

Bivona is the community resource for child abuse.

Bivona Child Advocacy Center is a safe, welcoming place where children who have been sexually or physically abused can begin their journey of healing. Our collaboration works together under one roof to protect, treat and counsel child victims and their families. From prevention and investigation through prosecution, Bivona provides a compassionate, efficient, cost-effective infrastructure for child abuse intervention.



Do you suspect child abuse?

We need all of you to help us protect children. If you suspect a child is being abused, TRUST YOUR GUT.

Report Abuse

NYS Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-342-3720

Make an Appointment

Bivona Child Advocacy Center (585) 935-7800

Advocate

Volunteers help provide comforting support to children, serve on committees, promote our mission and help organize and staff fundraising events.

Educate

Bivona offers educational programming. To request a presentation or participate in a **Darkness to Light** training class, contact us at BivonaCAC.org or call (585) 935-7800.

Donate

There are many ways to contribute—you can make a gift or attend one of our fundraising events throughout the year. You can channel your **United Way** donation to us through our Donor Designation #2411.

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Where the **trauma** of child abuse stops and **healing** begins.



Child abuse is an epidemic.

- **Nearly 5 children** die every day from child abuse and neglect—more than from Juvenile Diabetes, Multiple Sclerosis or Cancer.
- **1 in 10 children** will be sexually abused before the age of 18, but **only 10%** will disclose as a child.
- **90%** of abusers are someone the child knows, loves and trusts.
- **On average, 40%** of the children evaluated at Bivona reside in the suburbs.
- **More than 40%** of those children are under the age of 7.
- Child abuse is **100% preventable**.



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**Bivona's
21 partner
agencies**
surround
your child
with support,
protection
and care.

Bivona's multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach coordinates services among law enforcement, Child Protective Services, prosecutors, medical professionals, social workers, therapists, advocates and volunteers. Whenever possible, children participate in only one forensic interview, and one medical evaluation—a streamlined process which reduces the chances that the children are re-traumatized and preserves the best evidence for investigators.



Bivona's Mission and Vision

Our Mission: Bivona Child Advocacy Center delivers excellence in child abuse response, healing and prevention through collaborative service, awareness, education and leadership.

Our Vision: A community where all children are safe and free from abuse.

The experienced team at our secure and confidential facility offers these comprehensive services:

- Forensic interviews by trained professionals
- Victim advocacy support
- Mental health services
- Complete, private medical evaluation with minimal stress to the child
- Joint child protection and law enforcement investigations conducted without multiple victim interviews (to minimize trauma)
- Crisis intervention and counseling
- Advocacy, education and awareness

Prevention Education and Outreach

The first step in stopping child sexual abuse is education—and Bivona is THE community resource in this area. The blue ribbon is recognized as the symbol representing support for awareness and prevention of child abuse.

Bivona Summit on Child Abuse

The Annual Bivona Summit on Child Abuse is a multidisciplinary conference on child abuse issues for professionals working with children. The event has become the largest in the Northeast, drawing nationally-recognized speakers—serving professionals from law enforcement, social work, health care, legal, school personnel and other stewards of children.

Darkness to Light

Are you unsure of what to do if you suspect child sexual abuse? Bivona and the YMCA lead a collaborative of agencies in the Greater Rochester area to provide **Darkness to Light** training. The 2-hour training empowers adults to identify the risks and eliminate the potential for child sexual abuse to occur.

Corporate and Professional Presentations

Help us educate professionals and the community about child sexual abuse. Schedule a presentation for your workplace.

