

## **AHS Child Abuse Service- Calgary Zone**

### **LOCATION:**

Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre (Child Development Centre)

3820 24 Avenue NW

### **SERVICE DESCRIPTION:**

A multidisciplinary, specialized service that provides medical assessment and therapeutic services to children who have been abused or neglected.

**Medical Stream:** For children who are suspected of having experienced physical, sexual, or medical (factitious disorder by caregiver) abuse as well as severe neglect. The referrals will be triaged to determine if a medical assessment of the child is warranted. Child Abuse Physicians are also available at any time for phone consultation by calling the ACH Switchboard (see below) and requesting the Child Abuse Physician on call.

**Therapeutic Stream:** Assess the impact of abuse and neglect on the referred child and provides therapeutic intervention to address emotional, behavioral and relational challenges associated with the abuse and neglect.

**Problem Sexual Behaviors Group Therapy:** For children aged 6-12. There does not need to be a history of abuse for children to be eligible for this program.

More information can be found in the Alberta Referral Directory and on Sheldon Kennedy CAC website <http://sheldonkennedycac.ca/>.

This service does not include investigation of suspected child abuse. To report child abuse call Children's Services (SSRT) at the 24 hour line 403-297-2995 or police.

### **REFERRAL PROCESS:**

Routine: Fax 403-428-5379

Urgent: During the hours of 8:30 – 4:30 call 403-428-5320 to speak to the Nurse Clinician  
After hours call the ACH switchboard 404-955-7211 for the Child Abuse Physician on call