

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

Name of Organization	Child Advocacy Centre of Simcoe/Muskoka		
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Website	www.cacsimcoemuskoka.ca - under development		
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The Child Advocacy Centre of Simcoe Muskoka officially opened on Jan. 13, 2014. The Centre houses the Child and Family Advocate and the Project Manager. Police and CAS come to the Centre to conduct investigations. The Centre is a child friendly, safe, and a neutral place for children and youth who are required to participate in a forensic interview. The Centre has a high quality recording system. There is a private and comfortable child and family waiting room, a child-friendly interviewing room, a counseling room, and a medical room in which the local pediatricians, through the Regional Centre for suspected child Abuse and Neglect will conduct well-child examinations. The Child and Family Advocate becomes involved with the family from the moment they enter the Centre -- assisting the child, youth and family with access services, and navigating the criminal justice system. The Centre offers a multidisciplinary approach to service.

Our Centre has recently partnered with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, OPP, and Georgian College to deliver public education to high school students on cyberbullying and sexting. We are also delivering a prevention and education program entitled *Commit to Kids*, to be delivered to child-serving organizations.