

## **Saskatoon Centre for Children's Justice**

**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

<http://www.police.saskatoon.sk.ca/index.php?loc=programs/victim.php>

The mandate of the Saskatoon Centre for Children's Justice is to investigate complaints of child physical abuse, child sexual abuse and child neglect. These are files where the victim is less than 16 years old. It is an integrated unit consisting of three investigators from both the Saskatoon Police Service and two investigators from the Ministry of Social Services. Joint SPS-MSS investigations are not conducted on every file but only when there is a possibility of criminal charges along with on-going child protection concerns. All these investigators have specific training in the area of forensic interviewing of children. They must be able to comfortably and effectively talk about issues that are often emotional and difficult. In 2010 the Centre received 256 files for investigation (down from 280 in 2009).