



Dedicated to the children of
Arkansas who have been
harmed by child abuse

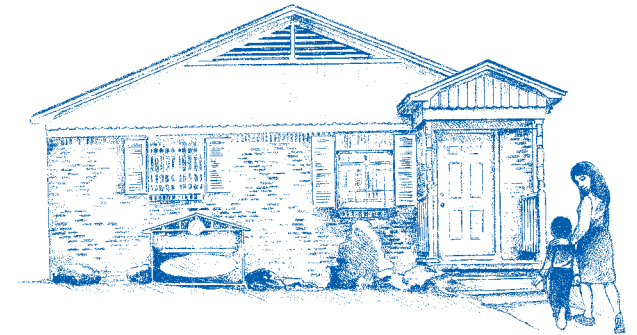


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Arkansas Children's House



A caring environment for
children harmed by abuse.

When a child has been a victim of physical or sexual abuse, questions must be asked and examinations made. However necessary, these can seem harsh to a child who already has suffered too much.

We know that. That is why the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences established the Arkansas Children's House in partnership with Arkansas Children's Hospital.



Why? Because these children are victims of crimes and need reassurance to know they are not at fault; because they are often confused and concerned about issues involving trust, family relationships, safety, and their health; and because their abuse is often private, intimate, and secretive.

The staff at Arkansas Children's House understands and provides additional support to abused children in order to meet their individual needs.

Comfortable and

Child-Friendly Environment

Only a block from Arkansas Children's Hospital, the Children's House provides a convenient place for interviewing families, examining children and initiating services for both. The atmosphere is warmer and friendlier than one finds in a hospital examining room, state agency office, or police station, creating a needed sense of safety and security for the children.

That's important, because abused children deserve special treatment.

Collaborative Effort

Children who have been abused, or are suspected of having suffered abuse, are referred to the Arkansas Children's House by hospital physicians and social workers, the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services, law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, community physicians, school nurses and health department clinics.

Once at Arkansas Children's House, the child can receive a gentle physical exam, crisis intervention, facilitation of services and referrals for psychological treatment. Professionals there work with professionals from community agencies toward the safety of children and wellness of families.

Community professionals are able to initiate their services at Children's House, again allowing the child the benefit of a secure environment during a trying time.

An Appropriate Setting

The cozy, red-brick house at 1600 Maryland provides an appropriate facility for the evaluation of abused children. The interior features homey furnishings in a pleasant waiting room as well as exam and interview rooms. There is a conference room for staff and interagency meetings.

Located at the far end of the block across the street from the Arkansas Children's Hospital entrance, we are easy to find.

