

# The Gingerbread House Ellis County Children's Advocacy Center

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<b>Mission Statement:</b>	The Gingerbread House (Ellis County Children's Advocacy Center) provides a child-friendly environment that facilitates a coordinated intervention process minimizing further trauma to the child. The Center's goal is to optimize the investigative and prosecution process, provide quality legal, psychological, social, and medical services to abused children, while heightening community awareness.
<b>Operational Since:</b>	1999
<b>Annual CAC Budget:</b>	\$200,000 - 249,999
<b>Service Area:</b>	Single County
<b>County(ies) Served:</b>	Ellis
<b>Community Characteristics:</b>	Mixed
<b>CAC Model:</b>	Independent
<b>Case Criteria:</b>	Sexual Abuse Physical Abuse Neglect Child Fatality Child Witness Sexual and Physical Abuse
<b>Ages of Children Served:</b>	3 to 17
<b>Average Number of Children Receiving First Time Core CAC Services Each Month:</b>	17
<b>Interagency Partners:</b>	Bardwell Police Department Ellis County District Attorney's Office Ellis County Juvenile Probation Department Ellis County Sheriff's Department Ennis Police Department Ferris Police Department Garrett Police Department Glenn Heights Police Department Italy Police Department Maypearl Police Department Midlothian Police Department Milford Police Department Ovilla Police Department Palmer Police Department Red Oak Police Department Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Waxahachie Police Department
<b>Interagency Partners Housed On Site:</b>	Yes

<b>Core Program Components/Services:</b>	Cases Reviewed by MDT Forensic Interviews On Site Mental Health Services
<b>Additional Services Provided:</b>	Child Fatality Review Team Court Accompaniment Court School/Trial Preparation Prevention Program Community Education Training for Partner Agencies, local ISD's, and Community and Civic Organizations
<b>Center Staff Positions and Time Staffed:</b>	Executive Director (fte) Forensic Interviewer (fte) Psychotherapist (fte)
<b>Facility Information:</b>	Square footage: 3,703. The Ellis County Children's Advocacy Center dba "The Gingerbread House" moved into their new building in December 2007. It is located north of downtown Waxahachie with quick access to the Ellis County Courthouse, Ellis County Sheriff's Office and the Waxahachie Police Station. Included in the building are offices for an Investigator for the Ellis County District Attorney's Office, an Assistant District Attorney, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' Caseworker, Law Enforcement Investigators, interview room, observation room, kitchen area, two public restrooms, two staff restrooms, conference room, board room and the family waiting and play area.
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