

In 1870, the founders of Child and Family Service were committed to improving the quality of life for women and children by providing needed shelter, food and clothing. Since that day the services of the agency have changed to continually meet the needs of those who live and/or work in Saginaw County.

Today, C&FS remains dedicated to improving and securing the quality of life for individuals and families. C&FS provides professional social work treatment and supportive services through its distinctive programs.



- **Counseling Center**
- **Employee Wellness Center—EAP**
- **Sexual Assault Center**

Our mission is to enhance
the quality of life
in our community
by fostering personal growth,
emotional development,
recovery from trauma,
self-reliance, and
healthy relationships.

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Sexual Assault Response Team

*A program of the
Sexual Assault Center*



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A Brief History

In 1997, a small group of nurses, staff from the Sexual Assault Program of Child and Family Services and law enforcement personnel from Saginaw Valley State University began meeting to find the best way to respond to victims of sexual assault. The result of those meetings was the Sexual Assault Task Force whose sole focus was developing and implementing a Sexual Assault Response Team in Saginaw County. In 2000, the Board of Directors was formalized and began using Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners at local hospitals. In June, 2001, SART/SANE became a service of Child and Family Service's Sexual Assault Program. SART/SANE began providing sexual assault forensic examinations on August 1, 2001.



A coordinated response to victims of sexual assault in Saginaw County.

- ***WHO:** Victims of sexual assault age 13 & older who have been sexually assaulted in the past 96 hours
- **WHAT:** Sexual Assault Nurse Examinations & Victim Advocate support
- **HOW:** Call the Sexual Assault Program at 790-9118 for a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and Victim Advocate
- **WHEN:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- **WHERE:** Exams are conducted at the SART Exam Room located at St. Mary's of Michigan Ambulatory Care Center, 4599 Towne Centre, Saginaw, MI 48604
- **COST:** No Fee



**Children under 13 will be referred to the appropriate medical professional for an examination.*

Program Services

- A specially-trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and Victim Advocate on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- A confidential examination in a non-threatening environment
- Complete nursing assessment, including collection of legal evidence and documentation of injuries
- Treatment of sexually transmitted diseases related to the assault
- Emotional support, including referrals to professional rape counselors
- Expert court witness
- A coordinated and collaborative response by law enforcement, local hospitals and professional rape counselors to best meet the needs of victims of sexual assault

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners

(SANE) are registered nurses. All SANE's have completed a specialized nurse examiners program, which includes traditional classroom and one-on-one training with forensics professionals. SANE's receive specialized skills to work with sexual assault trauma, provide comprehensive examinations and assure that evidence is preserved.

