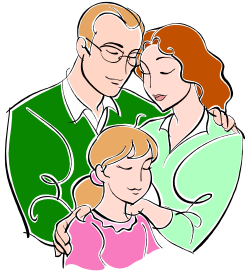


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WICOMICO CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Mission

To partner for better investigation, assessment, prosecution and treatment for children and families impacted by child abuse and neglect.

Vision

To be a precedent setting organization that offers a comprehensive array of services including investigation, assessment, prosecution and treatment.

The Child Advocacy Center will provide the highest quality of services and is committed to the use of nationally recognized standards of excellence.

Also, the Child Advocacy Center will contribute to preventing child abuse and neglect in Wicomico County.



WICOMICO CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER PARTNERING AGENCIES

Life Crisis Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 387
Salisbury, MD 21803

Maryland State Police, Barrack E
2765 N. Salisbury Boulevard
Salisbury, MD 21801

Salisbury Police Department
699 West Salisbury Parkway
Salisbury, MD 21801

Wicomico County Department of Social Services
201 Baptist Street
Salisbury, MD 21802

Wicomico County Sheriff's Office
401 Naylor Mill Road
Salisbury, MD 21801

Wicomico County State's Attorney's Office
P.O. Box 1006
Salisbury, MD 21803

Wicomico Partnership for Families and Children
540 Riverside Drive, Suite 13
Salisbury, MD 21803



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926 Snow Hill Road
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NON-OFFENDING CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP



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NON-OFFENDING CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

GOALS & PURPOSE

This group will be to provide an environment for support and education to non-offending caregivers of children who have been sexually or physically abused. The group is not a substitute for individual therapy. If the co-leaders or the participant(s) feel there is a need for individual therapy, instead of/or in addition to the group, this can be provided.

TECHNIQUES AND PROCEDURES THAT MAY BE USED

The group will be facilitated by co-leaders. The group sessions may consist of open discussions, guest lecturers or structured group exercises. On-going assessments will occur by the co-leaders to determine what topic or needs/issues should be addressed. Topics will be prepared in advance; however, if group members present with more urgent matters, these concerns can be addressed. Various topics will be explored such as Department of Social Services system, stress management, offender characteristics, parenting skills, communication skills, limit setting and boundaries,

behavior expectations of the victim, legal system, State's Attorney's Office, Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, and parenting assessment topics.

POLICIES RELATED TO ENTERING/EXITING THE GROUP

Each member will be interviewed upon entering the group. The co-leaders will help you decide if group is appropriate for you.

A client may either voluntarily or involuntarily leave the group. An attempt will be made for the client to meet with both co-leaders upon exiting the group. Other referrals will be given to the client to continue the therapeutic process in a different manner. After thirty (30) days of no contact with the client, the co-leaders will send a discharge letter to the client, terminating services.

TIME PARAMETERS

The group will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If a holiday falls on one of these Thursdays, the group will not meet. Please try to be punctual so this does not hinder the group session. The front door will be locked at 5:40 p.m.



Karen Hughes, MC, CCPT—Ms.

FACILITATORS

Natalie Cherrix, LGSW—Before joining Life Crisis Center, Inc. as a child therapist, Ms. Cherrix worked as a counselor at a domestic violence shelter and as a Rape Crisis Advocate for four years in Delaware. Ms. Cherrix also has experience in working with domestic violence offenders and adults with HIV/AIDS. Her education consists of the following:

- Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, Salisbury University
- Master of Social Work, Delaware State University

Christine Maine, LGSW—Ms. Maine joined the Wicomico Child Advocacy Center in September 2004 as a Family Advocate. She has also worked at Transitions and Community Crisis Care, both affiliated with Go-Getters, Inc., as well as Go-Getter's day program. Ms. Maine also worked as a school counselor at Delmar Middle and Senior High School. Her education consists of the following:

- Bachelor of Arts: Communication Arts, Salisbury University
- Master of Social Work, Salisbury University