**WELCOME TO THE HENRY COUNTY**

**CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC)**

Every family that comes to the CAC is eligible to receive Victim Advocacy Services. The role of the Victim Advocate is to:

* Answer any questions you may have about the investigative process.
* Help make the process as comfortable as possible for you and your child.
* Keep you updated on the status of your child’s case.
* Provide emotional support as you go through this difficult time.
* Provide information about the effects of abuse on children.
* Give you suggestions on what to say and do to best help and support your child.
* Explain your child’s rights as a crime victim and, if needed, assist you in accessing/obtaining these rights.
* Explain the Ohio Crime Victim’s Compensation program and assist you in completing an application.
* Provide you with information on the court process.
* Connect you with helpful community resources.
* Follow-up to make sure that you and your child are doing well.

**Today, next week, three months from now…**

**or whenever you have a question or need assistance,**

**contact Harmony Downing, Family Victim Advocate**

**419-592-0540 or 567-205-8069**

The CAC also provides short-term crisis counseling to help children who have been abused. Talk to your Victim Advocates for more details.

All CAC services are provided free of charge.