



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 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: MercyOne 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 2023...

THE CHAPTER PROVIDED:

135 CONTACTS WITH EACH CAC INCLUDING 2 SITE VISITS

130 RESOURCE COMMUNICATIONS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

71 HOURS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CACS

THE CHAPTER PARTICIPATED IN:

65 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

20 TRAININGS/WEBINARS

4 LEGISLATIVE BILLS/ACTIONS

8 LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

THE CHAPTER FUNDED:

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



6 CAC MANAGERS/DESIGNEES TO ATTEND THE NCA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



58 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:

- ✓ 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

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 2023, 72% 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. 27% 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 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 1% of funding was provided through the Midwest Regional Child Advocacy Center and individual donors.

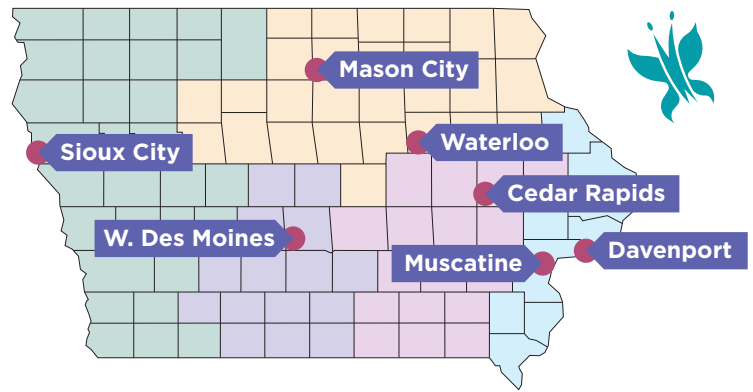
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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS

HEALING, JUSTICE, AND TRUST

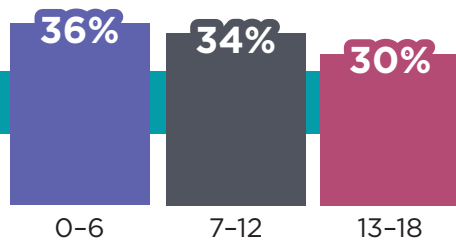


Iowa's network of Child Advocacy Centers and Child Protection Centers served **4,021 children** in 2023 covering all **99 counties**.

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.

AGES OF CHILDREN WE SERVE



IN 2023...

150 PRESENTATIONS WITH **4,452** PARTICIPANTS

2,831

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS PROVIDED

2,330

MEDICAL EXAMS PROVIDED

1,931

FAMILIES WERE REFERRED TO OTHER TRAUMA-INFORMED COMMUNITY COUNSELING SERVICES

1,088

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

IN 2023...

4,021

CHILDREN WERE SERVED

77% OF THESE CHILDREN WERE INTERVIEWED

63% RECEIVED MEDICAL EVALUATIONS

86% OF OFFENDERS WERE KNOWN TO THE CHILD

ALLEGATIONS*

- 69%** SEXUAL ABUSE
- 13%** DRUG ENDANGERMENT
- 10%** PHYSICAL ABUSE
- 6%** WITNESS TO VIOLENCE
- 2%** NEGLECT



*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 what to expect from the center programs.

99%

of caregivers agreed that CACs were good at answering questions and provided them with resources to support their children.

99%

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

97%

of caregivers reported their children felt safe at the centers.