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A Family Advocacy Center (FAC) is a comprehensive, victim-focused program based in a facility that allows law enforcement, child protection professionals, prosecutors, mental health providers, medical professionals, victim advocates, and forensic interviewers to work together when investigating violent crimes against children and adults.



Research has found that investigating cases through an Advocacy Center model is less expensive and results in a more thorough investigation than traditional investigations.



Collaboration is Key

All members of the multi-disciplinary team that respond to cases of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other violent crimes are housed in one location, working together to ensure best practices and the best possible service to victims of violent crimes.



Advocacy Centers...Before and After

	Case Time:	Days or weeks to complete the initial investigation/interview	down to 2–3 hours to complete
	Time in ER:	8–10 hours	down to 1–3 hours in the ER (if at all)
	Advocate Availability:	Instead of offsite referrals	a Victim Advocate is now immediately available
	Conviction Rates:	Average 42% conviction rate	up to an average 64% conviction rate
	Sex Offenders Tracked:	11% sex offenders tracked	up to 90% sex offenders tracked
	Multiple Interviews:	91% of victims having multiple interviews	down to 8% having multiple interviews



If there is immediate risk, **call 911!**