Local United Way makes contribution to regional child advocacy center

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By law enforcement or a partner agency.

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The location, which opened in early in the year, was chosen because it is near the United Way of Northern Ozaukee and the United Way of Washington County to fund operations.

The testimony is used to evaluate the case and assess the needs of the child while evidence is gathered. The interview is used as evidence in a trial for child abuse where the information can be used as a trail or as a foundation for further investigation.

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