



Through our more than 750 Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs), National Children's Alliance empowers local communities to effectively respond to victims of child abuse.

Last year, CACs provided victim services to more than

**279,000**  
**children**<sup>1</sup>

#### CACs prevent abuse and keep children safe.

Last year, CACs provided child sexual abuse prevention education to **more than 500,000 individuals**, many in school settings.<sup>2</sup>

#### CACs save money.

Their service delivery model saves court, child protection, and investigative dollars averaging **\$1,000 per child abuse case** compared to non-CAC communities.<sup>3</sup>

#### CACs are efficient.

Providing significantly higher rates of coordinated investigations; **81 % of investigations** in CACs were coordinated between law enforcement and child protective services, compared with **52% in comparison communities**.<sup>4</sup>

#### CACs hold offenders accountable.

Increased usage of CACs and multidisciplinary teams has resulted in increased successful prosecutions of child abuse perpetrators.<sup>5</sup> One study shows an average **94% conviction rate** for CAC cases carried forward.<sup>6</sup>

#### CACs help child victims heal.

Child victims of sexual abuse who receive services at CACs are **four times more likely to receive forensic medical exams**<sup>7</sup> and increased referrals for mental health treatment<sup>8</sup> than children served by non-CAC communities.

#### CACs are effective.

Research demonstrates caregivers in CAC cases are more satisfied with the investigation than those from non-CAC comparison sites. **97% of parents would tell others to seek help at the CAC**.<sup>10</sup>

#### CACs are committed to research-supported practice.

Last year, National Children's Alliance and its CAC members provided training to **46,608 child abuse professionals**, ensuring sound investigations and compassionate treatment of victims nationwide.<sup>11</sup>

#### CACs are accountable.

Accreditation of CACs through National Children's Alliance assures the highest standard of care is provided to victims.

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“If we don't stand up  
for children, then we  
don't stand for much.”

- *Marian Wright Edelman*



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