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*Interviews in 2010*

- Box Butte County 15
- Cheyenne County 21
- Dawes County 20
- Deuel County 2
- Garden County 1
- Kimball County 18
- Morrill County 18
- Scotts Bluff County 159
- Sheridan County 3
- Other Courtesy 23
- American Indian 17
- Hispanic/Latino 56
- White 187
- Other 1
- Females: 147



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Child Advocacy Center

## National Children's Alliance & Children's Advocacy Centers

One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before the age of eighteen. **National Children's Alliance** and the **Children's Advocacy Center** programs are fundamentally changing the way America handles cases of child sexual abuse one community at a time.

Founded by Former Congressman Robert E. "Bud" Cramer, Jr., (D-AL), National Children's Alliance (NCA) is a 501© 3 non-profit organization that promotes and supports communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to child victims of abuse. NCA is the national accrediting body for over 700 children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) who in turn provide a community-based response for hope and healing to victims of severe child abuse.

Children's Advocacy Centers are public-private partnerships utilizing a team approach to finding the truth in child abuse investigations. Based on a multi-disciplinary team model, professionals from child protective services, law enforcement, prosecution, victim advocacy agencies, and the medical and mental health communities work together to investigate and intervene in cases of suspected child abuse. Designed by professional and volunteers responding to the needs of their communities, Children's Advocacy Centers provide services to more than 259,000 children annually. Although many CACs receive small amounts of public finding. Children's Advocacy Centers are primarily private-non-profit, 501© 3 organizations and raise the bulk of the their funding through private donations and local community support.

### Facts on Children's Advocacy Centers:

- The primary mission of a Children's Advocacy Center is to prevent further victimization by ensuring that investigations are coordinated, concise and meet the age appropriate needs of the child .
- Although CACs partner with government public service agencies, such as child protective services and law enforcement, funding from CACs is primarily private.
- Communities with a Children's Advocacy Center report increased successful prosecution of perpetrators; consistent follow-up to reports of child abuse and reduction in re-abuse rates for child victims.
- Children's Advocacy Centers can be found in every type of community including rural Rocky Mount, Virginia and Franklin, North Carolina. CACs are in large metropolitan areas including Houston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Providence. Children's Advocacy Centers can also be found in suburban communities like Elkhart, Indiana and Totowa, New Jersey as well as on Native American Tribal Reservations such as Fort Thompson, South Dakota.
- CACs provided services to 259,329 children from birth to age 18 last year. 38% of the children were younger than 6 years old. In 2009, 71% of children receiving CAC services had a presenting concern of sexual abuse, 16% physical abuse, and 20% included neglect, witness to violence and other such offenses.
- Utilizing a grassroots approach to CAC growth and development, the number of Children's Advocacy Centers has grown from 22 member programs in 1992 to more than 700 Children's Advocacy Centers by May 2010.
- The U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, has promoted Children's Advocacy Centers as their number one recommendation for improving services to children whom either directly experience or witness violence in their homes, neighborhoods or schools.



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