NCA Member Census National Data: 2023

Overview of Participating CACs in 2023

	2023
NCA Member CACs Invited to Complete Survey	952
Responses Received	814
Total Number of Sites Reflected in Responses (17 satellite sites' data were included in a parent CAC's survey response)	831
Response Rate:	87.3% (831/952)
Member Type for 814 Responses:	
Accredited	81.2% (661)
Accredited with one satellite site included in response	1.9% (15)
Accredited with two satellite sites included in response	0.1% (1)
Satellite of Accredited CAC submitting separate response	2.6% (21)
Affiliate	5.0% (41)
Associate / Developing	9.2% (75)
Organizational Structure (Based on NCA Statistics)	N = 771
Government-Based	16.3% (126)
Hospital-Based	6.2% (48)
Non-Profit	77.4% (597)
Estimated Annual Budget (Most Recent FY – Based on total number of physical CAC locations reflected in budget data)	N = 816
Mean	$932,075
Median	$518,912
Range	$3,000 to $16,896,017
Total	**$760,573,797**
Children Served in 2023 by CACs Submitting Census Data, Based on 2023 NCA Statistics	N = 806
Mean	423
Median	265
Range	7 to 7802
Total	341,968
Average Funding per Child – Based on CACs who reported both children served and annual budget	N = 793
Total budget dollars	$758,339,151
Total number of children served	335,056
Estimated average funding per child	**$2,263**

Summary of NCA Member Census National Data: 2020 - 2023

Organizational Information

	2020	2023
Funding Blend Breakdown in Most Recent Fiscal Year (Means)	N = 759*	N = 807
Federal (e.g. VOCA, Victims of Child Abuse Act, CJA)	41.2%	34.7%
State (e.g. Legislative Funding or Contracts)	24.4%	28.9%
Local (includes Municipal/City and County)	11.0%	11.7%
Individual Donations	4.9%	5.8%
Corporations	1.3%	1.2%
Foundations	4.9%	5.8%
Fees for Service (for Direct Service Provision Only)	1.5%	1.4%
Product Sales (e.g. Training, etc.)	0.1%	0.1%
Billing to Private Insurers	0.4%	0.5%
Billing to Public Insurers (e.g. Medicaid)	1.6%	1.6%
Special Events	5.0%	5.0%
Other	3.7%	3.3%
	*2020 data reflects an update from previously published data.	
Predominant Service Area, as Identified by CAC	N = 785	N = 814
Urban	28.5% (224)	37.8% (308)
Suburban	25.4% (199)	18.8% (153)
Rural	46.1%% (362)	43.4% (353)
Rural Health - Program Eligibility	N = 776	N = 809
Eligible for Rural Health Clinics (RHC) Program	39.7% (308)	40.9% (331)
Eligible for Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) Program	34.8% (270)	38.3% (310)
Most Common Languages Spoken by Families Served	N = 788	N = 813
English	100% (788)	100% (813)
Spanish	86.4% (681)	87.0% (708)
Chinese (including Cantonese, Mandarin, other varieties)	4.7% (37)	6.9% (56)
French	2.9% (23)	1.8% (15)
Tagalog (including Filipino)	2.2% (17)	2.7% (22)
Vietnamese	2.8% (22)	3.6% (29)
Arabic	3.2% (25)	4.4% (36)
Korean	1.0% (8)	1.0% (8)
Russian	2.8% (22)	2.6% (21)
German	0.8% (6)	0.4% (3)
Haitian Creole	3.3% (26)	4.9% (40)
Hindi	0.4% (3)	0.5% (4)
Portuguese	2.2% (17)	4.8% (39)
Bengali	--	0.6% (5)
Urdu	--	0.2% (2)
Ukrainian	--	0.9% (7)
Other	13.2% (104)	17.4% (142)

Organizational Information, Continued

	2020	2023
Proportion of CACs with Services / MDT Partners on Staff of CAC or Co-located With CAC		N = 813
Victim Advocacy (VA)	New item in 2023	92.5% (753)
Medical Evaluation (ME)		56.4% (459)
Mental Health Services (MH)		64.7% (543)
Law Enforcement (LE)		16.8% (137)
Child Protective Services		17.2% (59)
Prosecution		11.2% (91)
CACs who are fully co-located (all above services on one site)		1.0% (8)
CACs co-located with Prosecution (with VA, ME, MH)		5.7% (46)
CACs co-located with Law Enforcement (with VA, ME, MH)		8.8% (72)

Prevention Education & Policies

	2020	2023
CAC Provides Community Training, Education, or Other Services Targeted to Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) Prevention	N = 789 85.8% (677)	N = 814 84.9% (691)
Types of Training, Education, or Other Prevention Services provided across all CACS	N = 789	N = 814
Mandated reporter training		
Prevention education for adults (i.e., Stewards of Children, etc.)	62.1% (490)	56.5% (460)
Prevention education for children (i.e., school-based programs, etc.)	58.9% (465)	58.5% (476)
Community awareness campaigns (i.e., SHINE, Prevent Child Abuse America, etc.)	50.7% (400)	52.8% (430)
	48.4% (382)	47.3% (385)
Other	13.7% (108)	16.2% (132)
CSA Prevention Guideline (Codes of Conduct) in Place at CACs	N = 791	N = 814
Aside from direct services, no one-on-one unsupervised contact	65.1% (515)	74.4% (606)
No in-person contact outside of the program (e.g., social activities)	54.5% (431)	62.5% (509)
No electronic device interaction (e.g., social media, texting)	50.8% (402)	60.8% (495)
No transportation of youth in private vehicle	59.0% (467)	65.7% (535)
Guidelines for appropriate touch between team members and youth	33.6% (266)	51.1.% (416)
Guidelines for appropriate touch between youth and other clients	25.8% (204)	38.7% (315)
No Hit Zone policy	21.9% (173)	30.1% (245)
Building is structured to allow maximum visibility	52.1% (412)	58.5% (476)
Staffed and/or monitored after-hours access for staff/team members	34.8% (275)	43.2% (352)
Security protocol for visitors	57.9% (458)	61.4% (500)
Tracking of who is in the building and when (e.g., sign-in sheet)	48.2% (381)	43.1% (351)
Other	5.9% (47)	7.0% (57)
None of the Above	6.2% (49)	3.6% (29)

