

Victim's Rights and Services

Welcome to Cherish Child Advocacy Center!

The Cherish Center is a Nationally Accredited Child Advocacy Center (CAC). We are a neutral, safe place where children and teens can talk. We provide interviews, advocacy, referrals and community trainings.

The Cherish Center partners with a team of professionals called the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT), which helps the child avoid having to tell their story over and over. The MDT will be observing the interview from a closed-circuit camera at The Cherish Center.

Today, your MDT includes:

Law Enforcement:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Department of Child Services:

Name: _____ Phone Number: 317-773-2183

Cherish Family Advocate:

Name: _____ Phone Number: 317-773-3275

This team may also includes a representative from the prosecutor's office.

Interview:

A professionally trained forensic interviewer will speak with your child one-on-one to make them feel as comfortable as possible and to maintain the integrity of the process. Although called an interview, it will feel more like a conversation. The interview is developmentally appropriate, non-leading and non-traumatic. The MDT will be observing the interview as it is happening. At the end of the interview, a representative from the MDT may speak with you about their process moving forward.

Advocacy:

A family advocate will be present with you during the child's interview. They can answer your questions, provide education, emotional support, and refer for services. This could be trauma therapy, medical services, or other needed community resources. After your visit today, the advocate will follow up with you about any ongoing needs that your family may have via phone call, email, or text. Although the advocate will reach out, please feel free to contact them!

Please let your family advocate know if there is anything you need, or we can do to help you feel more comfortable.

Know Your Rights:

According to Indiana Code Title 35, Article 40, Chapter 5, all victims have the:

- Right to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect.
- Right to freedom from intimidation, harassment and abuse throughout the criminal process.
- Right to be informed upon request about release of escape from custody of the perpetrator.
- Right to confer with the prosecutor's office.
- Right to have 'safety of victim' be considered in determining perpetrator's release from custody.
- Right to be heard at any proceeding involving sentencing or release via oral or written statement.
- Right to pursue an order of restitution
- Right to information about criminal case or perpetrator
- Right to be informed about victim's rights.
- Right to an electronic transcript of an appeal.

For the entire Code, please scan the QR code to be linked to the website:



Sexual Assault Nurse Examination (SANE)

The purpose of the SANE is to assess the health and well-being of the child in a quiet, safe and secure environment. A SANE will never be forced, and all control is left to the child. The goal of the exam is to reassure that everything is okay with the child's body, treat medical conditions that may or may not be related to child abuse, while providing emotional support and age-appropriate communication.

The nurse will recommend appropriate follow up, provide resources, and meet individually with caregivers to discuss any concerns and to review exam findings.

The Center for Hope Clinic at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital

Visit the ER or call 317-338-3153 to schedule an appointment or speak to a member of their team. The Center for Hope will also assess physical abuse and neglect.

Community Hospital- Anderson

Visit the ER or call 765-298-5598 to schedule or to speak with a member of the team. Community Hospital will only assess sexual assault.

Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN)

The Indiana SAVIN program is a free, automated hotline that provides crime victims with vital information and notification 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This service will allow individuals to obtain offender information and to register for notification of a change in offender status, such as offender release. All registrations through Indiana SAVIN are kept completely confidential. Register by calling 1-866-891-0330 or visit their website by scanning the QR code.



Victim Compensation

The Indiana Violent Crime Victim Compensation Fund through Indiana Criminal Justice Institute strives to assist victims, or their dependents, with certain costs as a direct result of a violent crime. These funds can assist with medical bills, mental health counseling, lost wages, and other unforeseen circumstances related to the crime.

By law, the program is a **payer of last resort**, which means applicants are compensated for covered expenses that have not been and will not be compensated from any other source. For more information, and to see if you are eligible, please scan the QR code for the ICJI website.



Prevail

Prevail offers free victim support services for children through adults. Scan the QR code or call 317-776-3472 for information.



National Child Traumatic Stress Network

The National Child traumatic Stress Network gives useful information about Trauma and the response adults and children can have. Scan the QR code to get more information and resources to support your child.

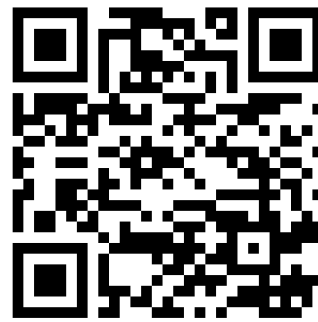
Mental Health Resources:

- If you are in immediate danger: _____ 911
- To report suspected abuse: _____ 1-800-800-5556
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Call or Text: _____ 988
- St. Vincent 24/7 Stress Line: _____ 317-338-4800 option 2
- Community Health Network Crisis Line: _____ 317-621-5700 option 1

Family Resources:



Scan for Cherish’s website to get information on how to support your child, resources and information.



Free Legal Support Indiana
Scan or call 765-521-0790



Scan for Netsmartz, a website for more information about internet safety.



Internet Crimes Against Child's (ICAC) SMART guide for parents on technology. Scan to read more and get linked to key resources.