



Butte Child Evaluation Center, Multi-Disciplinary Team

WHAT WORKS IN MONTANA

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GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

The Butte Child Evaluation Center (CEC) is the first accredited Child Advocacy Center in Montana. Its Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) is a coalition of public and private agencies that serves child victims of sexual and physical abuse and promotes dignity and respect while minimizing trauma, maximizing criminal prosecution, and ensuring continuity in treatment for the best outcome.

Child interviews and medical exams are conducted onsite. CEC also provides victim advocacy and mental health services so that children and families receive the services they need to begin healing. CEC also partners with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Butte to provide schools with prevention and safety education.

POPULATIONS SERVED

Children age 0 to 18 where there is an allegation of sexual and/or physical abuse, neglect, drug endangerment, witness to violence or internet crimes against children, and adults with developmental delays as requested by MDT.

MAJOR PARTNERS AND FUNDERS

Southwest Montana Community Health Center (Butte Child Evaluation Center), Butte Silver Bow Law Enforcement, Butte Division of Child and Family Services, Butte Silver Bow County Attorney, Dr. Jessie Salisbury, Montana Board of Crime Control, MCSART, Children's Alliance of Montana, National Children's Alliance

MAJOR OUTCOMES

Working effectively as a team.

Accredited by the National Children's Alliance since 2007.

Serving children and their families with a coordinated and thoughtful response.

INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESS

Bringing community partners together in discussion, creation, and maintenance of the MDT has ensured that families and victims are supported from start to resolution with the intent to reduce the effects of trauma on child development.

Data management is supported by National Children's Alliance (NCATrak), which tabulates information including demographics, services, participating team members, outcomes, and victim services discussed or referred.

ADVICE FOR OTHERS

"When we have law enforcement, family services, and medical providers who understand trauma-informed approaches to care, this benefits everyone and in the long run will likely improve overall health and wellness in our communities."

—Molly Molloy, Director of Behavioral Health and the Child Evaluation Center, Southwest Montana Community Health Center