## The Child Protection Program

GBMC is the designated medical provider for all child abuse and human trafficking in Baltimore County.

GBMC is the ONLY hospital in Baltimore County and Harford County that provides medical forensic examinations for children 12 and under who have experienced sexual abuse.

GBMC is the ONLY hospital in Baltimore County that provides medical forensic examinations for adolescents who have experienced sexual abuse or sexual assault.



#### Health. Healing. Hope.

The mission of GBMC is to provide medical care and service of the highest quality to each patient and to educate the next generation of clinicians, leading to *health, healing and hope* for the community.

#### **VISION PHRASE**

To every patient, every time, we will provide the care that we would want for our own loved ones.

#### **GREATER VALUES**

The values of GBMC are our GREATER Values of Respect, Excellence, Accountability, Teamwork,
Ethical Behavior and Results.



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### **Program Overview**

The Child Protection Program at GBMC is a comprehensive program for the identification, evaluation, and case coordination, for children who may have experienced various types of abuse or maltreatment. We work with children experiencing physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and human trafficking.

Our program is comprised of a multidisciplinary team that includes pediatricians, social workers & interventionists, emergency medicine providers, certified child life specialists, pediatric nurses, and forensic nurses.

We are committed to ensuring the safety of every child that visits GBMC.

# What should I do if I suspect child abuse?

Contact your local Child Protective Services agency or local law enforcement agency to file a report immediately.

410-887-TIME (8463)

If you think a child is in immediate danger, please contact 911.

Child abuse crosses all socioeconomic and educational levels, religions, and ethnic and cultural groups.

At least 1 in 7 children have experienced child abuse and/or neglect in the past year.

About 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 13 boys experience child sexual abuse at some point in childhood.

91% of child sexual abuse occurs by someone the child or child's family knows.

#### **Our Services**

- Respond to all pediatric patients who reported or are suspected to have experienced abuse, human trafficking, or maltreatment
- Complete assessments for child maltreatment and make mandatory reports with appropriate investigative agencies
- Coordinate medical evaluation and treatment with the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) team and GBMC pediatricians/nurses
- Serve as a liaison between GBMC and government agencies that investigate child abuse, neglect, and human trafficking
- Educate medical providers, families, and community members on the recognition, reporting, prevention, and effects of child abuse, neglect, and human trafficking