Medical Evaluations, Forensic Interviewing, and MDT Data

	2020	2023
Percentage of Child Sexual Abuse Victims Receiving Medical Exams in Past Year	N = 720	N = 773
Mean	32.9%	31.3%
Median	23.5%	20.0%
Range	0% to 100%	0%-100%
Medical Provider Performing Evaluations for Child Sexual Abuse Victims	N = 791	N = 814
N/A - CAC does not provide medical evaluations	*3.7% (29)*	*3.4% (28)*
Registered nurse (RN)	38.6% (305)	41.2% (335)
Advanced practice nurse	20.5% (162)	23.1% (188)
Nurse practitioner	35.5% (281)	38.5% (313)
Physician assistant (PA)	6.1% (48)	7.0% (57)
Family medicine physician	6.4% (51)	6.0% (49)
Emergency medicine physician	7.1% (56)	6.0% (49)
General pediatrician (not specialist)	10.9% (86)	8.0% (65)
Child abuse pediatrician (specialist)	42.7% (338)	41.6% (339)
Other provider	14.7% (116)	13.1% (107)
Average Wait Time to Receive Medical Eval After Referral	New in 2023	N = 802
0 days		20.2% (162)
1-3 days		40.3% (323)
4-6 days		18.6% (149)
7-14 days		16.2% (130)
15-30 days		4.0% (32)
More than 30 days		0.7% (6)
Average Wait Time to Receive Forensic Interview After Referral	New in 2023	N = 806
0 days		8.7% (70)
1-3 days		56.0% (451)
4-6 days		23.6% (190)
7-14 days		10.5% (85)
15-30 days		1.2% (10)
CACs Reporting that Youth are Routinely Asked About Social Media / Internet Safety During Forensic or Medical Exams	New in 2023	N = 807 69.9% (564)
Proportion of CACs with Dedicated MDT Coordinator	New in 2023	N = 814
MDT Coordinator is sole role for at least one staff member		23.6% (192)
MDT Coordinator is part of a role for at least one staff member		70.4% (573)
No MDT coordinator		6.0% (49)
Characteristics of MDT Coordinators (among CACs reporting this role)	New in 2023	N = 765
CAC has dedicated funding for MDT Coordinator position		45.6% (349)
Length of time in role		
Less than 1 year		21.1% (161)
Between 1-3 years		31.8% (243)
More than 3 years		47.1% (360)
Other roles performed by MDT Coordinator		
Executive Director		17.8% (145)
Forensic Interviewer		34.8% (283)
Victim Advocate		18.6% (151)

Services to Victims of Physical Abuse – General Services

	2020	2023
CAC Serves Cases of Alleged Physical Abuse in Any Form	N = 790 98.5% (778)	N = 814 98.9% (805)
Services Offered by CACs Serving Cases of Alleged Physical Abuse	N = 778	N = 805
Included in case review meetings/discussions	98.1% (763)	96.4% (776)
Forensic interview of victim	99.0% (770)	98.6% (794)
Forensic interview of siblings/child witnesses to the abuse	96.5% (751)	96.9% (780)
Victim advocacy services	97.9% (762)	98.4% (792)
Mental health services (on site or through linkage agreement)	95.8% (745)	96.1% (774)
Medical evaluation of children ages 4 years and older	78.9% (614)	77.4% (623)
Medical evaluation of toddlers ages 2-3 years	71.0% (552)	68.4% (551)
Medical evaluation of infants ages 0-1 year	61.8% (481)	61.6% (496)
Other	7.5% (58)	5.3% (43)
Distance Between CAC and Closest Children's Hospital	N = 788	N = 813
Available in local community (30 miles or less)	37.6% (296)	35.4% (288)
31 to 60 miles	27.0% (213)	27.4% (223)
61 to 120 miles	19.9% (157)	21.9% (178)
121 miles or more	14.0% (110)	14.8% (120)
Unknown	1.5% (12)	0.5% (4)
CAC has a Regional Expert on Cases of Physical Abuse	N = 776	N = 803
Yes	66.9% (519)	67.5% (542)
No	17.0% (132)	13.2% (106)
Unknown	16.1% (125)	19.3% (155)
CACs with an MOU with a Regional Physical Abuse Expert	N = 766 43.4% (333)	N = 803 43.2% (347)
Distance to Regional Expert, if Available	N = 517	N = 541
Available in local community (30 miles or less)	45.6% (236)	45.8% (248)
31 to 60 miles	27.1% (140)	25.1% (136)
61 to 120 miles	16.2% (84)	17.2% (93)
121 miles or more	9.9% (51)	11.3% (61)
Unknown	1.2% (6)	0.6% (3)
Barriers to Providing Services to Victims of Physical Abuse	N = 791	N = 814
Identification/screening barriers	22.3% (176)	18.6% (151)
Legislative barriers	4.0% (32)	4.5% (37)
Funding barriers	20.5% (162)	23.6% (192)
Lack of support from partner agencies	17.8% (141)	20.1% (164)
Lack of specified training and technical assistance	22.1% (175)	17.8% (145)
Protocol issues with case acceptance criteria	12.6% (100)	14.6% (119)
Low caseload of identified victims of this crime	17.2% (136)	13.0% (106)
Other	8.5% (67)	9.2% (75)
None of the above, no barriers to serving this population	38.8% (307)	40.3% (328)

