

Healing, Justice, & Trust

Measuring Outcomes for Kids



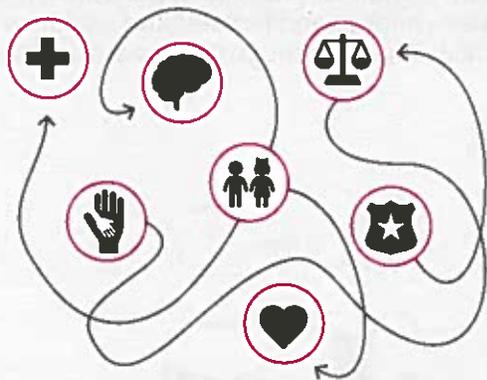
What is The New York State Children's Alliance, Inc. ?

The New York State Children's Alliance, Inc. (NYSCA) is a membership organization that provides leadership in the child abuse intervention and response field by offering innovative training and technical assistance. We are a platform for collaboration and represent our member Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) and Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) on a state and national level.

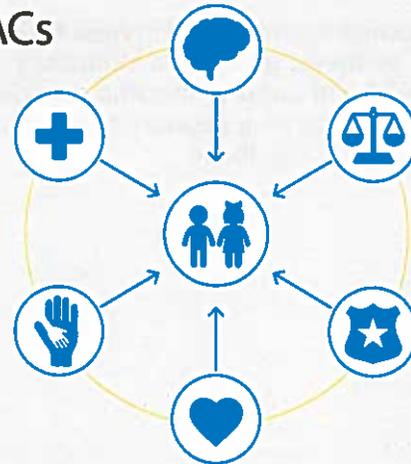
What are CACs and how do they help kids?

CACs are how communities mount a coordinated response to allegations of child abuse. To understand what a Children's Advocacy Center is, you must understand what children face without one. Without a CAC, the child may end up having to tell the worst story of his or her life over and over again, to doctors, police, lawyers, therapists, investigators, judges, and others. They may not get the help they need to heal once the investigation is over, either.

Without CACs



With CACs



The Problem- Child Abuse and Neglect

- In 2015 **86 children died** due to abuse and neglect in New York State. - *NYS Office of Children and Family Services*
- **"One in ten children** in the US will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday" - *Townsend, C., & Rheingold, A.A., (2013). "Estimating a child sexual abuse prevalence rate for practitioners: studies." Charleston, S.C., Darkness to Light.*
- **"...youth who are sexually abused as children are 28 times more likely to be arrested for [sex trafficking] than youth who have not experienced abuse."** - *The National Center for Youth Law*

CACs provide healing, justice, and trust for child victims of abuse

The CAC model is a proven effective and positive response to child abuse, as evidenced by caregiver and MDT responses to program surveys. Here are some highlights that show our families and partners believe in the healing, justice, and trust we provide.

- **Healing:** 95% of caregivers agree that CACs provided them with the resources to support their children.
- **Justice:** 97% of team members believe clients benefit from the collaborative approach of the MDT.
- **Trust:** If caregivers knew anyone else who was dealing with a situation like the one their family faced, 91% would tell that person about the center.



We are a member of the National Children's Alliance (NCA), the national association and accrediting body for more than 800 CACs around the country. This template and the accompanying data provided by NCA. Learn more at www.nationalchildrensalliance.org.

