

# West Texas Children's Advocacy Center

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<b>Mission Statement:</b>	The West Texas Children's Advocacy Center mission is to bring unity and efficiency to investigations of child abuse through the use of a multi-disciplinary team by coordinating investigations and sharing information and resources. The team is comprised of Law Enforcement, Department of Family and Protective Services, Medical and Mental Health Professionals, Prosecutors, and other individuals and disciplines as necessary; thereby, providing the best possible services to restore the lives of victims of child abuse, their families, and our community.
<b>Operational Since:</b>	2000
<b>Annual CAC Budget:</b>	\$150,000 - 199,999
<b>Service Area:</b>	Multi-county
<b>County(ies) Served:</b>	Borden, Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry
<b>Community Characteristics:</b>	Rural
<b>CAC Model:</b>	Independent
<b>Case Criteria:</b>	Sexual Abuse Physical Abuse Child Witness Sexual and Physical Abuse
<b>Ages of Children Served:</b>	0 to 17
<b>Average Number of Children Receiving First Time Core CAC Services Each Month:</b>	25
<b>Interagency Partners:</b>	132nd District Attorney's Office 32nd Judicial District Attorney's Office Borden County Sheriff Colorado City Police Department Fisher County Sheriff's Office High Sky Children's Ranch Mitchell County Sheriff's Office Nolan County Sheriff's Office Roscoe Police Department Scurry County Sheriff Snyder Police Department Sweetwater Police Department Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
<b>Interagency Partners Housed On Site:</b>	Yes
<b>Core Program Components/Services:</b>	Cases Reviewed by MDT Forensic Interviews Off Site Mental Health Services Off Site Sexual Assault Exams On Site Mental Health Services Volunteer Program
<b>Additional Services Provided:</b>	Assistance With Completion Of CVC Application Court Accompaniment Court School/Trial Preparation Information Regarding Client's Case, Services Available, Criminal/Civil Justice System Referral for and/or Coordination of Other Social/Family Services Case Management/Tracking Training for Partner Agencies Courtesy Interviews/Services Education for Grades K-6 Community Education
<b>Center Staff Positions and Time Staffed:</b>	Executive Director (fte) Clinical Case Manager (fte) Family Advocate (pte)
<b>Facility Information:</b>	Square footage: 2,200. Neutral site. Interview room, family/play room, conference room, observation room.

**Funding Sources:** County Government:  
Foundations  
NCA  
OVAG  
Special Events  
VOCA  
Civic Organizations  
Individual Donors