Services to Victims of Physical Abuse – Medical Evaluations

	2020	2023
If Medical Evals are NOT Offered by CAC, Travel Distance for Families		
Children ages 4 years and older	N = 209	N = 207
Available in local community (30 miles or less)	55.0% (115)	49.3% (102)
31 to 60 miles	22.0% (46)	28.0% (58)
61 to 120 miles	15.3% (32)	15.5% (32)
121 miles or more	3.3% (7)	3.4% (7)
Unknown	4.3% (9)	3.9% (8)
Toddlers ages 2-3 years	N = 221	N = 227
Available in local community (30 miles or less)	53.8% (119)	47.6% (108)
31 to 60 miles	22.2% (49)	27.3% (62)
61 to 120 miles	15.4% (34)	16.7% (38)
121 miles or more	4.5% (10)	4.4% (10)
Unknown	4.1% (9)	4.0% (9)
Infants ages 0-1 year	N = 237	N = 243
Available in local community (30 miles or less)	51.9% (123)	48.6% (118)
31 to 60 miles	22.8% (54)	25.1% (61)
61 to 120 miles	16.9% (40)	16.9% (41)
121 miles or more	4.2% (10)	4.1% (10)
Unknown	4.2% (10)	5.3% (13)
Medical Provider Performing Medical Evaluations for Physical Abuse, If Offered	N = 615	N = 624
Registered nurse (RN)	26.0% (160)	29.0% (181)
Advanced practice nurse	17.9% (110)	19.1% (119)
Nurse practitioner	33.8% (208)	39.1% (244)
Physician assistant (PA)	7.0% (43)	7.9% (49)
Family medicine physician	7.3% (45)	6.6% (41)
Emergency medicine physician	11.2% (69)	9.6% (60)
General pediatrician (not specialist)	14.0% (86)	7.5% (47)
Child abuse pediatrician (specialist)	47.8% (294)	48.2% (301)
Other provider	8.1% (50)	12.5% (78)
For CACs Offering Medical Evaluations of Toddlers and Infants Ages 3 or Younger, a Protocol is in Place for These Cases	N = 547 62.5% (342)	N = 549 60.8% (334)
Sources of Payment used by CACs for Physical Abuse Medical Evaluations, If Offered	N = 615	N = 624
Medicaid/Medi-gap state insurance	37.6% (231)	37.0% (231)
Private insurance	32.0% (197)	30.8% (192)
State/attorney general victim service funds	25.5% (157)	27.4% (171)
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds	26.5% (163)	26.6% (166)
Law enforcement	6.2% (38)	7.2% (45)
Child welfare agency	15.4% (95)	14.4% (90)
Fundraising/philanthropy	15.9% (98)	17.3% (108)
Health care entity provides medical provider at no cost to CAC	15.9% (98)	15.2% (95)
Volunteer service by medical provider	5.7% (35)	3.2% (20)
Other	17.6% (108)	22.3% (139)

Services to Victims of Physical Abuse – Medical Evaluations, continued

	2020	2023
Medical Provider Performing Photo Documentation for Physical Abuse, If Offered	N = 615	N = 624
Registered nurse (RN)		
Advanced practice nurse	32.5% (200)	33.5% (209)
Nurse practitioner	19.7% (121)	20.2% (126)
Physician assistant (PA)	33.3% (205)	40.4% (252)
Family medicine physician	6.8% (42)	8.2% (51)
Emergency medicine physician	6.7% (41)	5.4% (34)
General pediatrician (not specialist)	10.6% (65)	9.8% (61)
Child abuse pediatrician (specialist)	11.9% (73)	8.5% (53)
Other provider	46.8% (288)	46.3% (289)
	16.9% (104)	20.7% (129)
Additional Resources for Physical Abuse Medical Evaluations, If Offered	N = 615	N = 624
Radiologists	50.6% (311)	56.3% (351)
Ophthalmologists	38.7% (238)	45.8% (286)
Laboratory Resources	59.0% (363)	63.9% (399)
None of the Above	34.1% (210)	31.4% (196)

Services to Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

	2020	2023
CACs Providing Services to Victims of CSEC	N = 788	N = 810
Yes, CAC serves victims of CSEC (Total)	95.7% (754)	96.7% (783)
CAC tracked cases of CSEC in past year	46.8% (369)	45.1% (365)
CAC did not track CSEC separately in past year	48.9% (385)	51.6% (418)
No, CAC does not serve victims of CSEC	4.3% (34)	3.3% (27)
Percentage of CACs Documenting At Least 1 CSEC Case in Past Year	N = 791	N = 810
	37.0% (293)	39.0% (316)
Number of CSEC Cases Tracked by CACs in past year (Zero Values Removed)	N = 293	N = 316
Mean	17	24.6
Median	5	8.5
Range	1 to 210	1 to 350
Total	4,983	7,787
CSEC-Related Resources and Processes	New in 2023	N = 810
CAC has CSEC-specific protocol		28.3% (229)
CAC uses a standardized tool for CSEC **screening**		20.5% (166)
CAC uses a standardized tool for CSEC **assessment**		16.5% (134)
CAC has at least one CSEC-designated staff member		45.7% (370)

Services to Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), Continued

	2020	2023
Barriers to Providing Services to Victims of CSEC	N = 791	N=810
Identification/screening barriers	54.1% (428)	46.0% (373)
Legislative barriers	4.4% (35)	4.1% (33)
Funding barriers	15.2% (120)	22.5% (182)
Lack of support from partner agencies	19.1% (151)	22.2% (180)
Lack of specified training and technical assistance	29.7% (235)	28.9% (234)
Protocol issues with case acceptance criteria	12.9% (102)	13.8% (112)
Low caseload of identified victims of this crime	46.3% (382)	53.3% (432)
Other	9.0% (71)	7.5% (61)
None of the above, no barriers to serving this population	17.6% (139)	16.0% (130)

