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SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, PENNSYLVANIA, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

BERKS COUNTY

- **Berks County Children and Youth Services**

Reading, PA - <https://www.co.berks.pa.us/dept/CYS/Pages/default.aspx>

Assigned to protect children, up to eighteen years of age, from abuse and neglect. The staff investigates all reports of child maltreatment in Berks County. For families at risk of future abuse or neglect, services and monitoring are implemented to ensure child safety and allow the children to remain in their homes.

- **Berks County District Attorney's Office Child Abuse Unit**

Reading, PA - <https://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/DA/Pages/ChildAbuse.aspx>

Investigates incidents of reported child abuse in conjunction with Berks County Children and Youth Services. This is accomplished through a coordinated system designed to provide the victims with a unified approach in order to promote the well-being of child victims of abuse in Berks County.

- **Children's Alliance Center of Berks County***

Reading, PA - <https://www.opphouse.org/looking-for-help/child-sexual-abuse-information-forensic-interviews.aspx>

A service of Opportunity House serving child victims of abuse under the age of 18, the Children's Alliance Center strives to reduce the child's trauma by providing a unique multi-disciplinary response to child abuse.

BUCKS COUNTY

- **Bucks County Children's Advocacy Center***

Jamison, PA - <https://www.buckscac.com>

Provides a safe and child-friendly environment in which CAC staff, law enforcement, child welfare, prosecution, victim advocacy, medical, and mental health professionals collaborate to implement effective, coordinated investigations of suspected child abuse.

- **Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency**

Furlong, PA - <https://www.buckscounty.org/government/HumanServices/ChildrenandYouth>

Responsible under Pennsylvania Public Law to receive and investigate reports of child abuse and neglect in Bucks County, provide for the temporary care of children not able to remain with their own families, and develop community-wide social service programs that promote family stability.

- **Special Victims Division at the Bucks County District Attorney's Office**

Doylestown, PA - <https://www.bucks.crimewatchpa.com/da/29567/content/divisions>

Consists of ten attorneys with specific training and capacity to work with vulnerable populations and the dynamics of crimes involving children and families. Works closely with each law enforcement agency in the county to oversee and advise criminal investigations involving special victims.

NOTE: an asterisk (*) indicates the accredited Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in each county

CHESTER COUNTY

- Chester County Children's Advocacy Center*

West Chester, PA - <https://www.chesco.org/4480/Childrens-Advocacy-Center>

Child-focused program in which representatives from many disciplines in Chester county work together to serve the needs of children who have become victims of crime. Law enforcement, child protection, prosecutors, mental health and medical professionals, and the Crime Victim's Center of Chester County work together in conducting joint forensic interviews and making team decisions about the investigation, treatment, management, and prosecution of child abuse cases in Chester County.

- Chester County Office of the District Attorney Child Abuse Unit

West Chester, PA - <https://www.chesco.org/4357/Child-Abuse-Unit>

A highly specialized unit that investigates and prosecutes crimes against children. The Child Abuse Unit detective and prosecutors work together closely to handle the delicate tasks of interviewing child victims, working with family members, and prosecuting the criminals who hurt children.

- Department of Children, Youth, and Families of Chester County

West Chester, PA - <https://www.chesco.org/201/Children-Youth-Families>

Recognizes that the care of dependent and/or neglected children is a shared responsibility. The family is seen as the primary source for the care and nurturing of children by providing for the physical, emotional, and economic supported needed. This agency intervenes to provide those services which cannot be provided by families, neighbors, friends, and the community.

DELAWARE COUNTY

- Delaware County Children's Advocacy Center*

Media, PA - <https://www.delcochildrensadvocacycenter.org>

Coordinates investigations with law enforcement, child protection agencies, prosecutors, mental health and medical professionals, and victim advocates to work together when investigating allegations of child sexual abuse in Delaware County. A program of the Family Support Line.

- Delaware County Office of the District Attorney Child Abuse Unit

Media, PA - <https://www.delcoda.com/investigations/child-abuse-unit>

Investigates sexual and physical crimes against children. The Units' Sergeant and two detectives work with all 47 different law enforcement agencies with Delaware County. The Unit works closely with the Office of Children and Youth Services and healthcare professionals.

- Office of Children and Youth Services of Delaware County

Media, PA - <https://www.delcohsa.org/childreneyouthservices.html>

Investigates all allegations of child abuse and neglect, as mandated by state law. The mission is to provide for the immediate safety and protection of children, to keep children with their own families whenever possible, to provide temporary, substitute care for children when necessary, and to reunite children with their families as quickly as possible after placement.

