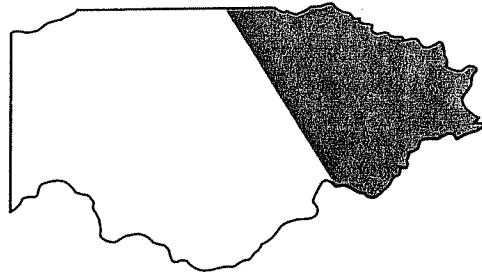


OUR MISSION

The Children's Medical Resource Network of rural southern Illinois provides specialized medical evaluations of children who are reported victims of child abuse or at risk of child abuse. Using a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach, the Children's Medical Resource Network provides services within a framework of research-based practice, professional development and community education.



Dr. Kathy Swafford
Medical Director
P.O. Box 179
Anna, IL 62906

Phone: 618.833.6488
Email: kswafford@siumed.ed



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
School of Medicine

Children's Medical Resource Network



Serving the children of Illinois

Competent, Compassionate Medical Evaluations



CHILDREN'S MEDICAL RESOURCE NETWORK

Children's Medical Resource Network



Children's Medical Resource Network (CMRN) is a program of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics, funded through a Children's Justice grant from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

CMRN is part of a national trend toward the development of "centers of excellence" with regard to the medical aspects of child protection. Because Southern Illinois encompasses such a large geographic area, it is difficult for one center to meet the needs of all our children.

Therefore, CMRN has created a network of qualified, compassionate medical providers consisting of physicians, nurse practitioners and physician's assistants dedicated to the timely, humane and appropriate medical evaluation and care of children suspected to have been abused or neglected.

Services

- Specialized medical evaluations for abused and neglected children
- Consultation and education to medical professionals and other multidisciplinary team members
- Medical casework including case coordination and referral to other services
- Victim advocacy during the medical evaluation
- Crisis counseling to the child-victim and family
- Community and professional education
- Medical training for health care professionals
- Lending library with extensive research on child abuse and neglect

Tell me more

Two other networks exist in the State of Illinois (Peoria and Chicago) and are also funded by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. These programs are affiliated with the University of Illinois and the University of Chicago. Working together, the medical professionals of each network provide a system of medical care to children who may have been abused or neglected throughout the state. Therefore, no one medical provider carries the burden alone, and children are better protected.

These medical networks positively impact the child protection system in the state, helping DCFS keep children who are not abused in their homes, provide in-home services when appropriate and remove children from dangerous environments when necessary, so that fewer children experience serious injury or death.

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in or the kind of car I drove but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

