

Signs of Abuse

- Unexplained injuries that do not fit the story
- Extreme behavior changes
- Extreme willingness to please
- A child is afraid to go home or avoids home
- Fear of a particular person
- Drastic change in school participation
- A child's basic needs are not being met

Reporting suspected abuse in Rock County

CPS: (608) 757-5401, after-hours 757-2244

Rock County Sheriff: (608) 757-2244

Janesville Police: (608) 755-3100

Beloit Police: (608) 364-6800

For EMERGENCY cases call 911

YWCA Rock County's Mission:

It is our mission to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Our vision aims to make YWCA Rock County our county's community leader in education and action for empowering women, children and families, and the influencing force for dismantling racism.

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YWCA rock county is committed to providing equal opportunity and reasonable accommodations in its services, programs, activities, and employment.

CARE House

rock county's child advocacy center



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eliminating racism
empowering women

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Rock County

CARE House

YWCA CARE House Mission

To provide a coordinated, child-centered response to the prevention, investigation, and treatment of child abuse and neglect; and to participate in advocacy efforts on behalf of the best interest of children.

What is the YWCA CARE House?

YWCA CARE House is Wisconsin's first child advocacy center. Our main function is to facilitate forensic interviews of children when there has been an allegation of child abuse.

CARE House provides a safe, comfortable, and child friendly place for children to tell their stories. The purpose of recording their interview minimizes the trauma of the investigation by eliminating duplicate interviews.

Services Offered

- A safe and child-friendly environment to conduct forensic child abuse interviews
- A support group for victims of child abuse
- A resource room and lending library
- Presentations and tours to community groups
- A place to call with child abuse questions

The Multi-Disciplinary Team

The Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) includes representatives from the YWCA, Child Protective Services, Law Enforcement, Office of District Attorney, Victim/Witness Office, Probation/Parole, Medical/Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, Mental Health.

This team of professionals gathers at CARE House and works together in the best interest of the child. Members of the team come together at the time of an interview to minimize the trauma of the investigation by reducing the number of times a child needs to tell his or her story.

The Interview

A professionally trained interviewer asks open-ended questions and reassures the child they are not in trouble. The interview takes place in a room designed specifically for that purpose in a calm and neutral setting. Other members of the MDT observe the process on a monitor from a nearby viewing room. Forensic interviews are recorded and become evidence.

Parents and caregivers wait in the family room with a CARE House Child/Family Advocate. This is an opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and reduce anxiety. The Child/Family Advocate brings comfort to a family during this difficult time, and offers them resources for continued support and healing. Following the interview, parents are briefed on basic details of the interview and the next steps in this process.

Follow-ups and Referrals

CARE House Child/Family Advocates make referrals to individual and family counseling after the interview, and follow up with families at regular intervals. An advocate can also connect families with other helpful community agencies as needed.

Support Groups

CARE House offers many support groups to children who have experienced trauma and their caregivers. The groups meet weekly and are free to participants. Topics covered include feelings, trust-building, self-esteem, friendship, violence and keeping safe.

Presentations

CARE House offers age-appropriate presentations and tours to schools, daycare providers and other interested groups in the community.

Please contact the YWCA's main office at (608) 752-5445 to arrange a tour or speaking engagement about CARE House.

Child Abuse Definition

WI State Statute 48.02

Physical injury inflicted on child other than by accidental means, sexual abuse/exploitation, emotional damage, (harm to child's psychological or intellectual functioning which is exhibited by anxiety, depression, or other outward behavior) or neglect (failure to provide necessities of life); on unborn child, habitual lack of self-control by expectant mother in use of alcohol and controlled drugs.



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