Sexual Abuse Response and Prevention Resource Guide

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of Children and Family Services (DCFS) investigation is initiated, the local Child Advocacy Center will coordinate the next steps and keep you informed. Sexual assault centers (also sometimes referred to as rape crisis centers) are a free resource to find sexual violence services in Illinois, and each center has a 24/7 hotline. Visit the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) website or Appendix 2 of this report to find where centers are located.

Illinois has a wealth of resources that parents/guardians, students, and school personnel can turn to for help with sexual abuse. The following sections outline five categories of resources that are available statewide, with contact information for local offices included in two additional appendices at the conclusion of this document. Please contact ISBE's Faith's Law team at faithslaw@isbe.net if you have any questions about this guide. This guide is pursuant to legislation has been enacted in Illinois recently to improve how schools handle allegations of sexual misconduct by a school employee. Please visit ISBE's Faith's Law webpage for more information, including ISBE's Faith's Law FAO and Guidance document.

Accredited Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois

Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) of Illinois partner with local law enforcement and DCFS to support children and work towards ensuring children's safety. CACs help children feel more comfortable during an investigative process, while supporting them and their caregivers. All CACs provide the same 10 minimum services in accordance with the National Children's Alliance Accreditation Standards. These 10 standards are as follows: Multidisciplinary Team Response, Diversity, Forensic Interviewing, Victim Support and Advocacy, Forensic Medical Evaluation, Evidenced-Based Mental Health, Case Review, Case Tracking, Organizational Capacity and Child Protection. At a CAC, a child tells their experiences to a trained interviewer who knows the right questions to ask in a way that does not retraumatize the child. Then, a team which includes medical professionals, law enforcement, mental health, prosecution, child protective services, victim advocacy, and other professionals makes decisions collaboratively about how to help the child based on the forensic interview. CACs offer therapy and medical exams, plus courtroom preparation, victim advocacy, case management, and other services. This is called a multidisciplinary team response and is a core part of the work of CACs. All CAC services are completely free. A map¹⁰ of Children's Advocacy Centers, along with contact information, can be found on the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois website¹¹. The name, locations, list of services offered, and contact information of all CACs in Illinois is also included in Appendix 1 of this resource guide.

Illinois Sexual Assault Centers

Sexual assault centers provide free and confidential services to survivors of sexual violence. The services include trauma-informed counseling, and medical and legal advocacy. Staff at sexual assault centers believe and work with survivors. Services are available to any survivor regardless of age, race, gender identification or sexual orientation. The response can begin immediately through 24-hour hotlines and 24-hour response to hospital emergency rooms or years after the assault. Services can be provided in-person or virtually. Centers also provide sexual violence prevention programming to schools, community organizations, and other groups. A list of sexual assault centers in Illinois can be found at www.icasa.org. The name, locations, list of services offered, and contact information of all ICASA centers in Illinois is also included in Appendix 2 of this resource guide.

https://www.icasa.org/

⁹https://www.isbe.net/pages/faiths-law.aspx

iohttps://www.childrensadvocacycentersofillinois.org/about/mapV2

[&]quot;https://www.childrensadvocacycentersofillinois.org/

The Service Provider Identification & Exploration Resource (SPIDER) SPIDER is a free, comprehensive resource identification database for the state of Illinois. SPIDER connects service providers, individuals, families, and communities to useful and timely social service resources. It includes detailed information on more than 1,700 agencies and over 4,200 social service programs. The SPIDER link contains contact information and a list of the services offered by organizations that provide mental health evaluations and services to victims and the families of victims of child sexual abuse. All agencies and programs are geo-coded to allow users to locate programs near them. The application is a collaborative effort sponsored by the DCFS, with data maintenance and user support provided by the Northwestern University/Hospital Feinberg School of Medicine, technology resources provided by the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology, and information provided by countless child and family welfare service providers across the state of Illinois. Users can conduct searches on SPIDER by language, including English, Spanish, and Polish. PLEASE NOTE: The information listed in the SPIDER is solely based on self-reported information provided by the respective agencies and programs.

The Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health¹⁶ has a number of additional resources for accessing mental health services, partners, resources and support, including contact information and a list of the services offered by organizations that provide mental health evaluations and services to victims and the families of victims of child sexual abuse. Additional mental health providers are listed by the division's Office Locator webpage¹⁷.

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is a type of violence that is sometimes related to child sexual abuse. Similar to sexual assault centers and Children's Advocacy Centers, there are dedicated domestic violence service provider organizations in Illinois providing counseling to children and families impacted by this issue. Visit the website of the **Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence** to find a <u>full listing</u>¹⁸ of domestic violence service agencies by county or call the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-877-863-6338.

Additional considerations

Members of the Faith's Law Resource Guide workgroup have put together the following list of considerations that may be helpful to students and families as they seek mental health services for child sexual abuse:

- Child sexual abuse, whether it happens once or many times, is a form of trauma. More information about trauma and child sexual abuse can be found on the <u>National Child Traumatic Stress Network</u>¹⁵ and the <u>Administration of Children and Families websites²⁰.</u> It is important when looking for a mental health provider to find someone who has experience treating trauma survivors. Consider asking potential providers about their experience working with people who have experienced trauma or sexual abuse as part of your or your family's process in screening and selecting a provider for your child.
- Cultural competency is important in the therapeutic relationship. A therapist or counselor should have training and experience working with cultures other than their own, and demonstrate a desire to continually grow their own competence in working with diverse communities. More information about the link between trauma therapy and cultural competence is available also from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network²¹.
- The Illinois Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, 405 ILCS 5/, provides that children 12 years of age or older may request and receive up to eight 90-minute sessions (previously five 45-minute sessions) of professional counseling services or psychotherapy (provided by a clinical psychologist) without the consent of the child's parent, quardian, or person in loco parentis. 405 ILCS 5/3-550.
- Children and families seeking mental health treatment should feel empowered to seek a new therapist or different treatment provider if their current provider is not a good fit.

Legal Assistance and Advocacy on Behalf of Victims

The Illinois Attorney General's Office has a wealth of legal resources for survivors of sexual abuse and their families on its website, including a section dedicated to information about sexual assault²⁴. Information is also provided about the Crime Victim Compensation Program²⁵ in Illinois. Another section of the attorney general's website, Rights of the People²⁶, has information to help members of the public learn more about their civil rights. This section includes information about immigration rights²⁷, disability rights²⁷, and others. Additionally, the attorney general maintains a list²⁹ of referral resources across the state for those seeking legal assistance.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) helps to implement a number of laws that are in place to assist vulnerable populations with school stability. Students and families experiencing homelessness have specialized support available in Illinois schools, as do students who are considered Youth in Care he cause they are under the guardianship of the DCFS. Additionally, the Ensuring Success in School law was passed specifically to support student survivors of sexual assault in Illinois schools, and an ISBE task force is working on a report about this law as of the writing of this resource guide. Finally, ISBE's Student Care Department maintains a list of legal advocacy resources that may be able to provide free or reduced-price legal representation for Illinois school students. This list includes contact information of organizations that offer legal assistance to victims of child sexual abuse.

Sexual assault centers offer legal advocacy to survivors. The support can begin during the sexual assault emergency exam at the hospital and continue through the entirety of the judicial system. Advocates are available to help a survivor understand and protect the survivor's rights during all phases of the legal process. If the survivor chooses to participate in the process of prosecution, the advocate can assist the survivor in meeting with and asking questions of law enforcement. Advocates can also work with the survivors to obtain civil legal remedies, such as a Civil No Contact Order. The services are free and confidential.

Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) include multidisciplinary teams made up of law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, and family advocates. Family advocates are CAC staff that help survivors and their supporters navigate the aftermath of abuse within the multidisciplinary team. Appendix 1 and 2, respectively, contain the listings for CACs and sexual assault centers across the state.

