

### **Nancy J. Cotterman Center History**

The Nancy J. Cotterman Center (NJCC) (formerly known as the Sexual Assault Treatment Center) has been providing sexual assault/abuse services to victims of child abuse, neglect, and sexual assault since 1977.

Since 1989, the State of Florida Department of Health (DOH) has provided funding to Broward County to administer the Child Protection Team (CPT) program for the delivery of child abuse assessment services. This program is administered through the Community Partnerships Division, NJCC. Under the Agreement with DOH, the Broward County CPT reviews every child abuse allegation received from the Department of Children and Families (or designee, Broward Sheriff's Office Child Protection Investigations) and provides statutorily mandated services.

The CPT program is a legislatively mandated, medically directed, multidisciplinary program that supplement the child protective investigative activities of the Department of Children and Family Services and local law enforcement in cases of child abuse and neglect. Child protection teams provide expertise in evaluating alleged child abuse and neglect, assessing risk and protective factors, and providing recommendations for interventions to protect children and enhance a caregiver's capacity to provide a safer environment when possible.

If child abuse or neglect is reported to the Florida Abuse Hotline and accepted for investigation, the case is automatically eligible for Child Protection Team assessment. There are no financial criteria for CPT services.