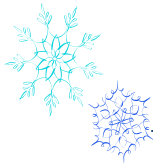


Manitoba -- Winnipeg

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Winnipeg Children's Advocacy Centre

Mission:

The Winnipeg Children's Advocacy Centre (WCAC) was designed to facilitate multi-system collaboration and foster best practices in child abuse investigations, to ensure that victims receive sensitive and immediate support in a setting that *puts their needs first*. The goal of the Winnipeg Children's Advocacy Centre is to minimize the system-induced stress faced by children who are victims of sexual or serious physical abuse where prosecution is likely.

Service Description:

The WCAC promotes the well-being of children and families, through a coordinated response to child maltreatment and by supporting the work of organizations involved in child abuse investigations.

The WCAC offers a central service approach for child victims of abuse. Partner agencies involved in child abuse investigations are able to engage with the child victim and their non-offending caregivers, conduct interviews and case planning meetings and provide supportive services throughout the investigation and court process.

The Winnipeg Children's Advocacy Centre aims to provide:

- ❖ A child-focused and child-friendly facility for child victims and their non-offending caregivers
- ❖ Support, guidance and information throughout the child abuse investigation and court process
- ❖ A multi-disciplinary team approach to child abuse investigations
- ❖ Best practice forensic interviewing techniques.