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Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois Unveils New Statewide Awareness Billboard Campaign

SPRINGFIELD, IL. Established in 1995, The Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI) is the network that coordinates and provides a comprehensive response to child abuse in Illinois. As the leading resource on child abuse issues, we stay abreast of the latest research and literature within the field, as well as the most child-friendly approaches in investigations and treatment.

CACI is dedicated to the development and growth of the 40 Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) throughout the state. CACs provide forensic interviewing, advocacy and medical/health therapeutic referral services to children and non-offending family members involved in cases of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and child fatalities.

In FY19, 14,291 children walked through the door of an Illinois CAC where their voices were heard. On Monday, August 26, a new statewide billboard campaign will be launched. The "Children Start To Heal The Moment They Are Heard" campaign is aimed at child abuse response and prevention. We understand that effective advocacy requires both information and action, therefore 14 billboards (locations attached) are being placed throughout Illinois. The billboard campaign includes the CACI website: www.childrensadvocacycentersofillinois.org that provides comprehensive information regarding contact information for local CACs, signs of abuse, Illinois statistics, training opportunities and more.

In Illinois, our vision is simple: to ensure every child in the state of Illinois has access to the services offered through a CAC. While we cannot stop abuse, we can make a significant impact through prevention education and multidisciplinary services provided to the children who have suffered the horrors of abuse. We work together in a unified voice on behalf of Illinois' children.



To find your local CAC, visit:
www.childrensadvocacycentersofillinois.org

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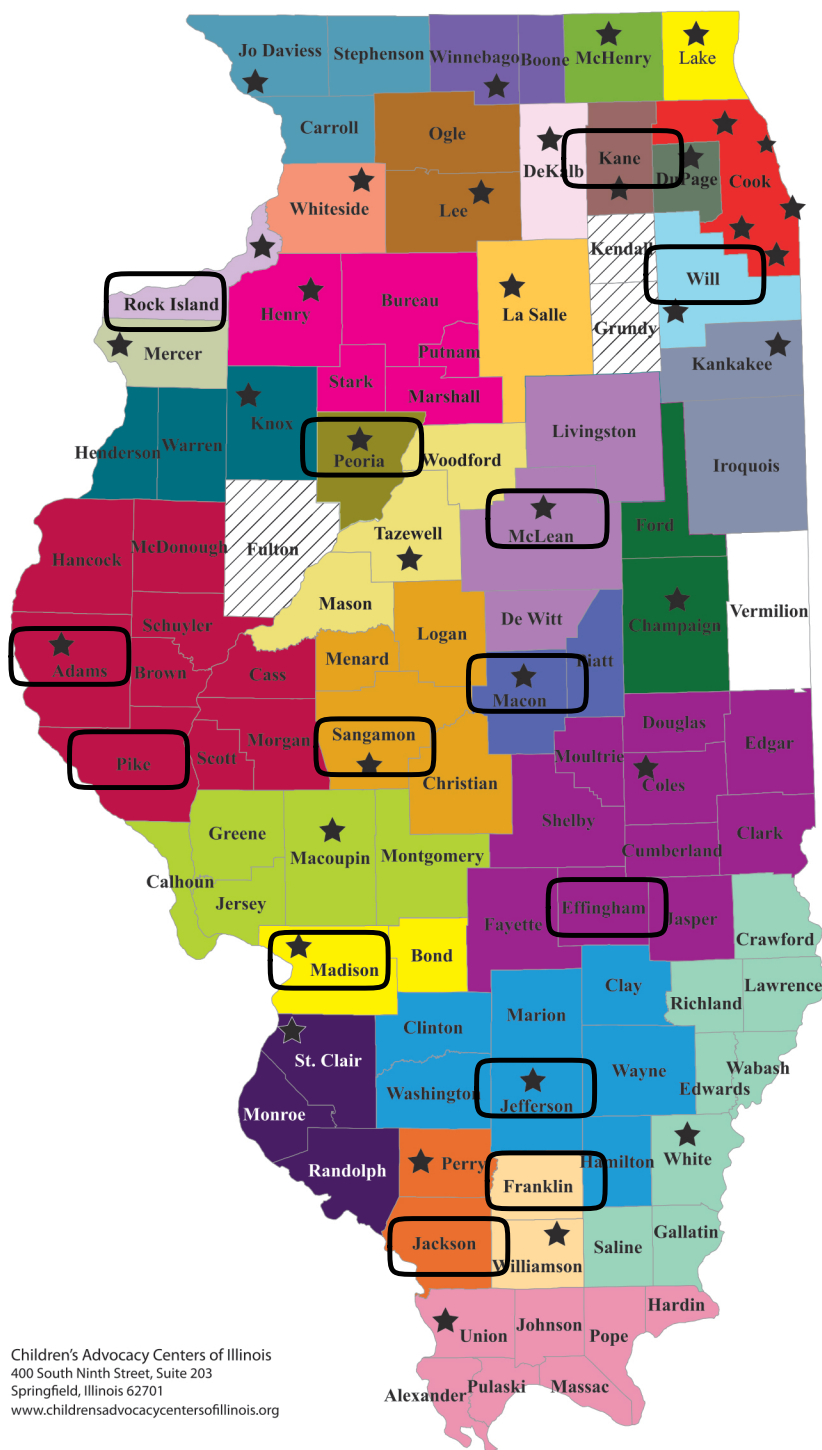
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Northern Region

April House
Braveheart
Carrie Lynn
Child Network
Dani-Brandon Center
DeKalb County
Jeanine Nicarico
Kane County
Lake County
McHenry County
Mercer County
Rock Island County
Shining Star
Tyler's Justice
Will County

Cook County Region

All Our Children's
ChicagoCAC
La Rabida
North & Northwest
Cook County
Proviso

Central Region

Advocacy Network
Champaign County
Child 1st
East Central
Knox County
McLean County
Peoria County
Sangamon County
Tazewell County
Unified Child
Advocacy Network

Southern Region

Amy Schulz
The Guardian Center
Madison County
Perry-Jackson
St. Clair County
Two Rivers
Franklin/Williamson



2019 Statewide Awareness Billboard Campaign Locations

- 1. Sangamon County**
 - Springfield - Stevenson Dr. & Butler St. E/F
- 2. Macon County**
 - Decatur – Main & Pershing
- 3. McLean County**
 - Bloomington - W. Market/Rt. 9 & White Oak Road
- 4. Peoria County**
 - Peoria – US 150 (War Memorial)
- 5. Pike County**
 - Pittsfield – Highway 54
- 6. Adams County**
 - Quincy – Highway 104 @ 1330th Street
- 7. Kane County**
 - Elgin – Mclean & Big Timber
- 8. Will County**
 - Joliet – Briggs & Cass
- 9. Madison County**
 - East Alton – Edwardsville Road
- 10. Jackson County**
 - Carbondale – Highway 13 @ Reed Station Road
- 11. Franklin County**
 - Highway 37 @ Highway 154
- 12. Effingham County**
 - Effingham – Route 40
- 13. Champaign County**
 - Champaign – I-72 & I-57
- 14. Rock Island**
 - Milan – 1000 Andalusia Road

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