

The Carrie Lynn Children's Center works in collaboration with the following partner agencies:

- Rockford City Police Department
- Winnebago County Sheriff's Police
- Loves Park Police Department
- Illinois Department of Children & Family Services
- The MERIT Program
- Winnebago County States Attorney's Office
- Boone County Sheriff's Police
- Belvidere Police Department
- Boone County State's Attorney's Office
- Illinois State Police

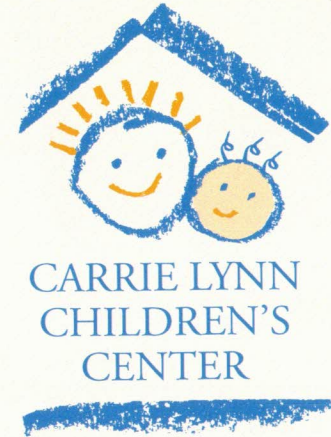
Eligibility & Referrals

Any child under the age of 18 who was alleged to have been sexually and/or severely physically abused in Winnebago or Boone Counties, and is involved in a DCFS or law enforcement investigation, is eligible to receive services through the Carrie Lynn Children's Center.

Suspected child abuse can be reported by ANYONE by contacting the Department of Children & Family Services Hotline at 800-252-2873 or your local law enforcement agency. In the event of an emergency please call 9-1-1.

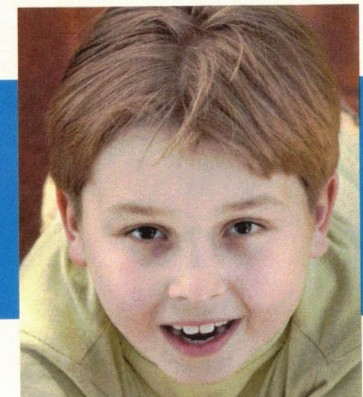
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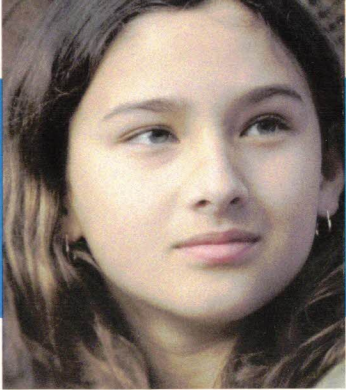
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The Carrie Lynn Children's Center

The Carrie Lynn Children's Center (CLCC) is a bright and friendly building that serves as a central location for providing the many initial services needed by child victims of severe physical and sexual abuse. From the colorful walls to the child-sized furniture, children are embraced by a comfortable setting as they begin the arduous legal process.

The main goal of the Carrie Lynn Children's Center is to help reduce the trauma by improving the efficiency of the systems which respond to child victims of abuse.

Crisis Intervention Program

After a disclosure of abuse is made by a child victim, her/his life may change dramatically. The Crisis Intervention Program is staffed with a counselor that is available on-site at the Carrie Lynn Children's Center to respond to the interim needs of the children and their families.

In addition, the crisis counselor will assist the multi-disciplinary team in making sound decisions for the child's health and safety and best interests. The crisis counselor will also assist families in arranging long-term linkage to counseling services.



Children's Medical Site

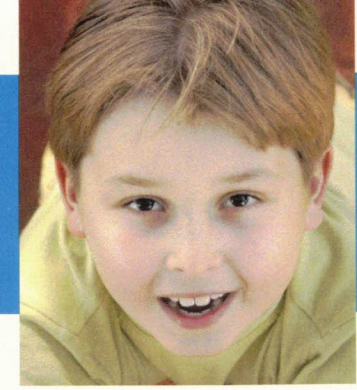
The Children's Medical Site began serving child victims of child sexual and child physical abuse in 1995. The site moved to the Carrie Lynn Children's Center in November of 1997.

The Children's Medical Site is staffed by The MERIT Program medical professionals who are specially trained in the medical evaluations of child sexual and child physical abuse examinations. The site has state-of-the-art equipment such as a colposcope to assist these medical providers in completing a child-sensitive exam.

Community Education Program

The CLCC offers personal safety programs (sexual abuse prevention) and informational presentations on the dynamics of sexual abuse for children and adolescents in their classroom settings.

The CLCC also provides training to parents, educators, and other professionals covering indicators of abuse, handling disclosures, mandated reporting and the role of the CLCC.



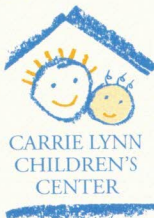
Victim Services Program

The Victim Services Program coordinates the investigations and prosecutions of child abuse cases including sexual abuse as well as severe physical abuse. The Victim Services Program coordinates the multi-disciplinary team response to these cases by coordinating victim-sensitive interviews, pre- and post-interview team staffings, conducting follow-up case reviews and entering case information into a state-of-the-art computerized case tracking system.

Additionally, the CLCC provides children and families with crisis intervention and non-emergency medical care and refers for long term services. Follow up contact and legal advocacy for court involved cases are also provided.

Consultation Team

The Consultation Team is a group of therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, pediatricians, and attorneys who volunteer their time to assist case workers, investigators, therapists, state's attorney's or any other professional involved with a child abuse/neglect case.



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