

In New Brunswick a police report is filed about the sexual maltreatment of a child almost every single day.*

*In 2016 Statistics Canada reported 342 cases of either sexual assault or sexual violence against children aged 0-17 years.

Kit's Place Child and Youth Advocacy Centre

is a community-based centre providing culturally competent, multidisciplinary services to sexual assault victims and their families.

Using a client-centred approach in a child-friendly, safe environment is proven to enhance outcomes related to the investigation, treatment, management, and prosecution of child and youth sexual abuse.



KIT'S PLACE Child and Youth
Advocacy Centre

A FAMILY PLUS/LIFE SOLUTIONS PROGRAM



Kit's Place was designed from the ground-up to:

- ensure collaborative, coordinated service delivery to victims and their families.
- minimize system-induced trauma by limiting the number of interviews and interventions.
- improve the quality of evidence, reduce delays in laying charges, and streamline the prosecution process.

Kit's Place's one-stop service delivery model means victims and families can access all the services they need, in one location, including:

- medical examinations and medical follow up
- therapy
- social work/Department of Social Development
- legal
- education
- victims' rights advocacy

Our services are both supported and delivered by a partnership of trusted agencies, including but not limited to:

- Family Plus
- New Brunswick Department of Social Development
- New Brunswick Department of Public Safety
- Anglophone School District – South
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners
- Pediatricians from the Regional Health Authority
- Saint John Police Force
- Kennebecasis Regional Police Force
- New Brunswick Office of the Attorney General
- New Brunswick Office of the Child and Youth Advocate
- Dr. David Stephen Memorial Foundation

What is a Child and Youth Advocacy Centre?

Child and Youth Advocacy Centres were first conceptualized to simplify the complex network of agencies victims needed to navigate, and to improve service delivery overall. They achieved that goal by putting the child in the very centre of the care model.

CYACs now exist throughout the United States and Canada.

In Canada, studies have shown that CYACs:

- alleviate both non-financial and financial hardship for clients.
- reduce stress and revictimization by providing a single point of contact.
- assist in navigating intimidating systems.
- address gaps in the system affecting particular clients.
- provide access to professionals with expertise working with child victims.
- provide access to child-friendly environments for forensic interviews.

Did you know?

- A kit is a baby fox.
- Red foxes are indigenous to New Brunswick.
- Foxes are known to be resilient, adaptable and smart.
- Many CYACs across Canada have adopted animal names.
- Kit's Place is the second CYAC to open in New Brunswick.

