

**Partner Agency Contact  
Information:**

Child Protective Services Hotline:  
1-888-SOS-CHILD (1-888-767-2445)

St. Joseph's Medical Center:  
(602) 282-0078

Pinal County Attorney's Office  
Victim's Services Unit:  
(520) 866-6813

Pinal County Sheriff's Office:  
(520) 866-6800

Apache Junction Police Department:  
(480) 982-8260

Casa Grande Police Department:  
(520) 421-8700

City of Maricopa Police Department:  
(520)316-6800

Coolidge Police Department:  
(520) 723-3091

Eloy Police Department:  
(520) 466-7324

Florence Police Department:  
(520) 868-7681

Mammoth Police Department:  
(520) 487-2248

Superior Police Department:  
(520) 689-5254



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Serve the people  
Do Justice*

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# The Family Advocacy Center



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## The Pinal County Attorney's Family Advocacy Center

The Center's goal is to reduce the stress families and especially children may experience, during the investigation of a crime against them.

### The Center aims to:

**Ensure** victims are treated with respect and dignity throughout the investigative process.

**Perform** forensic interviews and medical exams in a child-friendly and safe environment.

**Minimize** trauma and re-victimization, by limiting the number of interviews and medical examinations victims are subjected to.

**Provide** counseling and advocate services to assist victims and their families.

**Improve** the lives of abused, neglected and at-risk children by promoting a multidisciplinary team approach to child abuse investigations.

The Center incorporates a multidisciplinary team approach to abuse investigations. The staff consists of representatives from:

- County Attorney's Office
- Pinal County Sheriff's Office
- Eloy Police Department
- Casa Grande Police Department
- Child Protective Services
- St. Joseph's Medical Center

## Types of child abuse

**Neglect** is defined as the caregiver's failure to adequately provide for the child's physical or emotional needs.

**Physical Abuse** is defined as a physical act, that may cause physical injury.

**Emotional Abuse** is defined as a systematic destruction of a person's emotional well being.

**Sexual Abuse** is defined as involvement of a child in sexual activity to provide sexual gratification or financial benefit for the perpetrator.

### If you suspect a child has been abused:

Call law enforcement at **911** and Child Protective Services at **1-888-SOS-CHILD**

### Provide support for the victim, but:

**DO NOT**- question the child

**DO NOT**- show emotion or make comments (positive or negative)

**DO NOT**- contact the offender

**DO NOT**- conduct an "independent investigation"

**DO NOT**- force the victim to confront the offender

**DO NOT**- allow the accused to confront the victim

## Child friendly environment

The Family Advocacy Center has an on-site medical room where forensic exams are conducted.

The Center also has a playroom for children.

The purpose of the exams is to collect any forensic medical evidence of a crime and to determine the health and well-being of crime victims.

These exams are performed by specially trained medical professionals.

The playroom is overseen by a caregiver, who is sensitive to each child's individual needs and tries to minimize the negative impact of such an experience.

