

**Operational status** (as of April 2014) : **OPEN**

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**Child Advocacy Centre Niagara** is “a safe place to tell your secrets” for children and youth who have been physically abused, sexually abused, become the targets of internet luring or witnessed violence. Opened in Fall 2008, CACN serves Niagara’s 12 municipalities, helping children and families cope with the life altering impact of child abuse. Nestled in a welcoming, tree-lined residential neighbourhood, our home-like Centre is child focused and a family’s privacy is always respected. Children speak about their experience of abuse to specially trained teams that investigate and conduct forensic interviews. These video recorded interviews are proven to be effective in gathering valuable information to help both the child and the justice system. CACN offers a Family Advocacy Program, a support and reference service for children, youth and their families. Counselling is provided at no cost, and without a wait list. Our partners are Niagara Regional Police Service, Family and Children’s Services Niagara, Family Counselling Centre Niagara and medical professionals.