



Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County

Courtesy Service Area Memorandum of Understanding

I, the undersigned, do hereby pledge the support and participation of the Wise County
District Attorney's Office, which I represent, and all agency personnel involved in the investigation of child sexual abuse and serious physical abuse cases to:

Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County,

The jurisdictional area for this agency includes:

Denton County and Courtesy services to Cooke County and Wise County, Texas

I, the undersigned, understand that the primary goals of all Children's Advocacy Centers are to:

- (1) Minimize re-victimization of child abuse victims and their protective family members throughout the investigative and prosecutorial stages of these cases and beyond; and
- (2) To facilitate prosecution of perpetrators through an effective multidisciplinary approach to fact finding.

I, the undersigned, understand that CACs accomplish these goals through a unique public/private partnership that focuses on a multidisciplinary team approach to the investigative, prosecutorial and intervention processes which includes professionals from Child Protective Services, Law Enforcement, Prosecution and the Medical and Mental Health Communities.

I, the undersigned, understand that although our agency is not an official partner agency and our jurisdictional area is not within the official service area covered by Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County. However, we wish to utilize the specialized services and facilities available through the Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County on a courtesy basis. As a condition of being able to access these vital services, we agree to abide by all requirements set by the Center in regard to the provision of these services including those listed below. In addition, I understand the CAC may attach additional protocols and/or guidelines by which we will be asked to abide:

- Providing all intake information that must be provided at time of scheduling
- Attendance in observation room during forensic interviews
- Provision of information to family at time of interview

- Information sharing regarding case status and disposition with CAC and other agencies
- Attendance at case review/staffing meetings
- Training or CAC orientation attendance for all personnel involved with investigations

In signing this Memorandum of Understanding, we hereby acknowledge our support of efforts by the Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County to provide, as resources allow, courtesy services* to Wise County. I understand that priority for scheduling and provision of services is given to Denton County, the official service area and partner agencies of the Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County.

My signature below is intended to confirm my knowledge and understanding of the mission of the CAC and the protocols and guidelines my agency is required to abide by in order to access the services offered.

PRINTED NAME

TITLE/AGENCY

Bill McHenry

Wise County

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Bill McHenry

9-26-11

*Courtesy Services may include one or more of the following:

Videotaped Forensic Interviews
 Case Review/Staffing
 Crisis Intervention with Family
 Therapy Services for Child or Non-Offending Family Members
 Extended Forensic Assessments
 Assistance with Completing Crime Victims Compensation Application
 Court Testimony
 Sexual Assault Exams