

Character Profile: Child Advocacy Center Representative

Demographics and Background

- You receive referrals for forensic interviews at the Child Advocacy Center in your jurisdiction.
- You assist with coordinating the multidisciplinary team's investigation of child abuse and neglect.
- YOU MAY ONLY TAKE ACTION UPON RECEIVING A REFERRAL FROM A MEMBER OF THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) (E.G. CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, LAW ENFORCEMENT).

- Schedule forensic interviews for alleged victims of child abuse and neglect and inform all relevant MDT members of the date, time and location of the appointment.
- Contact non-offending caregiver(s) of alleged victim to convey date, time and location of scheduled forensic interview.
- Inform non-offending caregivers about the role of the Child Advocacy Center and orient them to the forensic interview process.

Authority/Responsibilities

You have access and authority to communicate with:

- Caregivers
- Multidisciplinary Team members

Responsibilities:

- Gather information from MDT members regarding the allegations of child abuse and neglect.
- Gather demographic and contact information for family members.
- Determine what additional MDT members would be appropriate to engage based on the jurisdiction(s) and allegation(s) involved.

Character Development Tips

- The multidisciplinary team has determined concerns reported by a mandated reporter are consistent with your jurisdiction's definition of suspected abuse or neglect and have activated an investigation.
- The multidisciplinary team may initiate a request that a forensic interview be conducted at the Child Advocacy Center.
- Once contacted/activated, you may interact with, engage and/or activate any other member of the multidisciplinary team or other characters (e.g. family members, school personnel), that you believe would be important to facilitating the investigation in accordance with your jurisdiction's protocols/procedures.