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LANCASTER COUNTY

- Lancaster County Children's Alliance*

Lancaster, PA - <https://www.delcochildrensadvocacycenter.org>

Comprised of a multidisciplinary team including child protection workers, law enforcement officers, medical providers, prosecutors, victim advocates, mental health providers, and advocacy center staff. A trained forensic interviewer conducts coordinate interviews that are observed through closed circuit television by law enforcement and/or child protective services.

- Lancaster County Children and Youth Social Service Agency

Lancaster, Pa - <https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/129/Children-Youth-Agency>

Public child welfare agency mandated to provide protection services to Lancaster County's children and their families. The Agency investigate all reports of child abuse and neglect and provides intervention services to address safety threats and risk factors and stabilize the family.

- Lancaster County Office of the District Attorney Child Abuse/Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit

Lancaster, PA - <https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/527/Child-Abuse>

Designed to vigorously prosecute all child abuse cases, while at the same time providing for the well-being of child victims throughout the criminal justice system by reducing emotional trauma and fostering positive cooperation. Consists of three attorneys, paralegal/coordinator, and a victim/witness advocate.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

- Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center*

East Norriton, PA - <https://www.missionkidscac.org>

Offers a comprehensive, centrally located, multidisciplinary team response to allegations of child abuse in a dedicated, child-friendly setting to achieve justice for child victims and promote their physical and emotional well-being. Provides neutral, fact-finding forensic interviews which are coordinated to avoid duplicative interviewing and support Montgomery County's multidisciplinary team approach to child abuse investigation and intervention.

- Montgomery County District Attorney's Office

Norristown, PA - <https://www.montcopa.org/102/District-Attorney>

Responsible for prosecuting criminal offenses that occur in Montgomery County, and represents the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in all related criminal matters. There are 17 specialized units, including both a domestic violence and sex offenses unit, each housing trained personnel.

- Office of Children and Youth

Norristown, PA - <https://www.montcopa.org/149/Children-Youth>

Mandated to investigate all reports of suspected abuse, neglect, or dependency of children from birth to age 18 in Montgomery County, under Pennsylvania law. Investigates reports made to their office, and works with families, when appropriate, to address conditions which adversely affect a child's care.

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PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

- Philadelphia Children's Alliance*

Philadelphia, PA - <https://www.philachildrensalliance.org>

Reviews and tracks all cases of child sexual abuse reported in Philadelphia using a multi-disciplinary team approach. The first point of contact is the intake coordinator for victims' families, who works closely with the forensic interviewer, representatives from the Philadelphia Police Special Victims Unit (SVU) and Department of Human Services (DHS), and mental health and medical professionals on behalf of the victim.

- Philadelphia Department of Human Services

Philadelphia, PA - <https://www.phila.gov/departments/departments-of-human-services>

County welfare and juvenile justice agency providing and promoting safety, permanency, and well-being for children and youth at risk of abuse, neglect, and delinquency. Main service areas include prevention, child welfare, foster and adoption, and juvenile justice.

- Philadelphia Office of the District Attorney Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit

Philadelphia, PA - <https://www.phila.gov/districtattorney/victims/Pages/DomesticViolence.aspx>

Incidents reported to the police regarding an individual or a child in their care related to domestic violence, sexual assault, or child abuse committed by an adult will be assigned to the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit. This unit staffs experienced prosecutors, paralegals, victim advocates, and detectives.

NATIONAL AND STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS

- National Children's Alliance

Washington, DC - <https://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org>

The national associations and accrediting body for Children's Advocacy Centers. Formed in 1988, NCA has been providing support, technical assistance, and quality assurance for CACs, while serving as a voice for abused children for more than 25 years.

- National Children's Advocacy Center

Huntsville, AL - <https://www.nationalcac.org>

Since its creation in 1985, the NCAC has served as a model for the 1000+ Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) now operating in the United States and in more than 34 countries in the world, with 9 more currently in development.

- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Alexandria, VA - <https://www.missingkids.org/home>

Private, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to help find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation and prevent child victimization. NCMEC works with families, victims, private industry, law enforcement, and the public to assist with preventing child abductions, recovering missing children, and providing services to deter and combat child sexual exploitation.

- Pennsylvania Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers and Multidisciplinary Teams

Erie, PA - <https://www.penncac.org>

Membership organization dedicated to helping local Pennsylvania communities respond to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient - and put the needs of child victims first. Provides training, support, technical assistance and leadership on a statewide level to local CACs and communities throughout Pennsylvania responding to reports of child abuse and neglect.

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