

# 5 REASONS TO JOIN



**National  
Children's  
Alliance®**

About 800 Children's Advocacy Centers nationwide have become Accredited Members of the National Children's Alliance. Here are five reasons to get accredited:

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## Standards that help you serve kids better

By adhering to Standards for Accredited Members, CACs demonstrate evidence-based practice predicated on a sound base of research and practice support.



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## Funding & support opportunities

NCA accreditation is increasingly tied to state funding. Get access to state and federal funding and demonstrate your impact to private donors and foundations.



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## Belonging to a movement

Through membership and access to our Leadership Conference and other in-person and digital events, you'll gain a collaborative network of peers to help improve the experience and well-being of child victims of abuse.



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## Training, technical, & management resources

NCA provides tools, technical assistance, and best practices to CACs and Chapters to ensure a leading-edge response to emerging trends in child abuse treatment.



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## Policy & advocacy resources

NCA supports members with resources, know-how, and a powerful voice in Washington as we work collectively to shape legislation in ways that help the children we serve.



You may already be meeting many of the 10 Standards for Accredited Member Programs on the reverse.

See where you stand, then learn more at [nationalchildrensalliance.org/joinnca](https://nationalchildrensalliance.org/joinnca)

# Standards for Accredited Member Programs

The following program components are necessary for accredited membership in National Children's Alliance:



## 1 Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)

A multidisciplinary team for response to child abuse allegations includes representation from the following: law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, medical, mental health, victim advocacy, and Children's Advocacy Center.

## 2 Cultural Competency and Diversity

The Children's Advocacy Center provides culturally competent services for all CAC clients throughout the duration of the case.

## 3 Forensic Interviews

Forensic interviews are coordinated to avoid duplicative interviewing and are conducted in a manner that is legally sound and of a neutral, fact-finding nature.

## 4 Victim Support and Advocacy

Victim support and advocacy services are provided to all CAC clients and their caregivers as part of the multidisciplinary team response.

## 5 Medical Evaluation

Specialized medical evaluation and treatment services are available to all CAC clients and are coordinated as part of the multidisciplinary team response.

## 6 Mental Health

Evidence-based, trauma-focused mental health services, designed to meet the unique needs of the children and caregivers, are consistently available as part of the multidisciplinary team response.

## 7 Case Review

A formal process in which multidisciplinary discussion and information sharing regarding the investigation, case status, and services needed by the child and family must occur on a routine basis.

## 8 Case Tracking

Children's Advocacy Centers must develop and implement a system for monitoring case progress and tracking case outcomes for all multidisciplinary team components.

## 9 Organizational Capacity

A designated legal entity responsible for program and fiscal operations has been established and implements basic sound administrative policies and procedures.

## 10 Child-Focused Setting

The child-focused setting is comfortable, private, and both physically and psychologically safe for diverse populations of children and their family members.

## Begin the accreditation process now

Email [accreditation@nca-online.org](mailto:accreditation@nca-online.org) for more information

