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DESCRIPTION

Snowflake Place provides children and youth who have experienced abuse a child-centered, safe and comforting place to tell their story. We are Manitoba's only children's advocacy centre where young victims are interviewed as part of a formal investigation into child abuse and other serious crimes. As a multidisciplinary team of professionals, we work to provide a coordinated and collaborative response to child abuse investigations. A team of police victim services and child and family services professionals collaborate with our forensic interviewers to ensure that child and youth victims of abuse are interviewed in a timely manner and coordinate roles and responsibilities to support victims and families. This coordination serves to reduce the number of times children must tell their story and improve service delivery through increased communication and cooperation. Children and youth are interviewed by one of our child forensic interviewers who is specially trained to help them talk about the

abuse that they have experienced. The child's interview is a key component in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. Everything we do is about the child, honouring their strength, and helping them through that first step of healing. When they are ready to tell, we are ready to listen.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) includes:

- Police
- Victim services
- Child and Family services
- Forensic interviewers