

Children's Advocacy Center of Hidalgo County/Estrella's House

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Executive Director:	Victoria Medina, Interim Directo (victoria@cachidalgo.org)
Mission Statement:	The Center's mission is to reduce the emotional trauma to child abuse victims by facilitating a multidisciplinary team approach, which supports the prevention of child abuse through community education and promotes the effective prosecution of those who perpetrate crimes against children.
Operational Since:	2000
Annual CAC Budget:	\$500,000 - 999,999
Service Area:	Multi-county
County(ies) Served:	Hidalgo, Starr
Community Characteristics:	Mixed
CAC Model:	Independent
Case Criteria:	Sexual Abuse Physical Abuse Child Witness Sexual and Physical Abuse
Ages of Children Served:	2 to 17
Average Number of Children Receiving First Time Core CAC Services Each Month:	78
Interagency Partners:	Alamo Police Department Alton Police Department City of La Grulla Police Department Donna Police Department Edcouch Police Department Edinburg Police Department Elsa Police Department Hidalgo City Police Department Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office La Joya Police Department La Villa Police Department McAllen Police Department Mercedes Police Department Mission Police Department Palm View Police Department Palmhurst Police Department Penitas Police Department Pharr Police Department Progreso Police Department Rio Grande City Police Department Rio Grande ISD Police Department Roma Police Department San Juan Police Department Starr County Attorney's Office Starr County District Attorney's Office Starr County Sheriff's Office Sullivan City Police Department Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Weslaco Police Department
Interagency Partners Housed On Site:	No
Core Program Components/Services:	Cases Reviewed by MDT Forensic Interviews Off Site Mental Health Services Off Site Sexual Assault Exams On Site Mental Health Services On Site Sexual Assault Exams Volunteer Program

Additional Services Provided:	Assistance With Completion Of CVC Application Court Accompaniment Court School/Trial Preparation Information Regarding Client's Case, Services Available, Criminal/Civil Justice System Non-forensic Exams, Assessments, Consults, and/or Treatment Rainbow Room-type Services Referral for and/or Coordination of Other Social/Family Services Community Education Satellite Offices Extended Forensic Assessments Case Management/Tracking Training for Professionals and Community
Center Staff Positions and Time Staffed:	Executive Director (fte) Program Supervisor (fte) Forensic Interviewer (3 fte) Family Advocate Coordinator (fte) Family Victim Liaison (fte) Bookkeeper/Accountant (pte) Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) (3 pte) Licensed Professional Counselor (pte) Support Advocate (fte)
Facility Information:	Square footage: 6,300. The Center is conveniently centered among the County Courthouse and the Edinburg Police Department. The Center is designed with a lobby, 2 waiting areas, child play area, multiple offices, 2 forensic interview rooms, 2 monitoring rooms, sexual assault examining room, large conference area, therapy and play therapy room, complete kitchen and is handicap accessible.
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