



# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

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### **Howard County Child Advocacy Center to Receive First National Accreditation**

**Who:** James N. Robey, County Executive  
G. Wayne Livesay, Chief of Police  
Tim McCrone, State's Attorney  
Nancy Chandler, Executive Director, National Children's Alliance

**What:** Accreditation Ceremony for the Howard County Child Advocacy Center

**Where:** Howard County Child Advocacy Center  
3421 Rogers Avenue  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

**When:** Friday, Dec. 16 at 11:00 a.m.

The Howard County Child Advocacy Center will host an event tomorrow to receive, for the first time, national accreditation from the National Children's Alliance. The center had to prove compliance with a series of strict standards to gain this recognition.

The center, also known as *The Listening Place*, is a child-friendly environment that promotes comprehensive investigations and appropriate interventions for children and their families in cases of child abuse.

Partner organizations in the center include the Howard County Police Department, State's Attorney's Office, Health Department, Department of Social Services, Department of Citizen's Services, STTAR Center and the Domestic Violence Center.

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