Services to Tribal Communities

	2020	2023
CACs That Serve Children from Designated American Indian Tribal Communities	N = 785	N = 809
Yes	19.5% (153)	18.7% (151)
No - Tribal Communities exist in area, but CAC does not serve	4.6% (36)	5.2% (42)
Not applicable, no Tribal Communities in area	75.9% (596)	76.1% (616)
CAC has Signed Interagency Agreement/MOU with Tribal Leaders	N = 785	N = 809
Yes	8.2% (65)	7.2% (58)
No	91.8% (720)	92.8% (747)
Type of MOU with Tribal Community (multiple may apply)	N = 65	N = 58
We developed a specific agreement just for the tribal community	27.7% (18)	29.3% (17)
Tribal leaders signed our existing MOU along with other partner agencies	67.7% (44)	56.9% (33)
We have an existing MOU, but it needs updating	(new in 2023)	13.8% (8)
Other	12.3% (8)	10.3% (6)
In CACs Who Serve Native Children, When a Case is Identified as Involving a Native Victim, the CAC Notifies (multiple may apply):		N = 151
Tribal services		51.7% (78)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	New in 2023	21.9% (33)
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)		9.9% (15)
Other		16.6% (25)
None of these		19.2% (29)
Training in Past Year Regarding Serving American Indian / Alaskan Native Children.		N = 809
CAC provided training in-house for staff	New in 2023	4.4% (36)
CAC provided training to other organizations in community		2.5% (20)
CAC accessed external training for staff		12.1% (98)

Services to Tribal Communities, Continued

	2020	2023
Barriers to Providing Services to Tribal Communities (of those with tribal communities in area)	N = 189	N = 193
Identification/screening barriers	19.0% (36)	22.8% (44)
Legislative barriers	5.3% (10)	4.1% (8)
Funding barriers	6.9% (13)	8.3% (16)
Lack of support from CAC/MDT partner agencies	6.3% (12)	5.2% (10)
Lack of support from tribal community leaders	24.3% (46)	20.2% (39)
Lack of specified training and technical assistance	11.6% (22)	16.6% (32)
Lack of signed MOU outlining roles and responsibilities	22.2% (42)	26.4% (51)
Issues with jurisdiction or protocols for case acceptance criteria	21.7% (41)	---
Issues with jurisdiction	---	25.9% (50)
Issues with protocols for case acceptance	---	3.6% (7)
Difficulty identifying service needs of this population	18.0% (34)	24.9% (48)
Distance between the CAC and the tribal community	22.2% (42)	23.3% (45)
Difficulty establishing a strong relationship with tribal leaders	27.5% (52)	22.3% (43)
Cultural differences	13.8% (26)	11.9% (23)
Workforce shortage / turnover	---	13.5% (26)
Families are sometimes unsure if CAC is a good fit for them	---	25.4% (49)
Other	11.1% (21)	8.8% (17)
None of the above, no barriers to serving tribal communities	*25.4% (48)*	*24.4% (47)*

Military Partnerships – All CACs

	2020	2023
CAC Assesses for Military-Dependent Child Status at Case Intake	(N = 78) 17.5% (138)	N = 809 19.8% (160)
CAC Tracked the Number of Military-Dependent Children Served in Past Year	N = 784 10.3% (81)	N = 807 15.2% (123)
Percentage of CACs Serving At Least 1 Child in a Military Case in Past Year	N = 791 5.3% (42)	N = 807 7.4% (60)
Number of Military Cases Tracked by CACs in past year (Zero Values Removed)	N = 42	N = 60
Mean	28	27.3
Median	6	9.5
Range	1 to 200	1 to 260
Total	1,192	1,638
When a Case is Identified to have a Military Connection, CAC has a Practice of Working with Military Installation Partners	N = 772 23.4% (181)	N = 807 25.9% (209)
CAC has Local MOU with Military Installations	Not available in 2020	N = 807
Air Force		3.0% (24)
Army		2.5% (20)
Coast Guard		0.2% (2)
Marines		0.5% (4)
Navy		1.2% (10)
Other (Includes Reserve or Guard Branches)		0.1% (1)
At least one local MOU with any of the above branches		5.9% (48)

CACs With Current Military Partnerships

	2020	2023
Branches of the Military Involved in CAC Practices (If CAC-Military Partnerships in Place)	N = 169	N = 209
Air Force	37.3% (63)	37.3% (78)
Army	34.9% (59)	33.5% (70)
Coast Guard	11.8% (20)	11.5% (24)
Marines	8.3% (14)	10.5% (22)
Navy	19.5% (33)	23.4% (49)
Other (Includes Reserve or Guard Branches)	10.7% (18)	12.0% (25)
Unknown	20.1% (34)	20.1% (42)
Military Personnel or Programs in Contact with CAC throughout Cases (If CAC-Military Partnerships in Place)	N = 174	N = 209
Family Advocacy Program	58.0% (101)	56.0% (117)
Legal personnel (JAG, staff judge advocates, etc.)	34.5% (60)	25.8% (54)
Law enforcement (e.g. NCIS, CID, OSI, military police)	64.9% (113)	61.7% (129)
Medical providers	10.3% (18)	6.2% (13)
Other	5.2% (9)	5.7% (12)
Unknown	16.1% (28)	17.2% (36)
Barriers Experienced by CACs who work with Military Installations	N = 791*	N = 209
Identification/screening barriers	17.1% (135)	17.7% (37)
Information sharing limitations	14.4% (114)	19.1% (40)
Funding barriers/limited capacity	7.1% (56)	7.7% (16)
Lack of support from civilian partner agencies	2.7% (21)	3.3% (7)
Lack of support from military installations	9.1% (72)	13.4% (28)
Staffing and turnover challenges	6.1% (48)	22.0% (46)
Lack of training and technical assistance needed to work with military partners	19.6% (155)	12.0% (25)
Other	15.8% (125)	15.3% (32)
None of the above, no barriers to serving this population	42.0% (332)	38.8% (81)
	**Asked of all CACs in 2020*	
When a Case is Identified to have a Military Connection, which Contact(s) does the CAC Notify? (If CAC-Military Partnerships in Place)	N = 181	N = 209
None, no specific notification policy	37.6% (68)	45.5% (95)
Family Advocacy Program	31.5% (57)	27.8% (58)
Military Law enforcement (e.g. NCIS, CID, OSI, military police)	39.8% (72)	33.5% (70)
Other	6.3% (15)	8.1% (17)
Military and CAC Personnel had Case Review Together in past year (If CAC-Military Partnerships in Place)	N = 181	N = 209
Yes, military staff attended CAC case review	24.9% (45)	20.1% (42)
Yes, CAC staff attended military case review	2.8% (5)	6.2% (13)
No, military and CAC staff did not have case review together in past year	73.5% (133)	74.6% (156)

