in common or other family court issues, immigration, or cases that involve survivors who do not want to participate in a legal process, even if they are minors. If CAASE can't assist you, we will try to connect you to another attorney and support resources.

To learn more about our free legal services or schedule a consultation, please call our legal intake line at 773-244-2230, ext. 205 or email legal@caase.org. We're available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. All personal information will be kept confidential. Please allow up to 72 hours for responses.

Advocacy/Services

Chicago Child Trauma Center (CCTC)

Serves Chicago-area children ages one to 18 exposed to traumatic events including physical and sexual abuse, witnessing violence and complex trauma. The center's mission is to provide expert-level trauma care to children and their families and address social justice issues. Staffed by psychologists, social workers, counselors and case managers, clinicians at the CCTC have specialized training and expertise in trauma assessment and treatment models. The CCTC provides care to traumatized children through case management, advocacy and collaboration with outside providers.

Contact Us

1525 East 55th Street, Suite 203
Chicago, Illinois 60615
Hours: Monday – Friday 9 AM – 7 PM

If you are seeking services for a child who has been exposed to trauma and is in need of therapeutic services, contact our intake coordinator at 773-374-3748 x2221 to determine if these services would be a good fit.

La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center

Is an offsite satellite program under the Behavioral Health Division of La Rabida Children's Hospital. The Children's Advocacy Center program is located in the far south suburbs of Cook County in the Village of Park Forest.

200 Lakewood Blvd.
Park Forest, IL 60466
Hours: Monday – Friday 8 AM – 6 PM
Phone Number: 708.481.9799

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago South Suburban Center
Rape Crisis Center

320 West 202nd Street
Chicago Heights, IL 60411

TTY: None
Toll Free: (888) 293-2080

Rape Crisis Centers provide free and confidential crisis intervention services, counseling and advocacy for victims of sexual assault and their significant others. The service region is: Chicago city limits to the north, to Indiana on the east, the Des Plaines River to the west, and boundary between Cook and Will Counties.