

FY22

Annual Report

12,343

Children were served at an
Illinois CAC in FY22

EXPANDING OUR IMPACT TOGETHER





CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF ILLINOIS

VISION

The need of children and families are paramount in the public health response to child abuse and Illinois CACs and MDTs are valued and essential partners in that effort.

MISION

To support and sustain Illinois' Children Advocacy Centers through leadership in Resource Development, Education and, Collaboration.

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Annual Report, I'm glad you're here! Whether you're a long-time supporter or if Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois are new to you, I'm proud to share some of the past year and all the great work that we've done to serve kids and their families here in Illinois.

When looking to describe this past year, it seems that the "new normal" that everyone talked about is here. I've heard some describe this time as tumultuous, lonely, exhausting as well as enlightening, transformational and affirming. These words seem to not only describe how many individuals have been feeling, but also our organizations. We have new challenges, new opportunities, and a deeper sense of why we do what we do. What I'm seeing every day is Resilience.

Resilience can be simply defined as is a good outcome in the face of adversity. The 12,343 children that walked through the doors of a local Illinois Children's Advocacy Center last year have and will face adversity, as will many other children who suffer from abuse.

However, when children have the opportunity to receive the proper response to abuse and treatment for that trauma, Hope and Healing starts then. CACs make that difference.

This year CACI has focused on long term sustainability of CACs across Illinois. We have had a greater emphasis on leadership development for CAC staff, stronger partnerships with our statewide partners and stakeholders, and collecting and using CAC data to show the great work we're doing and what work lies ahead. All of these initiatives come from our recently adopted strategic plan which focuses on addressing the public health crisis of child abuse.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois. We urge you to get involved in the fight to end child abuse so that we can join together to provide a happier and healthier future for our kids and families.

Best wishes and thank you,



Kim Mangiaracino
Executive Director

About CACI

The Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI) is dedicated to the development and growth of Illinois' Children's Advocacy Centers. CACI accomplishes this by offering its members a cadre of services which are rooted in the not-for-profit organization's driving principles: leadership, education and collaboration.

Established in 1995, CACI is the network that coordinates and provides a comprehensive response to child abuse in Illinois. As the leading resource on child abuse issues, CACI stays abreast of the latest research and literature in the child abuse field, as well as the most child-friendly approaches in investigation and treatment of child abuse.

CACI is dedicated to the multidisciplinary, child advocacy approach and a coordinated, comprehensive response to child abuse. To that end, CACI offers discipline-specific trainings to its members throughout the year; CACI seeks opportunities to collaborate with partner agencies, such as the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and the Illinois Attorney General's Office, on education and public policy support; and CACI guides its members on "best practices" in the field.

Children Served at Illinois CACs

In Fiscal Year 2022

12,343

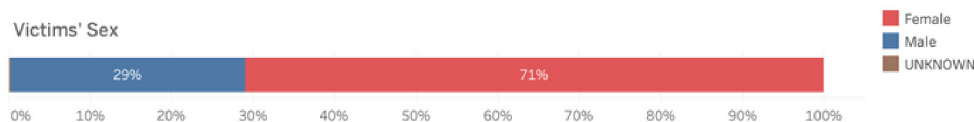
Forensic Interviews were conducted by a Children Advocacy Center

