

The CJC Model



File a Report

When abuse is suspected, an individual reports it to child protective services or law enforcement.

*Role of law enforcement: public safety. Response: immediate.
Role of CPS: ensure child is safe. Response: Priority assigned (24-72 hours).
CJCs do not have the authority to accept a child abuse report or open a case.*

Child Visits CJC

Instead of a child having to visit each agency in an investigation, the CJC model brings each agency to one child-friendly setting. This design minimizes trauma, increases access to services, and improves coordination during the investigative process.

Joint Investigation Begins

- Forensic Interview
- Evidence Collective
- Witnesses Interviewed
- Medical Treatment & Exam if needed

CJC Coordinated Case Review with Team Members

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecutor
- Child Protective Services
- Medical Provider
- Mental Health Provider
- Victim Advocate
- CJC Professional

Case Presented to County Attorney

A

Suspect charged or case declined.

B

Case opened for services or case closed.

Support Services

Abused children and their families receive referrals for support services such as mental health treatment, medical care, and victim resources. Professionals work with the family to provide support as the case moves through the justice system