

How you can help CARI...

At CARI we receive only limited government funding and so rely on fundraising to provide our essential services.

You can help in many ways:

- Make a personal donation.
- Set up a direct debit donation
- Make a corporate donation
- Organise a fundraising event for CARI e.g. Mini-marathon, skydive

For further information see
www.cari.ie

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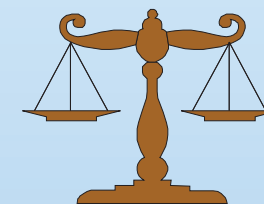
CARI Helpline 1890-92 45 67

CARI provides a confidential national helpline for parents, carers, other individuals and professionals with a concern about child sexual abuse or sexualised behaviour. Callers can access support and relevant information from our fully qualified helpline team.

Monday - Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm
For the price of a local call
from anywhere in the country



Court Accompaniment



Support Service

CASS

CARI (Children At Risk in Ireland) was set up in 1989 to provide therapy for children and adolescents affected by the issue of sexual abuse and support for the non-abusing family members/ carers.



Court Accompaniment Support Services (CASS)



We offer the following services to children and their families:



Overall objectives

“CASS” is the name given to the advocacy and support service established by CARI in response to the particular needs of child victims of sexual abuse who are called as witnesses in criminal court.

CASS supports the children and their parents, carers or guardians who have to go to court.

CARI has noted an increase in calls to our helpline from parents with specific concerns about attending court and giving evidence.

The court process can be a frightening, alienating and traumatic experience for the child. Currently the court system is designed and set up for adults where the professionals involved are used to dealing with adult witnesses.

The CASS service was initially set up to provide support to children who are called upon to testify as to their own sexual abuse or to that which they witnessed. However, the service is now available to all children who may be requested to attend court as witnesses, regardless of the crime.

- Preparing the child before scheduled appearance at court on a practical level i.e. explaining court procedure with the help of age appropriate literature.
- Clarifying legal terminology for the family.
- Accompanying the child and family to the court in advance of case date with a view to familiarising them with the court environment & interview suite.
- Attending court with the child and their family and providing practical and emotional support before, during and after the court proceedings.

- To provide direct assistance and preparation to child victims/ witnesses who may be called to testify in criminal court.
- To improve the experience of the criminal court process for a child and their family.



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“The CASS Officer was not judgmental and gave me and my family peace of mind”

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