



OVER ONE MILLION  
CASES OF CHILD ABUSE  
ARE SUBSTANTIATED IN  
THE U.S. ANNUALLY.

Almost 3,500 of those cases involve  
Rhode Island children.

The Aubin Center was created in 1996 at Hasbro  
Children's Hospital in response to the critical  
need for assessment of potentially abused  
and neglected children in Rhode Island and  
surrounding communities.



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LAWRENCE A. AUBIN, SR.  
CHILD PROTECTION CENTER



A GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY  
PHYSICIANS AND AGENCIES



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The Aubin Center provides outpatient, inpatient and emergency department consultations for suspected cases of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect or medical child abuse.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED:

- When there is a suspicion of sexual abuse, a medical evaluation of children by trained physicians in a safe, nonthreatening environment.
- Comprehensive medical examinations for suspected physical abuse injuries, including referral for radiological imaging if necessary.
- If indicated, a trained and experienced social worker or physician will conduct a detailed forensic interview.
- A comprehensive written assessment of the evaluation is provided, including documentation of physical injury.
- Family support, including education about the behavioral and emotional impact of abuse on children and acknowledgement of caretaker responses.
- Referrals to counseling. The Aubin Center does not provide ongoing therapy.
- Collaboration with state child protection agencies, child advocacy centers, law enforcement agencies, and the office of the Attorney General.

- 24-hour medical consultation and response for emergency cases.
- Telephone consultation service to community physicians, child protective services, police, emergency departments and schools.
- Expert medical witness testimony for court cases involving the protection of abused and neglected children.
- Lectures and presentations by staff to both medical and community organizations regarding all forms of child maltreatment, including, but not limited to:
  - Introductory lectures
  - Recognizing and responding to physical and sexual abuse
  - Sexual violence prevention
  - Internet safety
  - The interface of domestic violence and child abuse
  - Neglect: failure to thrive



## APPOINTMENT AND REFERRAL INFORMATION

To make an appointment or to discuss a case:

- Call 401-444-3996 or 401-444-4000, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Call page operator after hours at 401-444-5611 or the Rhode Island Hospital main number 401-444-4000 and ask for the Aubin Center physician on call.
- For emergency cases—either physical abuse, when sexual abuse has occurred within 72 hours or immediate safety concerns—call the office during regular business hours or the page operator after hours. You may be directed to Hasbro Children's Hospital's emergency department.

**Please note: the outpatient clinic is *not* a walk-in clinic. Appointments need to be scheduled in advance.**