

Name of Organization	Koala Place – Child and Youth Advocacy Centre Centre d'appui aux enfants et aux adolescents – Cornwall et la région
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DESCRIPTION:

Open since 2014 - Koala Place (herein “KP”) is a charitable organization, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. KP provides a safe, neutral, confidential and child-friendly environment for child and youth victims or witnesses of physical abuse, sexual abuse and maltreatment to talk about what happened to them. Several partner organizations, including Cornwall Community Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police of S. D. & G., Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service, The Children’s Aid Society, Akwesasne Child & Family Services and Victim Services of S.D.G. & A work together in a multi-disciplinary team to complete child and youth abuse investigations in a comfortable, private and child-friendly location.

Koala Place is utilized for the conduct of forensic interviews and interviews with non-offending caregivers and witnesses, family meetings, child protection assessments, child protection mediation meetings, case reviews and other relevant case management procedures.

We are unique for our communal commitment to a multi-disciplinary approach to child abuse, striving to minimize stress, anxiety and trauma to the children while promoting safety, protection and justice. The Centre is equipped with two interview rooms, with state of the art recording equipment. This documentation preserves the child’s statement, to later be used in the justice process, and eliminates excessive repetition of the circumstances surrounding their abuse.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) includes:

- Cornwall Community Police Service

- Ontario Provincial Police of S. D. & G. [also show full name]
- Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service
- The Children's Aid Society
- Akwesasne Child & Family Services
- Victim Services of S.D.G. & A