



## Children's Advocacy Center *of Centre County*

### Our mission

The mission of the Children's Advocacy Center of Centre County, Mount Nittany Health, is to meet the needs of the children and families in our community by providing a community based, child-focused center that facilitates a compassionate, multi-disciplinary approach to the prevention, identification, intervention and treatment of child abuse.

### What happens at the Children's Advocacy Center of Centre County, Mount Nittany Health?

Our primary focus is on the well being of the child. Our team works together to make each child feel safe and secure, and to ensure that each child is given the opportunity to share their account of reported abuse, neglect, or other crimes they may have been victim or witness to.

During a visit to the Children's Advocacy Center, children are invited to share their experience to one staff member, trained in the Forensic Interview model. In the interest of their overall health and wellness, the child is also offered a medical exam (provided by Mount Nittany Physician Group Pediatrics) during this appointment.

### The healing process

Following the appointment, the investigative team continues to work together to ensure that the child is provided with adequate support in their healing process and remains actively engaged in making referrals to community services.

### How to help the Children's Advocacy Center of Centre County, Mount Nittany Health

Because all of our services are offered to victims and their families at no charge, we rely largely on donations to be able to continue to offer this valuable support to children in our community.

If you or your organization is interested in supporting the Children's Advocacy Center of Centre County, contact The Foundation for Mount Nittany Medical Center at 814.234.6777 or donate online at [give.mountnittany.org](http://give.mountnittany.org).

If you or someone you love suspect abuse or neglect of children, contact the toll-free, anonymous ChildLine at **1.800.932.0313** or the Centre County Office of Children & Youth Services at **814.355.6755**.

