



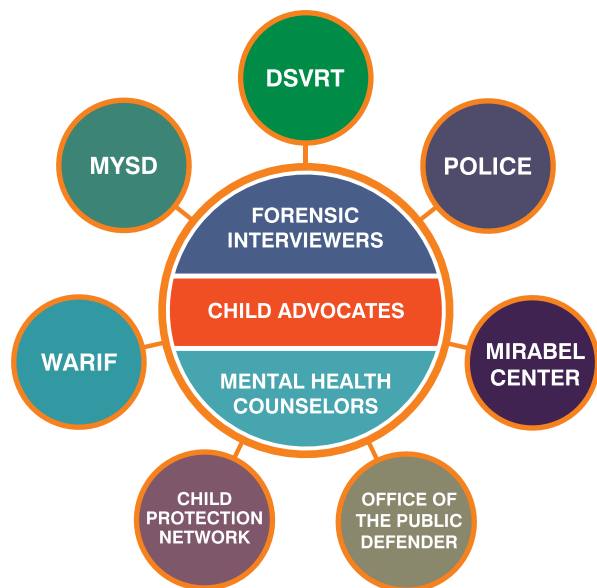
**TRUST.
HEALING.
JUSTICE.**



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

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS EPIDEMIC

- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 10 boys in Nigeria experience sexual violence before the age of 18 years.
- 84% of females and 61% of males in Nigeria who experienced sexual violence before age of 18 years do not know where to seek help.
- Only 4% of girls and 2% of boys in Nigeria received help after experiencing sexual violence.
- 90% of abusers are someone the child knows, loves or trusts.
- Child sexual abuse is 100% preventable.



PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO MAKE DISCLOSURES, STOP THE ABUSE AND GET HELP.

Recognising and understanding the depth of the problems caused by child sexual abuse, and in accord with the Governments' Action Plans, The Cece Yara Child Advocacy Centre provides a safe, child-centred, community-oriented, non-threatening, facility-based service

in which child-focused community stakeholders work together to achieve the well-being of children and their families traumatized by sexual abuse.

Ceceyara's Multi-Disciplinary Team includes social workers, therapists, advocates, lawyers, forensic interviewers and volunteers, interface with the Police, Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Youths and Social Development, Mental Health and Medical Professionals and enable a multi-disciplinary approach to attending to cases of child sexual abuse.

CECE YARA'S MISSION AND VISION

OUR VISION: To create a safe and happy childhood for each Nigerian child, free from sexual abuse, with easy access to care, information, protection and emergency intervention.

OUR MISSION: Preventing child sexual abuse through community empowerment and support.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER INCLUDE:

Treatment

- Providing information concerning medical and mental health services, examinations, evaluations;
- Providing specialised medical evaluation and treatment as part of the Child Advocacy Centre response.
- Conducting multidisciplinary team case review meetings and providing working space for liaison staff;
- Providing a consistent, comfortable child-friendly setting for children, youth and their families, where they can feel safe and cared for;
- Providing crisis intervention and emotional

support through our Child Advocacy Program, from the disclosure of abuse, throughout the investigation and prosecution of the case.

- Providing therapy for children. Individual, group, and play therapy are offered. Teens and their care-givers may participate in the Survivors support group.

Investigation & Prosecution

- Establishing a Multi-Disciplinary Team to interface with the Police, Ministry of Justice, the child development departments of the Ministry of Women Affairs and the Ministry of Youth & Social Development, Mental Health Professionals, Medical and Child Advocates; and enabling a multi-disciplinary approach to attending to cases of child sexual abuse;
- Assisting in the investigations of sexual abuse cases by carrying out neutral, fact finding and coordinated forensic interviews of children and non-offending family members, by trained professionals in a child-friendly non-threatening environment, where disclosure of abuse is made to the helpline or at the Centre;
- Limiting the number of times each child is interviewed;
- Limiting the children's need to travel to various investigative and child protective agencies;
- Being the advocate for the child and family during investigations;
- Providing a place for children and witnesses to wait prior to a court hearing.

Prevention Education & Resources

- Providing community resources to communities, and church groups about the services, along with information and statistics about child abuse/neglect reports.
- Providing age-appropriate prevention education programs to children above 8 years old. Providing a resource library - books, tapes, and other materials to be available for children and their families. In addition, a professional resource selection is provided for those working on child abuse cases.
- Providing professional continuing education for all professionals working in child abuse. Carrying out annual major child abuse campaigns to make the community aware of the magnitude of the problem in our region.

PREVENTION EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The first step in stopping child sexual abuse is education and the Ceceyara Foundation is the

community resource in this area through its **Safe Kids Awareness Program** and the award-winning **Darkness to Light Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program**.

The Ceceyara Annual Stakeholders Meeting

This multidisciplinary meeting is an opportunity for all regional stakeholders involved in child care and protection to address emerging issues and trends of child sexual abuse.

Corporate and Professional Presentations

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

CECEYARA IS THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CHILD ABUSE

The Cece Yara child Advocacy centre is a safe welcoming place where children who have been sexually abused can begin their journey of healing. Our collaboration works together under one roof to protect victims and their families. From prevention and investigation through prosecution, our Centre provides a compassionate and efficient infrastructure for child sexual abuse intervention.

DO YOU SUSPECT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE?

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

REPORT ABUSE

Call the CYF Child Help Line **FOR FREE:**

0800 800 8001

To make an appointment: **0 800 800 8001**

CHILD ADVOCATES

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

EDUCATE

Cece Yara offers the Safe Kids Awareness Program, and the Darkness to Light Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program. To request a presentation or participate in either programs, contact us.

DONATE

There are many ways to contribute. You can attend one of our fundraising events through the year. You can also donate by calling **0818 2418824** or email: membership@ceceyara.org to set up a donation plan.