CACs With Current Military Partnerships, Continued

	2020	2023
Military Personnel Conducted, Observed, or Received a Copy of Forensic Interviews for Military-Dependent Children in past year (If Partnerships in Place)	N = 181 39.8% (72)	N = 209 46.4% (97)
If Involved, Proportion of Forensic Interviews with Military Entity Present for Interview (as opposed to only receiving the recording)	N = 63	N = 88
Mean	66.9%	75.6%
Median	100%	100%
Range	0 to 100%	0 to 100%
Average Proportion of Forensic Interviews for Military-Dependent Children Conducted by CAC vs. Military	Not available in 2020	N = 97
Conducted by CAC		91.0%
Conducted by Military		9.0%
Cross-training with Military Installations (if partnership is in place)	New in 2023	N = 209
CAC provided training to military personnel		22.5% (47)
Military personnel provided training to CAC		8.6% (18)

Mental Health Services

	2020	2023
Mental Health Services Offered & Location of Services	**N = 791**	**N = 811**
Crisis Interventions		
CAC-based services	73.6% (582)	71.4% (579)
Linkage agreement services	43.2% (342)	40.1% (325)
Total	97.0% (767)	97.0% (787)
Screenings		
CAC-based services	69.7% (551)	69.7% (565)
Linkage agreement services	42.0% (332)	38.2% (310)
Total	94.9% (751)	96.1% (779)
Assessments		
CAC-based services	62.1% (491)	61.2% (496)
Linkage agreement services	52.7% (417)	49.4% (401)
Total	96.8% (766)	97.9% (794)
Evidence-Based Treatments		
CAC-based services	59.4% (470)	59.2% (480)
Linkage agreement services	57.5% (455)	52.4% (425)
Total	98.0% (774)	98.4% (798)
Support Groups		
CAC-based services	37.5% (297)	35.4% (287)
Linkage agreement services	44.0% (348)	41.1% (336)
Total	72.8% (576)	72.5% (588)
CACs provide at least one Mental Health-related Service	**82.3% (651)**	**80.8% (655)**
Populations Receiving MH Services through CAC or Linkage Providers	**N = 791**	**N = 811**
Victims age 0 to 18	98.6% (780)	97.4% (790)
Youth with problematic sexual behaviors	68.1% (539)	64.9% (526)
Siblings/child witnesses to abuse	90.4% (715)	91.0% (738)
Non-offending caregivers	89.3% (706)	85.6% (694)
Caregivers in treatment for abusive behavior	18.8% (149)	14.3% (116)
Other	4.7% (37)	3.9% (32)
Proportion of CACs Reporting use of the Following Sources of Payment for CAC-Based MH Services	**N = 651**	**N = 655**
	11.8% (77)	11.4% (75)
Fee-for-service (out of pocket, any portion)	23.0% (150)	24.4% (160)
Medicaid/Medi-gap state insurance	21.7% (141)	20.4% (134)
Private insurance	14.3% (93)	16.4% (108)
State/Attorney General victim service funds	65.0% (423)	64.1% (420)
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds	19.8% (129)	26.4% (173)
Other grant funding – federal	37.8% (246)	49.8% (326)
Other grant funding – state/local	28.9% (188)	33.0% (216)
Other grant funding – private organizations / foundations	1.4% (9)	0.8% (5)
Law Enforcement	7.7% (50)	7.0% (46)
Child Welfare Agency	30.4% (198)	32.5% (213)
Fundraising/Philanthropy	8.8% (57)	7.6% (50)
MH care entity provides service provider at no cost to CAC	2.8% (18)	2.4% (16)
Volunteer service by provider	6.0% (39)	8.5% (56)
Other		

Mental Health Services, Continued

	2020	2023
Mental Health Screening Tools & Assessments Used	N = 791	N = 811
Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children (TSCC)		
CAC-based providers	42.9% (339)	39.8% (323)
Linkage agreement providers	32.2% (255)	29.5% (239)
Total	65.6% (519)	62.6% (508)
Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children Screening Form (TSCC-SF)		
CAC-based providers	25.4% (201)	25.5% (207)
Linkage agreement providers	26.0% (206)	22.8% (185)
Total	45.2% (358)	44.5% (361)
Trauma Symptom Checklist for Young Children (TSCYC)		
CAC-based providers	34.1% (270)	31.9% (259)
Linkage agreement providers	26.4% (209)	23.4% (190)
Total	53.4% (422)	51.2% (415)
Trauma Symptom Checklist for Young Children Screening Form (TSCYC-SF)		
CAC-based providers	22.1% (175)	20.7% (168)
Linkage agreement providers	20.4% (161)	19.6% (159)
Total	38.2% (302)	38.1% (309)
Mood and Feelings Questionnaire (MFQ)		
CAC-based providers	12.6% (100)	14.2% (115)
Linkage agreement providers	13.7% (108)	15.4% (125)
Total	24.7% (195)	27.9% (226)
Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)		
CAC-based providers	13.7% (108)	11.2% (91)
Linkage agreement providers	14.4% (114)	13.7% (111)
Total	26.3% (208)	23.4% (190)
Child and Adolescent Trauma Screen (CATS)		
CAC-based providers	21.0% (166)	28.4% (230)
Linkage agreement providers	21.0% (166)	23.1% (187)
Total	37.3% (295)	46.9% (380)
Child Sexual Behavior Inventory (CSBI)		
CAC-based providers	19.8% (157)	19.4% (157)
Linkage agreement providers	20.5% (162)	19.9% (161)
Total	36.4% (288)	36.6% (297)
Child PTSD Symptom Scale (CPSS)		
CAC-based providers	21.9% (173)	23.1% (187)
Linkage agreement providers	20.9% (165)	19.5% (158)
Total	38.3% (303)	40.4% (328)
UCLA PTSD Reaction Index		
CAC-based providers	20.9% (165)	19.2% (156)
Linkage agreement providers	14.7% (116)	14.5% (118)
Total	32.6% (258)	31.2% (253)
Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL)		
CAC-based providers	18.7% (148)	17.0% (138)
Linkage agreement providers	19.7% (156)	17.5% (142)
Total	35.0% (277)	32.3% (262)

