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

Iowa 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 who provide onsite services to child victims of either physical or sexual abuse and 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.



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 a 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

agreed or strongly agreed that the Chapter:



of CACs agreed or strongly agreed that the Chapter:



- 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. The Chapter's operational budget is 66% funded through the National Children's Alliance through a Department of Justice subaward through Victims of Child Abuse Act. Accredited CACs in Iowa that receive state funding contribute 26% of the Chapter's operational budget. The Iowa Department of Public Health administers an annual grant to the CACs. The CACs, in turn, transfer a portion of the grant funds to the Chapter to cover operational expenses and identified costs and CAC needs organized by the Chapter. An additional 8% 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, AND TRUST



Iowa's network of Child Advocacy Centers and Child Protection Centers served **4,362 children** in 2021 covering all **99 counties**. This was a **21.5% increase** over last year.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS SAVE MONEY

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



In 2021, despite COVID-19 continuing to challenge our country...



ALLEGATIONS*

72%SEXUAL ABUSE12%PHYSICAL ABUSE

NEGLECT



10% DRUG ENDANGERMENT

WITNESS TO VIOLENCE

*Some children experience more than one type of abuse.

IN 2021...



3,234 FORENSIC INTERVIEWS PROVIDED

FAMILIES WERE REFERRED TO OTHER TRAUMA-INFORMED COMMUNITY COUNSELING SERVICES

C 2,163

♡ 1,513

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

STATE-WIDE IOWA CACS OUTCOME MEASURE RESULTS:

99%

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

96%

of caregivers reported their children felt safe at the centers.

98%

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

100%

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

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7%

4%