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District Attorney Nola Tedesco Foulston announces today the creation of a task force to study the development of a Child Advocacy Center here in Wichita, Kansas.

A Child Advocacy Center is a centralized location that is utilized to investigate the abuse and neglect of children. The purpose of such a center is to minimize the revictimization of child victims and supportive family members while facilitating the prosecution of perpetrators through strong case development. Child Advocacy Centers typically have a medical component and mental health component to ensure quick and efficient case development while providing for the needs of the child victim.

Mrs. Foulston has appointed Deputy District Attorney Ron Paschal to chair the task force which will be made up of members of the Wichita Police Department, Sedgwick County Sheriffs Department, the medical community, the mental health community, the state welfare agency and a legislative liaison.

The District Attorney was instrumental in drafting recent legislation which allows for the creation and operation of Child Advocacy Centers in the state of Kansas.

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