Report Child Abuse

1-800-252-5400 or 911.

A 24-hour hotline is available to receive reports of child abuse or neglect.



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> (915) 545-5400 (915) 545-5414 Fax

www.advocacycenterep.org

The best interest of the child is always the first concern.

The Advocacy Center for the Children of El Paso helps El Paso County's victimized children. We help severely physically abused and sexually abused children to receive healing at no cost to the family.

We provide Forensic Interviews, immediate crisis counseling, victims' assistance benefits and information, victims' transportation, referrals for medical treatment, and therapeutic treatment for all child victims and their non-offending family members, when they need it most, with all services available at no cost to the family.

We are the **ONLY** service provider in El Paso County who facilitates the investigation process for all law enforcement agencies who work with victimized children.

El Paso County's only Child Advocacy Center



Helping physically and sexually abused children to heal.

The Advocacy Center for the Children of El Paso is a nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center, a proud member of Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas and partner with United Way of El Paso County.

Help victimized children to receive healing services. Designate the Center to receive contributions through your United Way workplace campaign.

UNITED WAY	05
STATE CAMPAIGN	303014
COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN	38594
EL PASO COUNTY	3038
CITY OF EL PASO	3038

What is the Advocacy Center for the Children of El Paso?

- A private, non-profit organization that advocates for child victims of abuse.
- A child-oriented facility.
- An innovative approach in which investigating agencies collaborate to put the child's best interest first.

Who does the Advocacy Center assist?

- Child victims of physical and sexual abuse in El Paso County.
- Non-offending family members of child abuse victims.
- Community professionals from law enforcement, Child Protective Services and legal, medical, mental health, and educational agencies.
- The El Paso Region

Why do we need an Advocacy Center?

Many El Paso children fall victim to physical and sexual abuse each year. Last year over 7,000 cases of abuse and/or neglect were referred for investigation to Child Protective Services and law enforcement.

Prior to the establishment of the Advocacy Center, child victims were sent to many places to tell their stories to various people and then wait for needed services. Besides the abuse they have suffered, children may be traumatized by the investigation. The Advocacy Center is here to help child victims of abuse.

The Advocacy Center provides free victims assistance.

Coordinated interviews.

Area Professionals work as a team, interviewing and gathering evidence at the Advocacy Center.

Child-centered interviews.

Interviews are conducted in a child friendly, comfortable, home-like environment.

Reduction of number of interviews.

Forensic Interviews are conducted to reduce the need to re-interview the child.

Immediate crisis counseling, victim transportation, follow-up, and referral to counseling services. The Advocacy Center works with other social service agencies to ensure that children and families receive needed counseling and services.

Medical services.

Referrals for medical exams, treatment, and follow-up care is provided.

Multi-disciplinary staffing.

Professionals involved with a child at the Advocacy Center meet to share information, and assess steps needed for the child's protection and healing.

Training and education.

Professionals working with the Advocacy Center receive multi-disciplinary training to develop expertise in child abuse issues.

Research and evaluation.

Information is gathered to determine the effectiveness of our Children's Advocacy Center.







RESPONSE FORM:

I want to be a part of the Advocacy Center for the Children of El Paso!

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	By making a donation in the
	amount of \$
	By volunteering my time.
ш	By donating needed equipment
	& supplies.

I want to help in these ways.

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