

## BENEFITS OF A CAC IN OUR COMMUNITY

Reduced trauma to  
Child Victims

Medical and mental health  
referrals are completed  
more efficiently, and  
treatments are  
trauma-focused

Child abuse reports are  
investigated more  
promptly and thoroughly  
through the MDT

Child victims and their  
non-offending caregivers  
participate in healing  
together

More offenders are held  
accountable because  
prosecutions are more  
successful

Duplication of effort is  
eliminated

The number of costly and  
repetitious child victim  
interviews is greatly  
reduced

Prevention & Education of  
the community,  
stakeholders, and  
professionals is increased  
and evidence-based



Guardians for New Futures, Inc. (GFNF) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports the unfunded needs of maltreated and underserved youth, while increasing community awareness and education to further protect children.

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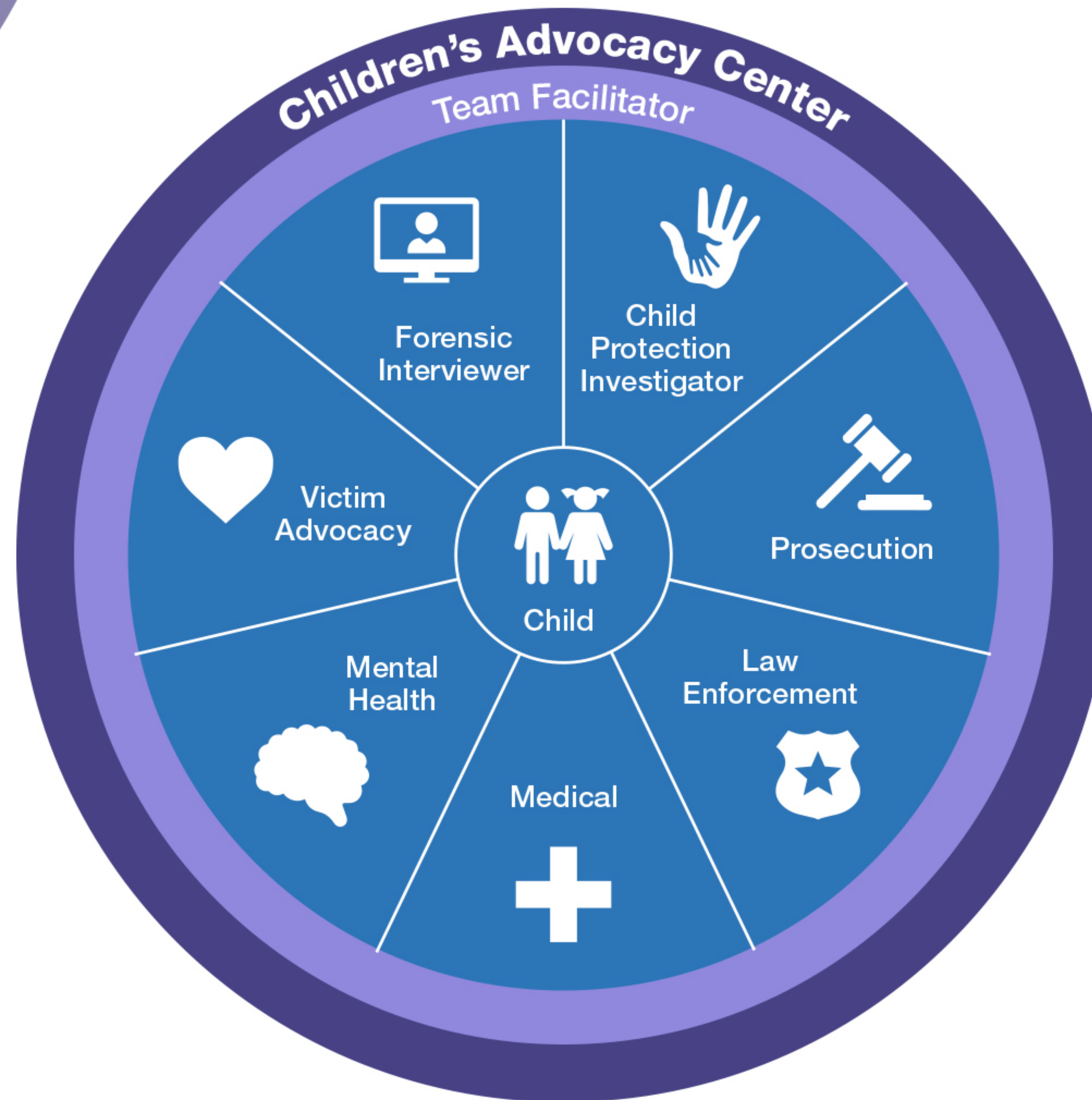
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**Report Abuse**  
**1-800-96-ABUSE**





## MEMBERS OF THE CAC TEAM



## WHAT IS A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER?

The Children's Advocacy Center is a safe place for kids who may have been abused. The center brings together a team of specially trained professionals who evaluate and investigate cases of child abuse and help children and their families. The center has been designed to help you and your child feel comfortable, safe and minimize trauma. We provide children and their families with proven, evidence-based mental health services which enable them to get past the trauma and go on with their lives.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 3 girls are sexually abused before turning 18
- 1 in 5 boys are sexually abused before turning 18
- 95% of child sex abuse victims know their abuser
- 95% of abuse is preventable through education

**State Attorneys Office**

**Children's Home Society**

**Hibiscus Children's Center**

**Law Enforcement**

**Sexual Assault Assistance Program**

**Florida Department of Children & Families**



**Hibiscus Children's Center**  
Saving Children Since 1985



## SERVICES WE OFFER

- ✓ We provide a safe, supportive environment for children who may have been physically or sexually abused or have witnessed a violent act.
- ✓ A multidisciplinary team approach to child abuse investigations with compassion and coordination.
- ✓ Medical evaluation and treatment by medical professionals.
- ✓ Sensitive forensic interviews conducted by a specially trained interviewer.
- ✓ Mental health services to meet specific needs of the children and caregivers.
- ✓ Advocacy case management services.
- ✓ Community prevention by raising awareness and knowledge of abuse.



**Gus**

Gus is our friend who helps children feel safe at our center.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US