Mental Health Services, Continued

	2020	2023
Screening and Assessment Tools Used, Continued		
Other		
CAC-based providers	13.8% (109)	14.2% (115)
Linkage agreement providers	8.3% (66)	6.7% (54)
Total	20.1% (159)	19.7% (160)
Barriers to Providing MH Screenings or Assessments	N = 791	N = 811
No known barriers		
At CAC	44.6% (353)	47.5% (385)
Linkage Agreement Providers	31.7% (251)	28.7% (233)
Total	59.8% (473)	60.5% (491)
No providers trained to conduct screeners		
At CAC	8.3% (66)	8.0% (65)
Linkage Agreement Providers	4.7% (37)	4.4% (36)
Total	12.0% (95)	11.3% (92)
No providers trained to conduct assessments		
At CAC	7.8% (62)	7.3% (59)
Linkage Agreement Providers	4.6% (36)	4.1% (33)
Total	11.6% (92)	10.7% (87)
Not sure which tools to use		
At CAC	10.0% (79)	9.1% (74)
Linkage Agreement Providers	3.0% (24)	3.9% (32)
Total	12.1% (96)	12.3% (100)
Cost of tools		
At CAC	18.6% (147)	16.5% (134)
Linkage Agreement Providers	7.8% (62)	8.1% (66)
Total	23.3% (184)	21.6% (175)
Other		
At CAC	5.2% (41)	4.2% (34)
Linkage Agreement Providers	2.0% (16)	3.7% (30)
Total	6.7% (53)	6.5% (53)
CACs Interested in Training on MH Screenings or Assessments	N = 784	N = 808
Yes	53.4% (419)	52.0% (420)
No	14.4% (113)	15% (121)
Unsure/Need More Information	32.1% (252)	33% (267)
Providers of Evidence-Based Treatments, as Percentage of all Children Served by the CAC in 2019	N = 774	N = 797
CAC Staff Providers, Based at CAC (Mean %)	42.4%	44.50%
CAC Contracted Providers, Based at CAC (Mean %)	9.5%	10.5%
Linkage Partner Providers, Based Elsewhere (Mean %)	48.1%	45.0%

Mental Health Services, Continued

	2020	2023
Evidence-Based Treatments (EBTs) Provided – Proportion of CACs Offering Each	N = 791	N = 811
Trauma-Focused – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)		
CAC-based providers	58.4% (462)	58.1% (471)
Linkage agreement providers	56.6% (448)	53.4% (433)
Total	93.7% (741)	94.0% (762)
Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI)		
CAC-based providers	10.7% (85)	16.2% (131)
Linkage agreement providers	17.6% (139)	19.1% (155)
Total	26.3% (208)	32.2% (261)
Problematic Sexual Behavior-CBT (PSB-CBT)		
CAC-based providers	11.8% (93)	18.2% (148)
Linkage agreement providers	21.2% (168)	22.9% (186)
Total	30.6% (242)	38.6% (313)
Parent–Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)		
CAC-based providers	15.4% (122)	17.3% (140)
Linkage agreement providers	24.9% (197)	27.3% (221)
Total	36.9% (292)	41.6% (337)
Alternatives for Families – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (AF-CBT)		
CAC-based providers	10.1% (80)	8.0% (65)
Linkage agreement providers	15.3% (121)	14.7% (119)
Total	22.9% (181)	21.2% (172)
Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP)		
CAC-based providers	7.8% (62)	6.8% (55)
Linkage agreement providers	15.4% (122)	14.9% (121)
Total	21.9% (173)	20.7% (168)
Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)		
CAC-based providers	28.3% (224)	35.4% (287)
Linkage agreement providers	31.7% (251)	36.5% (296)
Total	52.3% (414)	64.5% (523)
CACs Interested in Training on EBTs	N = 791	N = 811
Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)	38.4% (304)	35.4% (287)
Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI)	42.9% (339)	41.1% (333)
Problematic Sexual Behavior-CBT (PSB-CBT)	48.0% (380)	44.1% (358)
Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)	35.8% (283)	32.9% (267)
Alternatives for Families: A Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (AF-CBT)	31.7% (251)	32.3% (262)
Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP)	27.9% (221)	28.0% (227)
Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)	36.7% (290)	40.6% (329)
Other	5.1% (40)	5.7% (46)
No training selected	9.6% (76)	22.3% (181)