Forensic Interviews Conducted per Month



VICTIMS' DEMOGRAPHICS

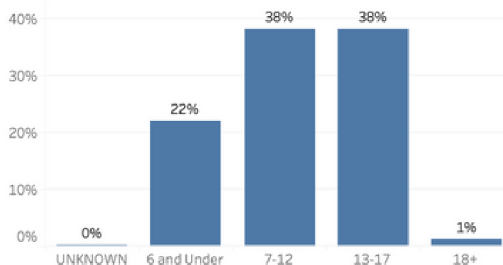
Victims' Sex



Victims' Race

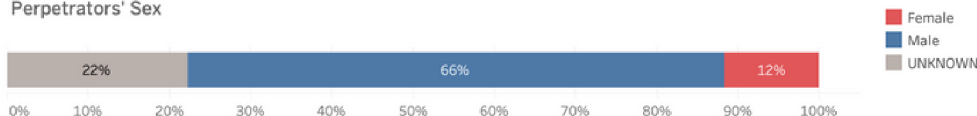


Victims' Age

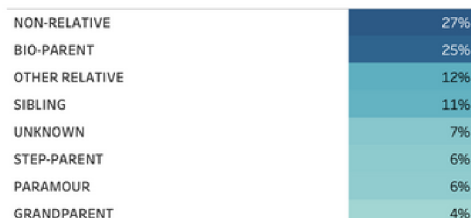


PERPETRATORS' DEMOGRAPHICS

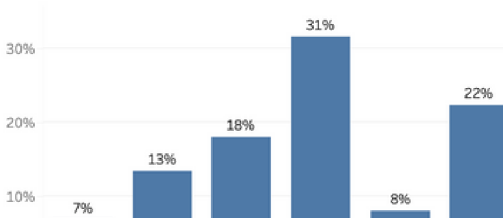
Perpetrators' Sex



Perpetrators' relationship to the child victim



Perpetrators' Age



CACI Impact on CACs

CACI is a membership-based, nationally accredited state chapter of the National Children’s Alliance (NCA). Accreditation standards include:

- **Organizational Capacity:** CACI implements sound administrative practices in both programming and fiscal operations.
- **Membership:** CACI works with its members to collect and provide vital statistical information. CACI provides services that support and encourage its members to meet and exceed the 10 standards required for their national accreditation.
- **Training and Technical Assistance:** CACI provides training and program support to developing and existing Children's Advocacy Centers throughout Illinois.
- **Legislative Advocacy:** CACI works collaboratively with its membership and partner agencies to advocate for and oppose new laws that will support and protect child victims of abuse and their families.

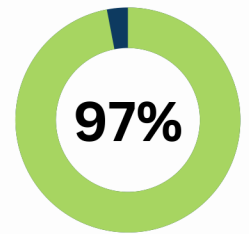
Overview of FY22 Annual Needs Assessment



88%
of CAC’s responded to the Annual Needs Assessment for FY22



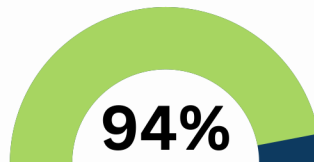
100%
Agreed that they were satisfied with the services and support provided by CACI.



97%
Agreed that the Chapter kept them informed on the public policy/legislative work affecting their CAC.



94%
Agreed that they are satisfied with CACI’s grant coordination this year.



94%
Agreed that the Chapter improved the Executive Directors leadership capabilities this year.



100%
Agreed, that they felt connected to the Chapter over the past year.

CACI Looking Forward

FY23-24 Strategic Plan Framework
Priority Focus Areas & Goal Statements
Developed March 23-24, 2022



PRIORITY FOCUS AREA I: ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY & GOVERNANCE

A. GOAL STATEMENT: CACI is committed to fulfilling its legal and fiscal responsibilities and maintaining its status as an accredited Chapter of NCA, while supporting and protecting the best interests of its member centers.

B. GOAL STATEMENT: CACI is committed to recruiting and retaining a strong, diverse, and capable Board structure and to providing the support and training needed to ensure every Board member can effectively fulfill their respective duties and responsibilities.

C. GOAL STATEMENT: CACI is committed to maintaining a strong, diverse, and capable Staff structure and to providing all staff with the training and resources necessary to fulfill their respective roles while ensuring them the opportunity for ongoing professional development. In addition, CACI is committed to continual assessment of its Staff structure and positions to ensure alignment with the evolving needs of its member centers.



PRIORITY FOCUS AREA II: FUND DEVELOPMENT & AWARENESS

A. GOAL STATEMENT: CACI is committed to sustaining, growing, and diversifying revenues, including unrestricted funds, as well as other resources necessary to support Chapter operations, strategic goals, and long-term sustainability.

