

NCA Policy on Member Structure

1. **Accredited member program with multiple sites:** If an Accredited member CAC operates multiple sites, any of these sites may apply for accredited membership in NCA provided that all criteria for accredited membership (including annual membership dues) are met and the participating agencies demonstrate agreement with the change in status.

If an Accredited CAC would wish to act as a host CAC to a Satellite member with NCA, it must demonstrate how the Satellite links to the NCA approved Chapter growth plan and does not duplicate service coverage of any existing Accredited or Associate/Developing center.

2. **An umbrella program with multiple centers:** An umbrella organization may operate more than one Accredited member CAC provided that each center meets the criteria (including annual membership dues) for accredited membership.
3. **Development of multiple programs within one service area:** In communities where there is more than one developing program seeking to serve a common population, at the time any of these sites make an application for accredited membership, the following must take place:
 - a) The application must demonstrate that a collaborative protocol has been developed for the service area.
 - b) The protocol furthers the mission of CACs.
 - c) The application indicates that the site meets all standards for membership in NCA.
4. **Dispute Resolution:** NCA and the RCACs will provide review and consultation to local communities where multiple programs seek to serve a common population/service area.
5. **In communities where consensus has not been reached,** NCA/RCACs will make recommendation(s) to the NCA Accreditation Committee.
6. **Development of Tribal CACs** is not considered a duplication of services when located in close proximity to majority culture CACs.