

Facility Considerations

When considering an appropriate facility for your CAC, usable space and functionality must be considered over square footage. The following items are points to consider when planning/selecting/preparing your space. CACs come in many shapes and forms. Your team's needs, services provided and sustainability must be considered.

- Within existing organization's facility?
- Separate facility?
- Is the location convenient to your service area?
- Convenient to team?
- Privacy considerations for families coming to CAC
- Accessible? ADA compliance?
- House? Office space? Commercial space? Etc?
- Security system?
- Renovations necessary
- Rent, buy, donated? GCC will reimburse rent but not mortgage
- Entries and exits? Can a child and family have privacy from others entering the facility during their visit?
- Sound considerations for privacy
- Maintenance/upkeep needs
- Possible space needs:
 - ED
 - VA
 - FI Room
 - FI Observation
 - Conference
 - Adequate bathrooms
 - Medical Room
 - MH space
 - Interviewer office/desk
 - Medical office/desk
 - Break/Kitchen
 - Family waiting area/children's area
 - Other program areas
 - Storage
 - Outside space
 - Parking