B. GOAL STATEMENT: CACI is committed to increasing awareness about the issue of child maltreatment and the benefits and promise of CACs and the multidisciplinary response.



CACI Looking Forward

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Developed by Cathy Crabtree and the CACI Board of Directors
March 23-24, 2022



PRIORITY FOCUS AREA III: PUBLIC POLICY

A. GOAL STATEMENT: CACI is committed to partnering with its member centers, lawmakers, and other stakeholders to advocate for legislation to positively impact CACs, the multidisciplinary team model, and the overall health and well-being of Illinois' children.

B. GOAL STATEMENT: CACI is committed to advocating for and administration of state and federal funding for eligible member CACs in a manner that (1) Supports comprehensive statewide CAC coverage; and (2) Protects and promotes the integrity of the CAC model, the diversity of CACs throughout Illinois, and the consistent delivery of the full array of evidence-based services



PRIORITY FOCUS AREA IV: CAC DEVELOPMENT & MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

A. GOAL STATEMENT: CACI is committed to ensuring that children and families throughout Illinois have consistent, equitable, and timely access to the full array of CAC services as outlined within the NCA Accreditation Standards.

B. GOAL STATEMENT: CACI is committed to ensuring its member Centers, and those communities working to establish MDTs or CACs, have access to relevant, timely, and affordable evidence-based training, technical assistance, and networking for CAC Staff, Multidisciplinary Team, and Board members.



Outcome Measurement System (OMS)

The OMS program gives families and multidisciplinary team (MDT) members a voice in the CAC process by gathering feedback on satisfaction with procedures, as well as short-term and longer-term outcomes of the CAC/MDT model. Effective collection practices allow CACs to provide this opportunity broadly and efficiently, increasing the scope of the feedback to then use for program improvement purposes.

Initial Visit Caregiver Survey History

The number of surveys collected from FY 21 to FY 23



97.5%

Feel the center staff provided them with resources to support their child and respond to his or her needs in the days and weeks ahead.



The process for the interview of my child at the center was clearly explained to me.

99% Agree

After our visit at the center, I feel I know what to expect with the situation facing my child and me.

94.8% Agree

The majority of youth agree that the CAC helped them feel safe

Percent of children who agree/disagree that CACs in Illinois made them feel safe

- AGREE
- NOT SURE
- DISAGREE



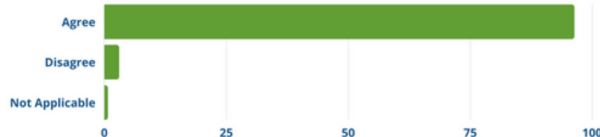
The majority of youth agree that the CAC were good at listening to them

Percent of children who agree/disagree that CAC actively listened to them

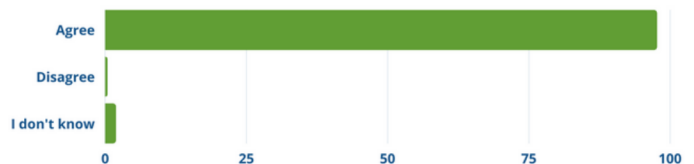
- AGREE
- NOT SURE
- DISAGREE



96.3% of MDTs Agree that members of the multidisciplinary team demonstrate respect for the perspectives and informational needs of other team members.



97.7% of caregivers believe their child felt safe at the center.



97.5%

believe the clients served through the Center benefit from the collaborative approach of our multidisciplinary team.

CACI Training

Children’s Advocacy Centers of Illinois are committed to promoting excellence in Illinois CACs through leadership, education and collaboration; providing training opportunities to strengthen CACs and multi-disciplinary partners, in accordance with the best practices and NCA standards for accreditation, which result in better service to Illinois children and their families.

PURPOSE

To provide high quality discipline specific training and serve as a resource and as support to our CACs and MDTs.

PLAN

CACI seeks input from member CACs and MDT members to better create training opportunities for frontline professionals that meet their needs and interest, and to diversify trainings to meet the needs of each MDT member.