²⁴https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/safer-communities/Responding-to-Sexual-Assault/

²⁵https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/safer-communities/supporting-victims-of-crime/

²⁵https://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Rights-of-the-People/

²⁷https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights-of-the-people/civil-rights/immigration/

²⁸https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights-of-the-people/disability-rights/

²⁹https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Legal-Assistance-Referrals/index

³⁰https://www.isbe.net/homeless

³¹https://www.isbe.net/Pages/YouthInCare.aspx

³²https://www.isbe.net/Pages/ESS-Task-Force.aspx

³³https://www.isbe.net/student-care

³⁴https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Legal-Advocacy-Resources.pdf

Children's Advocacy Centers

Each center provides services in Multidisciplinary Team Response, Diversity, Forensic Interviewing, Victim Support and Advocacy, Forensic Medical Evaluation, Evidenced Based Mental Health, Case Review, Case Tracking, Organizational Capacity and Child Protection.

Center Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Website	Email	Counties Served
April House	101 E. Main St.	Morrison	61270	815-772-5286	https://aprilhouse <u>.</u> org/	carrie@aprilhouse.org	Whiteside
Braveheart Children's Advocacy Center	292 South East Rd. Ste. A	Cambridge	61238	309-937-5663	https:// braveheartcac.org/	jackie@braveheartcac.org	Henry, Bureau, Stark, Putnum, Marshall
Carrie Lynn Children's Advocacy Center	826 North Main Street.	Rockford	61103	815-319-4150	http://carrie-lynn. org/	KPomahac@Carrie-Lynn.org	Winnebago, Boone
Child Network	171 North West Ave.	Bradley	60915	815-936-7372	https://www. childnetwork.org/	info@ChildNetwork.org	Kankakee, Iroquois
Dani-Brandom Center	603 East Etna Rd.	Ottawa	61350	815-433-0411	NA	lasallecacdirector@mchsi.com	LaSalle
Jeanine Nicarico Children's Advocacy Center 422 North County Farm Road	422 North County Farm Road	Wheaton	60187	630-407-2750	https://www. dupagecounty.gov/ elected_officials/ state_s_attorney/ children_s_cen- ter/#collapse43812 b0	Catherine.Hundley@dupageco.org	DuPage
Family Service Agency's Children's Advocacy Center of DeKalb County	1325 Sycamore Rd.	DeKalb	60115	815-758-8616	https:// fsadekalbcounty.org/ programs/childrens- advocacy-center/	info@fsadekalbcounty.org	DeKalb
Grundy County Child Advocacy Center	111 E. Washington	Morrison	60450	815-9413-192	NA	tjahn@grandycountyil.gov	Grundy
Kane County Child Advocacy Center	427 West Campbell St.	Geneva	60134	630-208-5160	NA	kanecac@co.kane.il.us.	Kane

Counties Served	Cook	Cook	Cook	Adams, Hancock, Pike, McDonough, Schuyler, Brown, Scott, Cass, Morgan	Champaign, Ford	Macon, Piatt	Coles, Douglas, Edgar, Clark, Cumberland, Jasper, Effingham, Fayette, Shelby, Moultrie	Fulton
Email	<u>aapostal@larabida.org</u>	Info@cachelps.org	sherri.lau@ascension.org	tshackelford@advonet.org	CACmail@co.champaign.il.us	mccac4kids@aol.com	consolidated.net	p_todd99@yahoo.com
Website	https://larabida. org/cherry- services/child- abuse-and-trauma/	https://www. cachelps.org/	NA	https://advonet. org/	https:// champaigncac.com/	https:// child1stcenter.org/	https://caceci.org/	NA
Phone	708-481-9799 x232	847-885-0100	708-338-3910	217-223-2272	217-384-1266	217-422-6293	217-345-8250	309-647-7487
Zip	60466	60169	60155	62301	61820	62522	61920	61520
City	Park Forest	Hoffman Estates	Broadview	Quincy	Champaign	Decatur	Charleston	Canton
Address	200 Lakewood Blvd.	640 Illinois Blvd.	1820 South 25th Ave.	1420 Harrison	201 West Kenyon Road, Ste. 1	800 E. Clay	119 W. State St.	1330 E. Ash St.
Center Name	LaRabida Children's Advocacy Center	Children's Advocacy Center of North & Northwest Cook Co.	Proviso Children's Advocacy Center	Advocacy Network for Children	Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center	Child 1st Center	Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois	Fulton-Mason Crisis Service

