

# Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains

## Group 4

### ➤ Population Served

- Children and their non-offending caregivers across the 14-county South Plains region.

### ➤ Services Provided

- Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Programs
- Training for Children and Adults
- Specialized Therapy Services for Child Victims and Families

### ➤ Clients' Health Needs

- Specialized therapy services to heal children and caregivers impacted by abuse.

### ➤ Clients' Health Information Needs

- Education on recognizing and reporting child abuse.

### ➤ Advice for Physicians

- **Prioritize Patient Trust:** Establish a trusting relationship with both the child and their non-offending caregivers. A safe environment will make it easier for them to disclose sensitive information.
- **Continuing Education:** Regularly attend training sessions on child abuse awareness and prevention. The symptoms and signs of abuse evolve, and staying updated ensures the best care for your patients.
- **Multidisciplinary Collaboration:** Collaborate closely with therapists, social workers, and other professionals involved in the child's care. A team approach ensures comprehensive understanding and effective response.
- **Screening Protocols:** Integrate routine screening for signs of abuse during check-ups, especially if the child exhibits unexplained behavioral changes, regressions, or physical signs.

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