Mental Health Services, Continued

Factors Considered when Deciding Whether to Refer Children to EBT	N = 791	N = 811
Based on abuse disclosed (type or severity)	77.9% (616)	80.4% (652)
Based on screening results	51.5% (407)	52.9% (429)
Based on assessment results	45.3% (358)	44.9% (364)
Based on provider availability	33.1% (262)	38.2% (310)
Other	20.6% (163)	18.5% (150)
Unknown	1.9% (15)	1.7% (14)
Average Waitlist for MH Treatments in Community	N = 788	N = 810
14 or fewer days	51.5% (406)	31.4% (254)
15 to 30 days	24.1% (190)	26.4% (214)
31 to 60 days	11.2% (88)	20.9% (169)
61 to 90 days	4.2% (33)	8.1% (66)
More than 90 days	2.8% (22)	9.0% (73)
Unknown	6.2% (49)	4.2% (34)
Evidence-Based MH Treatment Milestones *Tracked* by CACs	N = 791	N = 811
Whether children are referred to treatment	87.2% (690)	89.0% (722)
Whether children attend at least 1 appointment for treatment	59.9% (474)	59.9% (486)
Whether children successfully complete treatment	43.7% (346)	45.9% (372)
Whether children get better according to standardized measures showing reductions in symptoms	28.3% (224)	32.1% (260)
Unknown	2.0% (16)	2.5% (20)
None of the above, MH treatment not tracked in case tracking system	6.6% (52)	6.4% (52)
Percent of Children Achieving Treatment Milestones in Prior Year, Among CACs Tracking Mental Health Milestones		
Average (mean) percentage of all children referred to treatment	M=63.1% (563)	M=62.9% (N=580)
Average (mean) percentage of all children who attend at least 1 appointment	M=49.8% (344)	M=47.3% (N=323)
Barriers to Providing Evidence-Based Treatments	N = 791	N = 811
No known barriers		
At CAC	12.6% (102)	12.0% (97)
Linkage Agreement Providers	10.7% (85)	7.2% (58)
Total	18.1% (143)	15.4% (125)
Identification/screening barriers		
At CAC	2.8% (22)	3.0% (24)
Linkage Agreement Providers	2.4% (19)	3.6% (29)
Total	4.7% (37)	5.8% (47)
Lack of support from partner agencies		
At CAC	4.2% (33)	5.1% (41)
Linkage Agreement Providers	3.2% (25)	4.3% (35)
Total	6.2% (49)	8.1% (66)
Lack of specified training and technical assistance		
At CAC	6.3% (50)	6.0% (49)
Linkage Agreement Providers	10.5% (83)	10.6% (86)
Total	14.3% (113)	15.4% (125)

Mental Health Services, Continued

	2020	2023
Barriers to Providing Evidence-Based Treatments, Continued		
Difficulty finding qualified MH services providers		
At CAC	18.0% (142)	31.8% (258)
Linkage Agreement Providers	26.4% (209)	35.0% (284)
Total	37.3% (295)	54.4% (441)
Concrete barriers for families (e.g., location, transportation)		
At CAC	40.7% (322)	39.7% (322)
Linkage Agreement Providers	32.7% (259)	32.3% (262)
Total	56.8% (449)	56.0% (454)
Perceptual barriers for clients (e.g., do not believe services necessary)		
At CAC	46.3% (366)	43.5% (353)
Linkage Agreement Providers	30.2% (239)	31.4% (255)
Total	58.7% (464)	58.2% (472)
Language barriers for clients (e.g., lack of fluent therapists)		
At CAC	20.6% (171)	21.6% (175)
Linkage Agreement Providers	19.0% (150)	18.9% (153)
Total	31.1% (246)	30.7% (249)
Other client barriers (e.g., lack of follow-up to referrals, dropping out)		
At CAC	44.1% (349)	42.9% (348)
Linkage Agreement Providers	33.2% (263)	35.4% (287)
Total	59.5% (471)	61.8% (501)
Other		
At CAC	5.8% (46)	6.9% (56)
Linkage Agreement Providers	3.3% (26)	4.2% (34)
Total	8.1% (64)	9.4% (76)

Teleservices

	2020	2023
Percent of CACs Providing Direct Services through Virtual/Tele-Services in Past Year	N = 791	N = 811
Forensic Interviews (tele-FI)	15.4% (122)	8.0% (65)
Victim Advocacy (tele-VA)	52.2% (413)	27.4% (222)
Telehealth - Medical Services	7.1% (56)	4.1% (33)
Telemental Health - Mental Health Services	71.2% (563)	57.2% (464)
None of the above	16.4% (130)	32.2% (261)
Percent of CACs planning to Offer Direct Services Through Virtual/Tele-Services in Coming Year.	New in 2023	N = 811
Forensic Interviews (tele-FI)		11.0% (89)
Victim Advocacy (tele-VA)		33.7% (273)
Telehealth - Medical Services		6.7% (54)
Telemental Health - Mental Health Services		58.0% (470)

Teleservices, Continued

	2020	2023
During COVID-19, MDT Used Virtual/Remote Case Review	N = 790	
Yes, all team members met remotely	72.0% (569)	
Yes, some team members met in person and others joined remotely	18.9% (149)	Not asked in 2023
No, team continued to meet in person	1.6% (13)	
No, team temporarily suspended case review until in person meetings could resume	3.0% (24)	
Other arrangements	4.4% (35)	
Proportion of MDT Meetings Held Using Remote / Hybrid Options in Past Year		N = 811
None – all meetings were in person		22.8% (185)
A few – less than half of meetings used remote options	See row above	18.5% (150)
About half of meetings used remote options		7.6% (62)
A majority – more than half of meeting used remote options		10.6% (86)
All or almost all meetings used remote options		40.4% (328)
Effectiveness of Virtual/Remote Case Review, Of Those Using	N = 718	N = 624
Very effective - matched or exceeded key in-person practices	32.6% (234)	31.7% (198)
Somewhat effective - mostly matched key in-person practices	53.6% (385)	47.9% (299)
Somewhat ineffective - some challenges in matching key in-person practices	12.5% (90)	16.0% (100
Very ineffective - significant challenges in matching key in-person practices	1.3% (9)	4.3% (27)
All CACs Interested in Training on *Telemental Health* Services	N = 777	N = 805
	60.9% (473)	37.9% (305)
Barriers Impacting Ability to Offer *Telemental Health*	N = 791	N = 811
Lack of necessary equipment (clinicians and/or clients)	40.6% (321)	26.0% (211)
Connectivity issues, e.g., internet or bandwidth (clinicians and/or clients)	54.7% (433)	36.4% (295)
Lack of appropriate clinician workspace	8.1% (64)	8.1% (66)
Privacy or safety concerns in the client's home	53.4% (422)	44.9% (364)
Telehealth platform has insufficient features due to cost/restrictions	13.7% (108)	9.9% (80)
Clients lack supplies to do therapeutic activities	31.5% (249)	17.9% (145)
Lack of clinician training to deliver telemental health services	14.4% (114)	9.9% (80)
Difficulty maintaining client engagement in services	38.4% (304)	36.9% (299)
Lack of reimbursement	4.4% (35)	4.2% (34)
Lack of cross-state clinician licensing/credentialing	4.3% (34)	8.3% (67)
Clinicians are not interested in providing telemental health	6.3% (50)	13.1% (106)
Other - please describe:	11.1% (88)	12.2% (99)
No barriers	14.4% (114)	19.9% (161)