Center Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Website	Email	Counties Served
Guardian Center	1124 Oak St.	Carmi	62821	618-382-8247	https://www. theguardiancenter. org/	swoodham@ theguardiancenter.org	White, Saline, Gallatin, Edwards, Wabash, Richland, Lawrence, Crawford
Madison County Child Advocacy Center	101 East Edwardsville Rd.	Wood River	62095	618-296-5390	https://www. madisoncountyil. gov/departments/ child_advocacy_ center/index.php	childadvocacy@ madisoncountyil.gov	Madison, Bond
Perry-Jackson Child Advocacy Center	5512 State Route 154	Pinckneyville	62274	618-357-2990	https:// perryjacksoncac. com/	pjcac@perryjacksoncac.com	Perry, Jackson
St. Clair County Child Advocacy Center	300 West Main, Ste. 3	Belleville	62220	618-277-1134	https://www. stclairchildadvoca cycenter.org/	st.claircac@sbcglobal.net	St. Clair, Monroe, Randolph
Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center	109 Denny Dr.	Anna	62906	618-833-7470	http://www. tworiverscac.org/	jedmonds@tworiverscac.org	Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Massac, Pulaski, Alexander
Franklin-Williamson Child Advocacy Center	501 South 14th St.	Herrin	62948	618-942-3800	https://www. franklinwilliamson cac.org/	advocate@franklinwilliam soncac.org	Franklin, Williamson

Email	sacis@sacis.org	elizabeth.caisa@sacis.org	caisa@caisa.org	neusa@mujereslat.org	Imaldonado@mujereslat.org	sgarcia@mujereslat.org	info@ourresilience.org	info@ourresilience.org	info@ourresilience.org	info@ourresilience.org
Website	www.sacis.org	<u>eli</u>	Ca	www.mujereslat ne	<u>E</u>	ĎS:	www.ourresilience.org	. u	<u>u</u>	.E
Phone	217-348-5033	618-879-2130	618-544-9379	773-890-7676	708-442-1299	773-890-8621	312-443-9603	312-443-9603	312-443-9603	312-443-9603
Zip	61920	62450	62454	80909	60546	60623	60601	60612	60651	60640
City	Charleston	Olney	Robinson	Chicago	North Riverside	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Address	825 18th St., Ste 409	205 E. Main St	10499 N. State Hwy 1, Ste 1	2124 W. 21st Place	7222 W. Cermak Rd., Ste 509	4700 S. California Ave.	180 N. Michigan Ave., Ste 600	1901 W. Harrison, Rm 1699	4909 W. Division St., Ste 407	1945 W. Wilson Ave., Ste 6110
Center Name	Sexual Assault Counseling & Information Service (SACIS)	*Counseling & Information for Sexual Assault/Abuse (CAISA)	* Counseling & Information for Sexual Assault/Abuse (CAISA)	Mujeres Latinas En Accion	* Mujeres Latinas En Accion - North Riverside	* Mujeres Latinas En Accion - Brighton Park	Resilience	* Resilience - Stroger Hospital Satellite Office - Fantus Health Center	* Resilience - Austin Community Satellite	* Resilience - Northside Satellite

