

Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center

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Mission Statement:	The mission of the Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center is to lessen the trauma of child abuse victims by providing intervention services at a central location.
Operational Since:	1995
Annual CAC Budget:	\$300,000 - 499,999
Service Area:	Single County
County(ies) Served:	Taylor
Community Characteristics:	Rural
CAC Model:	Independent
Case Criteria:	Sexual Abuse Physical Abuse Neglect Child Fatality Child Witness Child at Risk Sexual and Physical Abuse
Ages of Children Served:	0 to 17
Average Number of Children Receiving First Time Core CAC Services Each Month:	39
Interagency Partners:	Abilene Police Department Crime Victim Crisis Center Merkel Police Department Taylor County Commissioners' Court Taylor County District Attorney's Office Taylor County Sheriff's Office Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Tye Police Department United States Air Force-Office of Special Investigations
Interagency Partners Housed On Site:	Yes
Core Program Components/Services:	Cases Reviewed by MDT Forensic Interviews Off Site Mental Health Services Off Site Sexual Assault Exams Volunteer Program
Additional Services Provided:	Assistance With Completion Of CVC Application Child Fatality Review Team Drug Endangered Children Team Information Regarding Client's Case, Services Available, Criminal/Civil Justice System Medical/Hospital Accompaniment Non-forensic Exams, Assessments, Consults, and/or Treatment Rainbow Room-type Services Referral for and/or Coordination of Other Social/Family Services Prevention Program Community Education Internship Program Intake Domestic Violence Family Advocacy Training for Partner Agencies Mandated Reporter Training
Center Staff Positions and Time Staffed:	Executive Director (fte) Forensic Interviewer (fte) Secretary (fte) Crime Victims Interns (2 pte)
Facility Information:	Square footage: 3,250. Part of a larger complex. Located in the Abilene/Taylor County Law Enforcement Center, commercial site, handicap accessible. Owned by the City of Abilene and Taylor County.

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County Government
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