



FORENSIC INTERVIEW

Our forensic interviewers are specifically trained to ask neutral, fact-finding, and non-leading questions in a manner that is developmentally appropriate for each individual child. During interviews, only the forensic interviewer and child are present. However, members of the multidisciplinary team may observe the interview in real time by closed circuit television. The outcome of each interview is discussed with the medical team to aid in diagnosis and treatment planning. All of our forensic interviewers have a Master's Degree in Social Work or Counseling, and are licensed by the Counselor and Social Work Board in the State of Ohio.

MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE INTERVIEW

While your child is meeting with the social worker, you will have the opportunity to meet privately with a social worker to share any additional concerns you may have regarding safety within the family. This is often a time where possible mental and behavioral health resources for you and/or your child are discussed.

MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

After the interview, you and your child will meet with a medical provider. The social worker will discuss with the medical provider the information your child shared with him/her during the interview. This will help you work with the medical provider to determine the best decisions for the care of your child. The medical provider may recommend a physical exam, not unlike what he/she would have for a school physical. This exam may include looking at the outside of your child's genital (private) areas. There is no pain associated with the exam and your child will not be forced to do anything you do not agree to or that he/she is not comfortable doing. The exam, however, is important in that it may provide you and/or your child with reassurance regarding his/her body and potential injuries, as well as identifying medical conditions that are often not detected by the primary care provider. You are encouraged to be in the room with your child during the exam if your child wants you to be present.

THE CHILD AND FAMILY TRAUMATIC STRESS INTERVENTION (CFTSI)

CFTSI is just one intervention used to address some of the stressful symptoms (i.e., sleep problems, anxiety, recurring and upsetting thoughts about past events, and disruptive behaviors) often experienced by individuals following a traumatic event. This brief intervention can help victims and their families develop coping strategies to manage these symptoms soon after their CAC visit. Parents can speak with staff to determine if this intervention is appropriate for their family.