Center Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Website	Email
* Safe Passage, Inc.	156 W. State St.	Sycamore	60178	815-756-7930		
* Safe Passage, Inc.	708 E. Railroad St.	Sandwich	60548	815-756-7930		
Community Crisis Center	37 S. Geneva	Elgin	60120	847-742-4088	www.crisiscenter.org	kcecil@crisiscenter.org
VOICES of Stephenson County	660 W. Stephenson St.	Freeport	61032	815-232-7200	www.voicesofsc.org	bmaskell@voicesofsc.org
Riverview Center	11358 Industrial Dr., Ste 2	Galena	61036	815-777-8155	www.riverviewcenter.org	gwen@riverviewcenter.org
* Riverview Center - Carroll County Satellite	855 S. Mill St., Ste 200	Mt. Carroll	61053	815-244-7704		
Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center	4275 Old Grand Ave.	Gurnee	60031	847-244-1187	www.Zcenter.org	swilliams@zcenter.org
* Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center	4232 Dempster St.	Skokie	92009	847-972-1790		swilliams@zcenter.org
Pillars Community Health	8020 W. 87th St.	Hickory Hills	60457	708-995-3858	www.pchcares.org	Ipagan@pchcares.org
* The Filmore Center	6918 Windsor	Berwyn	60402	708-995-3535		lpagan@pchcares.org
Sexual Assault Service Center - Guardian Angel Community Services	168 N. Ottawa St.	Joliet	60432	815-729-0930	www.gacsprograms.org	dplier@gacsprograms.org
* Guardian Angel Community Services - Grundy County Office	201 Liberty St., Ste 252	Morris	60450	815-941-2261		dplier@gacsprograms.org

Center Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Website	Email
Survivor Services Department - Family Resources, Inc.	1521 47th Avenue	Moline	61265	563-468-2384	www.famres.org	alysee@famres.org
* Survivor Services Department - Family Resources, Inc.	1 Montgomery Dr.	Moline	61265	563-468-2384		alysee@famres.org
Quanada Sexual Assault Program	1900 Harrison St.	Quincy	623 <mark>01</mark>	217-223-2030	www.quanada.org	mcarpenter@quanada.org
* Quanada in Pike County	941 W. Washington	Pittsfield	62363	217-285-6119		pquanada@adams.net
* Quanada - Brown County Satellite Office	111 W. Washington St.	Mt. Sterling	62353	217-242-3889		brownschuyler@quanada.org
* Quanada - Schuyler Satellite Office	114 N. Congress St.	Rushville	62681	217-242-3889		brownschuyler@quanada.org
Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling	5301 E. State St., Ste 301	Rockford	61108	815-636-9811	www.rockfordsexualas- saultcounseling.org	eengler@rsacil.com
* Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling	860 Biester Dr., Ste 205	Belvidere	61008	815-544-6821		par6281@aol.com
* Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling	412 W. Washington	Oregon	61061	815-732-0000		mpauley@rsacil.com
Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault	3 W. Old State Capitol, Ste 206	Springfield	62701	217-744-2560	www.prairiecasa.org	cferree@prairiecasa.org
* Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault	208 S. Mauvaisterre St.	Jacksonville	62650	217-243-7330		ajoy@prairiecasa.org

Center Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Website	Email
Sexual Assault & Family Emergencies	1410 Sunset Dr., Ste G	Vandalia	62471	618-283-1414	www.safecrisiscenter.org	safe@safecrisiscenter.org
* Sexual Assault & Family Emergencies	730 E. 2nd St.	Centralia	62801	618-283-1414		safe@safecrisiscenter.org
* Sexual Assault & Family Emergencies	1901 S. 4th St.	Effingham	62401	618-283-1414		safe@safecrisiscenter.org
* Sexual Assault & Family Emergencies	4114 N. Water Tower Place, Ste G	Mt. Vernon	62864	618-283-1414		safe@safecrisiscenter.org
* Sexual Assault & Family Emergencies	276 N. Main St.	Breese	62230	618-283-1414		safe@safecrisiscenter.org
Arab American Family 7000 W. 111th St. Services	7000 W. 111th St.	Worth	60482	708-599-2237	www.aafsil.org	ishalabi@aafsil.org/ntaha@aafsil.