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The Aubin Center at Hasbro Children's Hospital

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Lawrence A. Aubin, Sr. Child Protection Center



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The Advocacy & Prevention Program

The Advocacy & Prevention Program was formalized in 2023 in response to the critical need for a hospital and community-based prevention and intervention program. The program is managed by a child life specialist, and staffed by victim advocates and dedicated volunteers. The Aubin Center provides in-person advocacy for children and adolescents during their medical evaluation, and continued support during the subsequent investigative and criminal justice process. Additionally, the program offers peer-support groups and prevention programming for youth at risk of involvement in domestic minor sex trafficking.

The Aubin Center at Hasbro Children's Hospital is a specialized clinic that provides outpatient evaluations as well as inpatient and emergency department consultations for suspected cases of child maltreatment. The center is staffed by highly trained medical professionals who have expertise in identifying and addressing all forms of child maltreatment- physical abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse, including domestic minor sex trafficking. Our providers work closely with social work, nursing, advocates, and child life specialists to provide evidence-based, trauma-informed care to children and adolescents experiencing maltreatment and their family members.

Additional Services Provided:

- Comprehensive medical evaluations to assess for potential abuse and neglect.
- Comprehensive written assessment of findings.
- Family support, including education about the behavioral and emotional impact of abuse on children.
- Individualized referrals to mental health services in the community, with follow up by clinic social worker.
- Collaboration with state child protection agencies, child advocacy centers, local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, and Office of the Attorney General.
- Telephone consultations available 24 hours a day to support community physicians, child protective services, police, emergency departments and schools.
- Expert medical witness testimony for court cases.
- Lectures and presentations by staff to both medical and community organizations regarding the assessment and care of children experiencing child maltreatment.

K-9 Comfort Therapy Program

Meet CALI! CALI is an Australian Labradoodle, hand-selected from a local breeder, and trained locally. CALI is jointly handled by a Cranston police detective, and physician from the Aubin Center. CALI helps foster an open and trusting dialogue with children and investigators as well as treating physicians. CALI provides support and comfort to children and family members throughout their medical evaluations at the Aubin Center.



Appointment and Referral Information

To make an appointment or to discuss a case:

- Call **401-444-3996**, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Call the page operator after hours or on weekends at **401-444-4000**, press "0" and ask for the Aubin Center physician on-call.
- For emergency cases—either physical abuse or 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 Emergency Department.

**Please note: the outpatient clinic is not a walk-in clinic. Appointments need to be scheduled in advance. We thank you for your cooperation.*