

## **THE CENTER'S PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

### **GENERAL COUNSELING SERVICES**

Individual Therapy  
Marriage Counseling  
Play Therapy  
Group Therapy  
Child Sexual Abuse Treatment  
Domestic Violence Treatment

### **PREVENTION PROGRAMMING**

Domestic Violence Prevention  
Olweus Bullying Prevention Program  
Safe Dates  
Stewards of Children: Abuse  
Prevention Program  
Who Do You Tell?

### **VICTIM ADVOCACY**

### **SUPERVISED VISITATION/EXCHANGE SERVICES**

### **ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

Domestic Violence Safe House  
24-Hour Domestic Violence Hot Line  
Domestic Violence Support Groups  
Home Visitation Programs  
Speaker's Bureau  
Inservice Trainings  
Professional Development Workshops

### **LOCATIONS IN DEFIANCE, FULTON AND HENRY COUNTIES**

## **IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Center for Child and Family Advocacy  
Victim Advocate Program  
419-592-0540

House of Ruth  
Domestic Violence Safe House  
1-800-782-8555

Wauseon Police Department  
419-335-5041

Fulton County Sheriff's Office  
419-335-4010

Fulton County Prosecuting Attorney  
419-337-9240

Western District Municipal Court  
419-337-9212

Eastern District Municipal court  
419-826-5636

Fulton County Court of Common Pleas  
419-337-9260

**24 Hour Crisis Hotline**  
**1-800-782-8555**



**The Center for Child and Family  
Advocacy, Inc.**

## **VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM**

**Fulton County Family Justice  
Center**

120 E Chestnut Street  
Wauseon, OH 43567  
419-335-4255

# THE PROGRAM

The Victim Advocate Program of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy was established to respond to the needs of adults and children who are residents of Fulton County and are victims of sexual abuse, assault, domestic violence, menacing by stalking, aggravated trespassing, violation of a protection order, felonious assault, aggravated assault, and other violent and non-violent crimes.

The Victim Advocate is a trained professional who is available to offer emotional support and practical assistance to victims of crime and their families.

## **Victim Advocacy services are free of charge and confidential.**

Funding for the Victim Advocate Program is provided by the Victims of Crime Act grant program administered by the Ohio Attorney General.

# VICTIM SERVICES

## *Emotional Support*

The victim advocate offers emotional support to victims of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and other crimes.

## *Referrals*

The advocate is familiar with community resources and can assist victims in securing needed services.

## *Criminal Justice Information and Advocacy*

Perhaps the greatest difficulty for many crime victims in the midst of a traumatic experience is trying to understand and prepare for involvement in the criminal justice system. Through the Victim Advocacy Program, victims receive information on the processes and procedures of the criminal justice system. Victims receive ongoing information on the status of their case. Crime victims can request that a victim advocate accompany them in the courtroom or attend in their place.

## *24 Hour Crisis Assistance*

The victim advocate is available 24 hours a day to assist victims of crime.

## *Crime Victims Compensation*

The victim advocate is familiar with the Victims of Crime Compensation Program. The advocate is available to assist the victim in completing the application for compensation.

## *Civil Protection Orders*

The victim advocate assists victims of domestic violence and stalking with completing and filing Civil Protection and Civil Anti-Stalking Protection Orders.

# VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS

## **Victims have a right:**

- \* To be treated with dignity and compassion
- \* To protection from intimidation and harm
- \* To be informed concerning the criminal justice system
- \* To provide input into the criminal justice process, especially at such key points as plea bargaining, sentencing, and parole release hearings
- \* To restitution
- \* To due process in criminal court proceedings
- \* To timely notice of judicial proceedings, they are to attend, and timely notice of cancellation of any proceedings