

Interview Date: _____

Interview Time: _____

Agency Contacts:

Name Phone #

Name Phone #

After Care Clinic (203) 748-4542

Name Phone #

Other appointments needed for my child:

Interviews are conducted at
1 Terrace Place
Danbury, CT 06810

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Member Agencies of the MIT of Greater Danbury Include:

- Danbury Regional Child Advocacy Center (203) 748-4542
- CT Department of Children and Families (203) 207-5100
- CT State Police, Troop A (203) 267-2220
- Office of State's Attorney (203) 207-8670
- Office of Victim Services (203) 207-8672
- Superior Court, Juvenile Matters (203) 743-1440
- Pediatric Health Center of Danbury Hospital (203) 791-5020
- Women's Center of Greater Danbury (203) 731-5200
- CCATS, Danbury Hospital (203) 830-6082
- Danbury Police Department (203) 797-4682
- Newtown Police Department (203) 207-4239
- Brookfield Police Department (203) 740-4135
- Bethel Police Department (203) 743-5500
- New Milford Police Department (860) 355-3133
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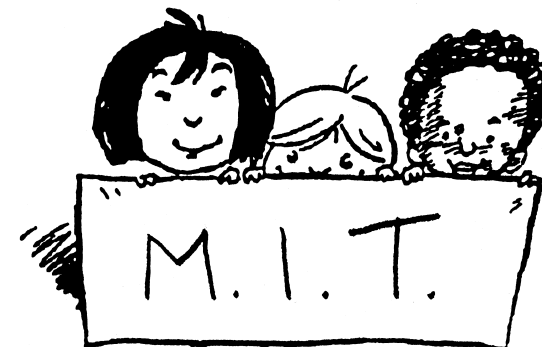


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Multi-disciplinary Investigation Team of Greater Danbury (MIT)



Working Together to Help Your Child:

The Interview & Investigation Process

Dear Parents,

We understand that it is a very difficult time for you. Any hint or suspicion of abuse of your child causes many strong and confusing emotions. The process of determining what happened to your child and how to proceed from there may seem quite overwhelming. It is our job to work together to reduce the number of times your child will have to be interviewed and to ensure that your family receives swift, necessary support.

Parents ask...

What is the purpose of having my child interviewed by the MIT?

- By having all the necessary professionals present at the interview, it facilitates the MIT goal of having as few interviews as possible in a non-threatening environment .
- Service for your family will be better coordinated.
- At some point during the investigation, you may meet all the professionals involved with your child and have the opportunity to ask questions.



How does the interview work?

- Your child will be interviewed by a team member.
- Other team members observe through a one-way mirror.
- Video documentation of interview is standard practice.

What should I tell my child about this meeting?

- Children are most comfortable when they have been informed what to expect.
- Explain to your child that he/she will be meeting with someone to talk about what happened to them.
- It is important to tell your child to tell the truth; **do not tell your child what to say.**
- Tell your child the person who will be talking with them talks to lots of children. Their job is to make sure kids are safe.
- Some children may need reassurance that they are not in trouble and that they are not going to this meeting because they have done something wrong.

What is my role during the interview?

- You will meet the person who will be talking to your child before the interview.
- From our experience, it is important for the interviewer to talk with your child alone.
- While your child is being interviewed, you will have the opportunity to talk with an advocate from the Woman's Center and/or CT victim's advocate.
- Because this is an investigation, the team members must carefully observe, assess, and document the interview. They will be available to respond to your concerns following the interview.

What will happen after the interview?

- The professionals on the team will meet briefly to discuss the information disclosed during the interview.
- A member(s) of the team will then meet with you to discuss information about your child's interview, answer questions or concerns you may have, and develop recommendations with you.
- Your child's case will be conferenced by the team on a regular basis to ensure that you and your child receive all necessary services.
- Therapy for your child and family is available through the MIT After Care Clinic.
- Your child's case may be referred for prosecution.