

## How Does the CAC Model Work?

**Law Enforcement's** focus is to determine if a crime has been committed and to gather information and evidence necessary to hold an offender accountable.

**Department of Child Safety** is involved when a parent or caregiver is accused of the abuse of a child or when they have not protected a child from abuse. Their focus is child safety.

**Immediate Response**

**Priority Assigned**

**Child is brought to Southwest Family Advocacy Center**

**Joint investigation begins: Forensic Interview, Witness Interview, Medical Treatment and Exam and Crisis Counseling.**

**Advocacy Center coordinates Case Review with all members of multi-disciplinary team; law enforcement, prosecution, child protective services, forensic interviewer, medical professional, therapist, victim advocate.**

**Suspect arrested and charged. Case filed with Maricopa County Attorney's Office.**

**Case opened for services; child may be removed from home.**

**Child and family receive mental health services and victim advocate works with family to assess critical resources and provide support as the case moves through the justice system.**