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DESCRIPTION:

In its eighth year of operations, the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara is **a safe place to help, heal, end child abuse** for Niagara’s children and youth who have experienced alleged physical abuse, sexual abuse, become the targets of internet luring, or were the unwilling witness of violence. The environment is child-focused and private, providing a safe and non-threatening place for children and youth to disclose their experience of abuse to specially trained teams from the Niagara Regional Police Service and Family and Children’s Services Niagara. These teams respectively, investigate to determine criminal charges and protection needs. Mental health professionals from Family Counselling Centre Niagara provide much needed follow-up counselling support at no cost and without a wait list. The existence of the Kristen French CACN minimizes the number of times children must tell their story, reducing the trauma of disclosure and ensuring a coordinated, cost-effective delivery of service to Niagara’s children, youth and their supportive family members.

Centre team: Niagara Regional Police Services, family and Children’s Services Niagara, Family Counselling Services Niagara. If needed they bring in medical services and/or children go to McMaster (Hamilton) as well as provide specially assigned staff to follow families through system and referral supports.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) includes:

- Niagara Regional Police Services
- family and Children's Services Niagara
- Family Counselling Services Niagara