

CARE House opening; special unit sought

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People who saw the CBS Sunday night movie may have a better understanding of the role envisioned for CARE House, the facility scheduled to open next week in Pontiac as part of Oakland County's two-part campaign against sexual assault cases involving children.

CARE House, at 536 W. Huron St., is designed to help sexually abused youngsters like those portrayed in the CBS made-for-TV movie, "Do You Know the Muffin Man?"

The movie is fictional, according to disclaimers in the credits. But it loosely parallels events in the 1987 McMartin case in which operators of a California day-care facility were accused of molesting kids as young as 2 years old.

Whatever basis the movie had in fact, it accurately conveyed the trauma young victims go through in the prosecution, said Antoinette

The number of adults charged with criminal sexual conduct involving children under 16 has been steadily increasing: 153 in 1987, 168 in 1988 and 93 in the first six months of 1989.

— Richard Thompson
Oakland County prosecutor

Cosentino, a social worker assigned to CARE House who also saw the Sunday night movie.

"The kids are scared," said Cosentino. "And they have all kinds of misconceptions."

CARE (CHILD ABUSE Resource Effort) House is designed to ease that fear and clear up some of the misconceptions, explained Meg Metzel, executive director of the

Oakland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, one of the facility's primary sponsors.

Easing the fears and correcting misconceptions are goals in themselves, obviously helpful to sexually abused youngsters.

But they also enhance the chances of successfully prosecuting the guilty, explained Oakland County

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Meg Mitzel and Pete Amar, coordinators of CARE House, wash walls and windows in one of the many rooms of the newly acquired house on Huron Street in Pontiac.

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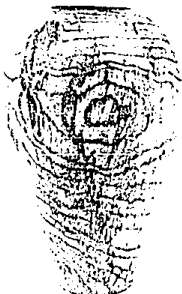
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