



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 and their professionals who provide onsite services to child and dependent adult victims of abuse, neglect, or witnessing a crime. 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: MercyOne Child Advocacy Center in Sioux City, Blank Children's STAR Center in West Des Moines, St. Luke's Child Protection Center in Hiawatha, 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 2024...

THE CHAPTER PROVIDED:

132 CONTACTS WITH EACH CAC INCLUDING **6** SITE VISITS

118 RESOURCE COMMUNICATIONS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

102.5 HOURS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CACS

THE CHAPTER PARTICIPATED IN:

77 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

27 TRAININGS/WEBINARS

12 LEGISLATIVE BILLS/ACTIONS

7 LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

THE CHAPTER FUNDED:

41

CAC staff members' registration costs to attend national conferences on child abuse



6 CAC MANAGERS/DESIGNEES TO ATTEND THE NCA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



53 CAC STAFF IN ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP TRAINING



NCATRAK FOR ALL 6 CACS

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.



100%

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

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

100%

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. In 2024, 76% of the Chapter's operational budget was funded through the National Children's Alliance through a Department of Justice subaward through Victims of Child Abuse Act. 23% of the Chapter's operational budget was contributed by the accredited CACs in Iowa that receive state funding. The Iowa Department of Public Health administers an annual grant to five of the six 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 1% of funding was provided through individual donors.

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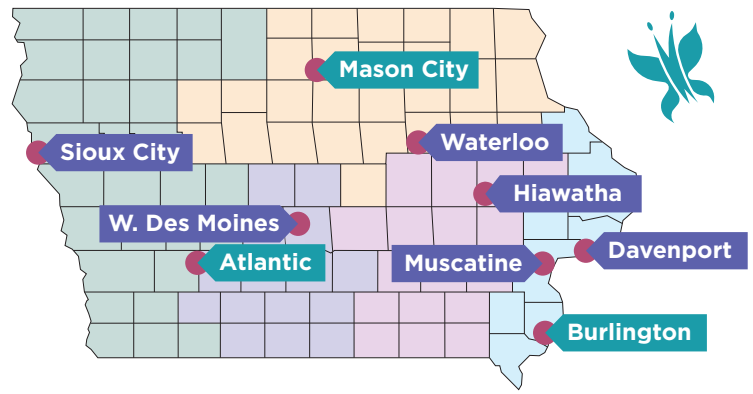
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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS

HEALING, JUSTICE, AND TRUST

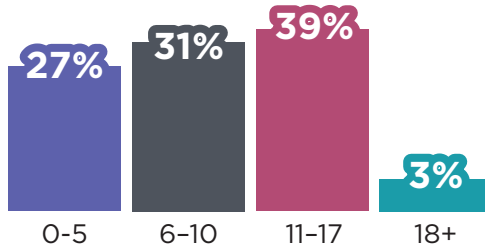


* Services are provided in Mason City by the Allen Child Protection Center, Burlington by Mississippi Valley Child Protection Center and Child Protection Response Center, and Atlantic by Project Harmony in NE.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS SAVE MONEY

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

AGES OF PATIENTS WE SERVE



IN 2024...

4,179

CHILDREN WERE SERVED IN IOWA

75% OF THESE CHILDREN WERE INTERVIEWED

60% RECEIVED MEDICAL EVALUATIONS

87% OF OFFENDERS WERE KNOWN TO THE CHILD

IN 2024...

Iowa's network of Child Advocacy Centers and Child Protection Centers served **4,179 children** in 2024 covering all **99 counties**.

TRAININGS PROVIDED

115 WITH **3,884**
PRESENTATIONS PARTICIPANTS

2,903
FORENSIC INTERVIEWS PROVIDED

2,638
MEDICAL EXAMS PROVIDED

2,260

CHILDREN/FAMILIES RECEIVED EVIDENCED BASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT OR WERE REFERRED TO OTHER COMMUNITY COUNSELING SERVICES TO REDUCE SYMPTOMS OF TRAUMA.

ALLEGATIONS*

- 63%** SEXUAL ABUSE
- 12%** PHYSICAL ABUSE
- 3%** NEGLECT
- 6%** WITNESS TO VIOLENCE
- 7%** DRUG ENDANGERMENT
- 9%** OTHER



*Some children experience more than one type of abuse.

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STATE-WIDE IOWA CACS OUTCOME MEASURE RESULTS:

99% of caregivers agreed that they were given information about the services and programs provided by the center.

98% of caregivers agreed that the centers were good at answering questions and provided them with resources to support their children.

99% of caregivers reported the staff members at the centers were friendly and pleasant.

96% of caregivers reported their children felt safe at the centers.