National Children's Alliance®
The Force Behind Children's Advocacy Centers

Who we are

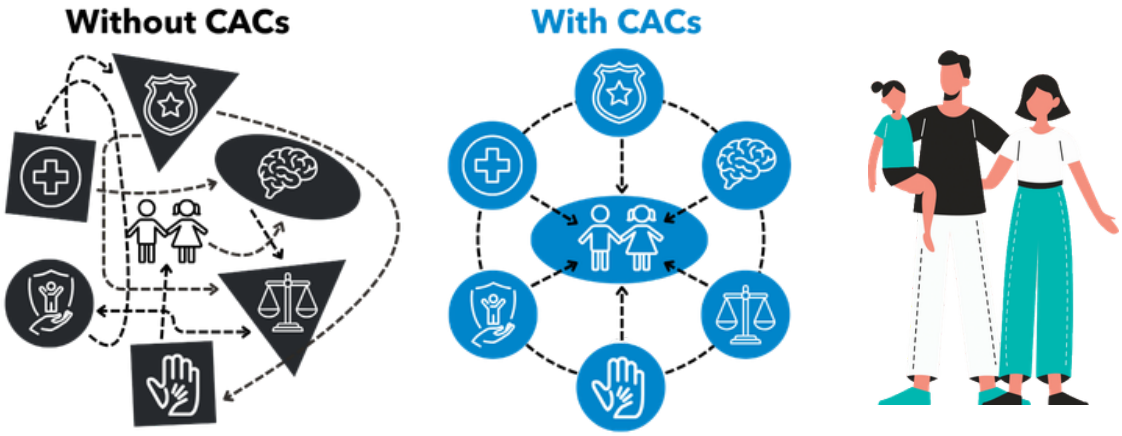
What is NCA?

National Children's Alliance (NCA) makes a difference, one child and voice at a time. As a not-for-profit membership and accrediting organization providing comprehensive care through hundreds of Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) nationwide, we unify and amplify our voices to command better outcomes. With a forward-thinking approach that stays at the forefront of every child's future, we are the beginning of child abuse's end.

What is a CAC?

A Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) offers high-quality care so abused children can thrive. At a CAC, a coordinated team of experts in medicine, law enforcement, victim advocacy, mental health, and other disciplines holds offenders accountable and helps children and families heal in a comprehensive, seamless way so no future is out of reach.

To understand what a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is, you must understand what children face without one.



Without a CAC, a child may end up having to tell the worst story of their 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.

With a CAC, when police or child protective services believe a child is being abused, the child is brought to the CAC—a safe, child-focused environment—by a caregiver or other "safe" adult. At the CAC, the child tells their story once to a trained interviewer who knows the right questions to ask. Then, based on the interview, the multidisciplinary team makes decisions together about how to help the child. Finally, CACs offer a wide range of services like therapy, medical exams, courtroom preparation, victim advocacy, case management, and more.

How do CACs help kids?

Watch our explainer video and learn what they do and how you can help us support them.



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