Legend

- Police agency (EPS/RCMP/CARRT)
- Zebra Child Protection Centre (Staff & Volunteers)
- Childrens' Services (CS)
- Court
- Alberta Health Services (CAPC/TTS/SART)
- Multidisciplinary (two or more agencies)
- Very Important Paws (VIP) Program: Facility dog offered at these steps

1. Intake Process

Each morning, a team of law enforcement, specialized assessors (CS), medical professionals and Zebra Centre staff gather to determine the collaborative response to each unique case, building a plan and assigning work. Children arrive at the Zebra Centre by way of referral through various agencies. When a file is accepted at the Zebra Centre, the goal is to have the child brought in within seven days or less. In a crisis situation, the child is typically brought in within hours.

2. At the Zebra Centre

The child arrives at the Zebra Centre with a non-offending caregiver. A Child Advocate will make first contact with the child as well as discuss the Zebra Centre's role with the caregiver while the child's interview is being conducted. The forensic interview process reduces the number of times the child will tell their story, as it is recorded and will possibly be used in court as evidence.

A care plan is established to determine how often the caregiver wants to be contacted by the Zebra Centre. A referral for mental health services may be completed by child advocates and sent to the Trauma Treatment Service (TTS) onsite. Mental health professionals determine the services that will best meet the needs of the child and family, which may include supports and services with TTS and/or connections to our partners in the community. During this time, the investigation continues and Child Advocates will be reaching out to the family monthly for care calls and appropriate referrals.



Zebra Child Protection Centre: The Multidisciplinary Process

