Collaborative Partners

- Lee County State’s Attorney’s Office
- Ogle County State’s Attorney’s Office
- Area Law Enforcement
- Department of Children & Family Services
- KSB Hospital
- Alliances Counseling Services
- YWCA of the Sauk Valley
- Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling, Inc.
- Lee County Health Department

It's YOUR voice! Use it to...

- Speak Up!
- Protect Children!
- Get Help!
- Share your story!

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Every child should be seen, heard, and believed!
Advocacy

Our Family Advocate works with the child and his or her family to link them with appropriate mental health treatment, medical assistance, and other community resources. We maintain contact with families to ensure they are connecting with resources, provide ongoing support, and in some cases, assist in preparing them for trial.

Counseling

Recovering from the emotional and psychological effects of child abuse can be greatly assisted by professional therapy and counseling services.

Allowing your child to talk to a professional can be a positive step toward healing. If counseling is needed, Shining Star can provide referrals for services for the child and non-offending family members. Shining Star has on-site space to allow therapists and mental health counselors to provide their services in a child-friendly environment. The course and type of counseling a child may receive depends upon a number of factors, but common issues often explored include fear, guilt, sadness, anger, feelings of betrayal, and loss of trust.

Medical Evaluation

When there is a serious condition or disclosure of abuse, children deserve a medical evaluation performed by a health care provider with pediatric experience and child abuse expertise. The purpose of the exam is to:

★ Diagnose and treat medical conditions that may be related to the abuse.
★ Reassure the child that everything is ok with their body.
★ Document any significant physical and forensic findings.
★ Allow for the collection of evidence that may be present on the child’s body or clothing (if reported within a certain period of time).

Shining Star’s special medical room, like the rest of the facility, is designed to be child-friendly and non-threatening. Examinations are performed by a physician who has been specially trained in the detection and treatment of child sexual and physical abuse.

There is no cost to the child’s family for the medical exam.