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## WORKING **TOGETHER TO** PROTECT IOWA'S **CHILDREN**

**lowa Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers (ICCAC)** is a nonprofit organization, accredited by the National Children's Alliance, as a state chapter to provide support, training and guidance to the six Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) in Iowa and their professionals who provide onsite services to child victims of either physical or sexual abuse as well as neglect. ICCAC assists communities and centers with training, resource development, network services, evidence-based practices and coordinated, comprehensive services.

ICCAC serves all 99 counties and the six Iowa CACs which include: Mercy One Child Advocacy Center in Sioux City, Blank Children's STAR & Development Center in West Des Moines, St. Luke's Child Protection Center in Cedar Rapids, Mississippi Valley Child Protection Center in Muscatine, Child Protection Response Center in Davenport and Allen Child Protection Center in Waterloo, with a satellite office in Mason City.

IN 2020

**CONTACTS** WITH EACH CAC

**RESOURCE** COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNITY **MEETINGS** 

> TRAININGS/ WEBINARS

LEGISLATIVE BILLS/ACTIONS



**CAC MANAGERS/DESIGNEES TO ATTEND** THE NCA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE





### **SURVEY RESULTS**

In January, all 6 Iowa CACs had the opportunity to participate in an annual satisfaction survey. Here are a few highlights from the survey.

of CACs agreed or strongly agreed that the Chapter had positive impact on:

- ✓ Technical assistance to do the work
- ✓ Ability to fulfill their mission
- ✓ Awareness on public policy/legislation effecting CACs
- ✓ Confidence that the Chapter is headed in the right direction

During a difficult 2020 year despite adjustments due to COVID 19 and other challenges.

**OR STRONGLY AGREED** 



- ✓ Enabled CACs to stay better connected with colleagues across the state
- ✓ Provided clear communication, services and support
- ✓ Helped work through challenges experienced this year

### **HOW WE ARE FUNDED**

ICCAC is 100% grant funded. 54% of the Chapter's operational budget is funded through the National Children's Alliance through a Department of Justice subaward through Victims of Child Abuse Act. 37% of the Chapter's operational budget is contributed by the accredited CACs in Iowa that receive state funding. The Iowa Department of Public Health administers an annual grant to the CACs. The CACs have in turn, transferred a portion of the grant funds to the Chapter to cover operational expenses and to use for identified costs and CAC needs organized by the Chapter. An additional 9% of funding is provided through the Midwest Regional Child Advocacy Center to provide training opportunities for the CAC membership.

To make a tax-deductible contribution or for more information, contact:

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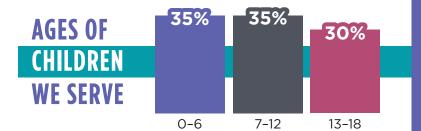
# CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS: HEALING, JUSTICE & TRUST



lowa's network of Child Advocacy Centers and Child Protection Centers served **3,589 children** in 2020 covering all **99 counties**.

### **CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS SAVE MONEY**

Our multi-disciplinary team model that works together with courts, Department of Human Services and law enforcement, saves \$1,000 per child abuse case compared to communities not using a Child Advocacy Center.



In 2020, despite COVID-19 ravaging our country...

3,589
CHILDREN
WERE SERVED

80% OF THESE CHILDREN WERE INTERVIEWED

61% RECEIVED MEDICAL EVALUATIONS

92% OF OFFENDERS WERE KNOWN TO THE CHILD

IN 2020...

**2,658** 

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS PROVIDED

TRAININGS PROVIDED

181

**PRESENTATIONS** 

— WITH -

4,661

**PARTICIPANTS** 

**⇔ 2,022** 

MEDICAL EXAMS PROVIDED

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CHILDREN/FAMILIES
RECEIVED EVIDENCE-BASED
MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT
TO REDUCE SYMPTOMS OF
TRAUMA, REGARDLESS OF
ABILITY TO PAY

**2,127** 

FAMILIES WERE REFERRED TO OTHER TRAUMA-INFORMED COMMUNITY COUNSELING SERVICES

### **ALLEGATIONS**\*

72% SEXUAL ABUSE

13% PHYSICAL ABUSE

9% NEGLECT

WITNESS TO VIOLENCE

DRUG ENDANGERMENT

\*Some children experience more than one type of abuse.

## STATE-WIDE IOWA CACS OUTCOME MEASURE RESULTS:

96%

of caregivers agreed that they were given information about the services and programs provided by the centers.

87%

of caregivers reported their children felt safe at the centers. 93%

of caregivers agreed that CACS provided them with resources to support their children.

98%

of caregivers reported the staff members of the centers were friendly and pleasant.

12%