OBJECTIVES/ ACTIVITIES

Awareness and Education -

To increase awareness about child abuse and the CAC model and reform systems to ensure improved outcomes for child abuse victims.

 19 - Conducts/coordinates victim education and outreach re: the availability of CAC services and mandatory reporter training to recognize signs of abuse and how to report it.

 22 - Develop and maintain strategic partnerships with state-level MDT partner organizations to educate partner agencies about the benefits of the CAC model, improve CAC services, address emerging issues, and create innovative responses to child abuse.

• 23 - Developing/improving data-sharing systems between MDT partner agencies at the State level and the Chapter (and CACs and local partner agencies).

OUTPUTS

- 1. <Chapter name> will assist in helping victims access services through public awareness of victimization, its impact, and opportunities for intervention through a minimum of 20 community outreach offerings.
- 2. Offer at least two sessions of the CAC Model and Recognition of Child Abuse, Signs and Symptoms for Mandated Reporters training to community organizations.
- 3. Update website to showcase current, comprehensive statewide information about child abuse (incidence of, signs and symptoms of, how to report, etc.) and about Children's Advocacy Centers (mission, purpose, structure, needs, opportunities for community involvement, etc.) across the state.
- 1. Two (2) Chapter staff will attend conferences to gain knowledge about emerging issues and creating innovative responses to child abuse while forming strategic partnerships.
- Provide an entry-level training program for MDTs that is tailored to their availability and location through an online webinar; focused on the benefits of the CAC model and provides them with the ability to discuss concerns/issues.
- Meet at least once with state police and hospital association and/or other medical association about the benefits of the CAC model, improve CAC services, address emerging issues, and create innovative response to child abuse.
- 1. Work with DSS to implement an electronic request for services through database integration.
- 2. Provide technical assistance to DSS investigators and CAC staff on the forensic interview evidence management system.
- 3. Attend a total of 4 meetings with statewide partners to discuss the datasharing systems across the state to improve shared access of case specific information across agencies