Victim Advocacy (New Module in 2023)

Proportion of CACs at Which Victim Advocates Provide the Following Services:	2023
Crisis Assessment and Interventions	N = 811
CAC-based services	80.8% (655)
Linkage agreement services	23.1% (187)
Total	91.2% (740)
Attending Forensic Interviews	
CAC-based services	76.8% (623)
Linkage agreement services	14.8% (120)
Total	82.4% (668)
Client Education Regarding Investigation Process	
CAC-based services	91.1% (739)
Linkage agreement services	24.7% (200)
Total	98.4% (798)
Assessment of Families' Resource Needs	
CAC-based services	89.5% (726)
Linkage agreement services	19.5% (158)
Total	96.7% (784)
Mental Health Symptom Screening for Youth	
CAC-based services	48.3% (392)
Linkage agreement services	18.4% (149)
Total	62.1% (504)
Mental Health Symptom Screening for Caregivers	
CAC-based services	34.6% (281)
Linkage agreement services	18.4% (149)
Total	48.5% (393)
Mental Health Services Referral	
CAC-based services	89.9% (729)
Linkage agreement services	16.9% (137)
Total	95.1% (771)
Assessing Barriers to Mental Health Tx Engagement	
CAC-based services	76.8% (623)
Linkage agreement services	16.9% (137)
Total	83.8% (680)
On-going Support After Initial Visit	
CAC-based services	91.2% (740)
Linkage agreement services	20.7% (168)
Total	97.4% (790)
Court Accompaniment	
CAC-based services	70.9% (575)
Linkage agreement services	34.2% (277)
Total	92.8% (753)
Medical Exam Accompaniment / Medical Advocacy	
CAC-based services	63.7% (517)
Linkage agreement services	21.7% (176)
Total	78.1% (633)

Victim Advocacy, Continued

	2023
Proportion of CACs at Which Victim Advocates Provide the Following Services, Continued	
Participation in MDT Case Review Meetings	
CAC-based services	93.7% (760)
Linkage agreement services	27.0% (219)
Total	98.8% (801)
Provision of Case Status Updates to Caregivers	
CAC-based services	81.9% (664)
Linkage agreement services	29.1% (236)
Total	94.2% (764)
Other Legal Advocacy (e.g., help with court orders)	
CAC-based services	55.1% (447)
Linkage agreement services	35.3% (286)
Total	80.9% (656)
Location of Linkage Agreement Advocates (among CACs with linkage VA). More than one may apply.	N = 400
Community-based victim services provider	52.0% (208)
Prosecutor's or District Attorney's Office	72.0% (288)
Law Enforcement Agency	23.5% (94)
Mental or Behavioral Health Organization	26.8% (107)
Health Care Setting	11.3% (45)
Child Welfare Setting	13.0% (52)
Other	3.5% (14)
Proportion of CACs Tracking Follow-up Contact by Victim Advocates	N = 808
Yes, CAC tracks follow-up	88.4% (714)
No, CAC does not track follow-up	11.6% (94)
Proportion of Families Receiving More than One Victim Advocacy Contact (Among Tracking CACs)	N = 706
Mean	83.0%
Median	90.0%
Range	0-100%
Proportion of Families Receiving Victim Advocacy for More than One Month (Among Tracking CACs)	N = 687
Mean	61.9%
Median	65.0%
Range	0-100%

Victim Advocacy, Continued

	2023
Barriers Reported by CACs to Providing Advocacy Services	N = 811
No known barriers	
Barrier for CAC	25.9% (210)
Barrier for Linkage Provider	9.9% (80)
Total	28.2% (229)
Staff turnover or vacancies	
Barrier for CAC	30.8% (250)
Barrier for Linkage Provider	18.2% (148)
Total	40.4% (328)
Lack of access to training for victim advocates	
Barrier for CAC	6.5% (53)
Barrier for Linkage Provider	3.7% (30)
Total	9.0% (73)
Concerns about limits of advocacy confidentiality	
Barrier for CAC	6.8% (55)
Barrier for Linkage Provider	7.2% (58)
Total	11.5% (93)
Lack of support from partner agencies	
Barrier for CAC	9.7% (79)
Barrier for Linkage Provider	4.9% (40)
Total	13.3% (108)
Concrete client barriers (transportation, etc.)	
Barrier for CAC	33.4% (271)
Barrier for Linkage Provider	14.8% (120)
Total	36.9% (299)
Perceptual client barriers (e.g., belief that services are not needed)	
Barrier for CAC	41.6% (337)
Barrier for Linkage Provider	15.2% (123)
Total	44.8% (363)
Language barriers	
Barrier for CAC	20.3% (165)
Barrier for Linkage Provider	8.9% (72)
Total	23.1% (187)
Cultural barriers	
Barrier for CAC	15.5% (126)
Barrier for Linkage Provider	7.9% (64)
Total	17.1% (139)
Negative client experiences in other systems	
Barrier for CAC	35.3% (286)
Barrier for Linkage Provider	15.4% (125)
Total	39.1% (317)