Changing the Child Abuse System

What Used to Happen When Kids Needed Help for Abuse

Typical Case—Robin, Age 5

Tells her teacher she is being hurt at home.

At School...Who talks to Robin? Her teacher, her Principal, a School Nurse, who also examines her.

Who talks to Robin? Nurse, Social Worker, Doctor

Who examines Robin? Doctor

Police Officer talks to Robin.

School calls Hotline and Police

A Counselor needs to talk to Robin.

Detective is assigned and brings Robin to a specialized Hospital—where another Nurse, Social Worker, Doctor talks to her and is examined by another Doctor.

A Child Protection Investigator needs to talk to Robin.

A Lawyer needs to talk to Robin.

Robin had to talk to 15 people, but now...

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WHAT HAPPENS TODAY WHEN KIDS NEED HELP FOR ABUSE

Robin tells her story, while a detective, CPS worker, and State’s Attorney listen as a team.

"This Place is Great"

Robin can see a doctor.

Robin is referred to a counselor, who will help her heal.

Robin’s mom talks to an advocate to help her understand the system.

Robin comes to the Children’s Advocacy Center with her mom.

Tells her teacher that she is being hurt by her mom’s new boyfriend at home.

... Robin talks to 3 people

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