1144
CACI training attendees in FY22
(trainees who attended multiple trainings were counted)



92%
were satisfied with their attended session

90%
shared that the session increased their knowledge & skill

Type of Participants

Contact Type	Count
CACI Board of Directors	3
CACI Presenter/Speaker/Contractual	1
CACI Staff/BOD	7
Collaborative Partner	17
General Public	44
Illinois Child Advocacy Center	268
Iowa Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers	10
Multi-disciplinary Team Member	176
Grand Total	526

Hours of Trainings offered

Contact Type	Hours
CACI Board of Directors	54
CACI Presenter/Speaker/Contractual	23
CACI Staff/BOD	218
Collaborative Partner	232
General Public	385
Illinois Child Advocacy Center	5,728
Iowa Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers	140
Multi-disciplinary Team Member	2,453
Grand Total	9,232

Occupation of the Participants:

Occupation	Count
CAC Administration Staff	53
CAC Advocate	52
CAC Board Member	2
CAC Executive Director	12
CAC Forensic Interviewer	64
CAC Medical Assistant	1
CAC Medical Provider	7
CAC Mental Health Provider	36
CAC Prevention Staff	8
CACI Board Member	4
CACI Consultant/Mentor/Trainer	1
CACI Staff	11
CASA	1
Collaborative Partner	4
DCFS	42
Illinois Attorney General's Office	1
Illinois Department of Human Service	1
Illinois Office of Inspector General	2
MDT Attorney	10
MDT Coordinator	22
MDT-Advocate	4
MDT-Juvenile Officer	3
MDT-Law Enforcement	110
MDT-Medical Provider	4
MDT-Mental Health Provider	10
MDT-Prosecutor	9
Probation	1
State of Illinois	2
State's Attorney's Office	35
Unknown	14
Grand Total	526

WHAT FY22 TRAINING PARTICIPANTS HAD TO SAY

"Presenter had a strong knowledge as well as confidence of the topics being discussed. She also was able to explain in a way that was easy to understand" - **Advocacy Essentials Training Attendee**

"I have not been offered this type of training before and found it helpful and informative. I was able to take information back to my office and start implementing with clients and staff" - **Annual Advocate Training Attendee**

"It provided me with a better understanding and appreciation towards my coworkers and our professions" - **Crime Scene To Trial Training Attendee**

"It was great talking to them and hearing their approach to handling a forensic interview for all kids- no matter what the allegation is that got them to the CAC". - **Interviewing Beyond Sexual Abuse Training Attendee**

"I really enjoyed learning more about the resources this organization offers, and what they do to assist families. The presenter has provided the information so well that I plan on doing my own research to further my understanding of the topic" - **Champions of Children Conference Attendee**

"As an advocate he made the course open my eyes and see how important my role is when it's my turn to be the support of the child" - **ChildFirst Fall Attendee**

"Great information for new forensic interviewers. Felt I learned a lot from the presenters' hands-on experience!" - **How to Best Support Kids at Trial Training Attendee**

Financials

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	
for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022			
SUPPORT & REVENUE		ASSETS	
GRANTS	\$ 10,132,108	CASH	\$ 4,827
MEMBERSHIP DUES	46,041	RECEIVABLES	1,908,722
FUNDRAISING	17,634	FIXED ASSETS, NET	4,092
TRAINING/OTHER INCOME	96,241	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,917,642
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$ 10,292,023	LIABILITIES	
EXPENSES		ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & ACCRUED EXP.	\$ 1,815,088
PASS-THRU GRANTS	\$ 9,042,053	NOTE PAYABLE	103,342
CACI EXPENSES	1,246,894	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,918,430
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,288,946	NET ASSETS	
The financial statements presented have not been audited and finalized numbers are subject to change. These statements are to be used for informational purposes only.		NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	\$ (3,865)
		CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	3,077
		NET ASSETS, END	\$ (788)
		TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 1,917,642

Our Public Partners

Our Supporters

The Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois is thankful for our many partners & donors supporting our mission through both monetary donations and awareness. CACI seeks opportunities to collaborate with partner agencies.



CACI Team



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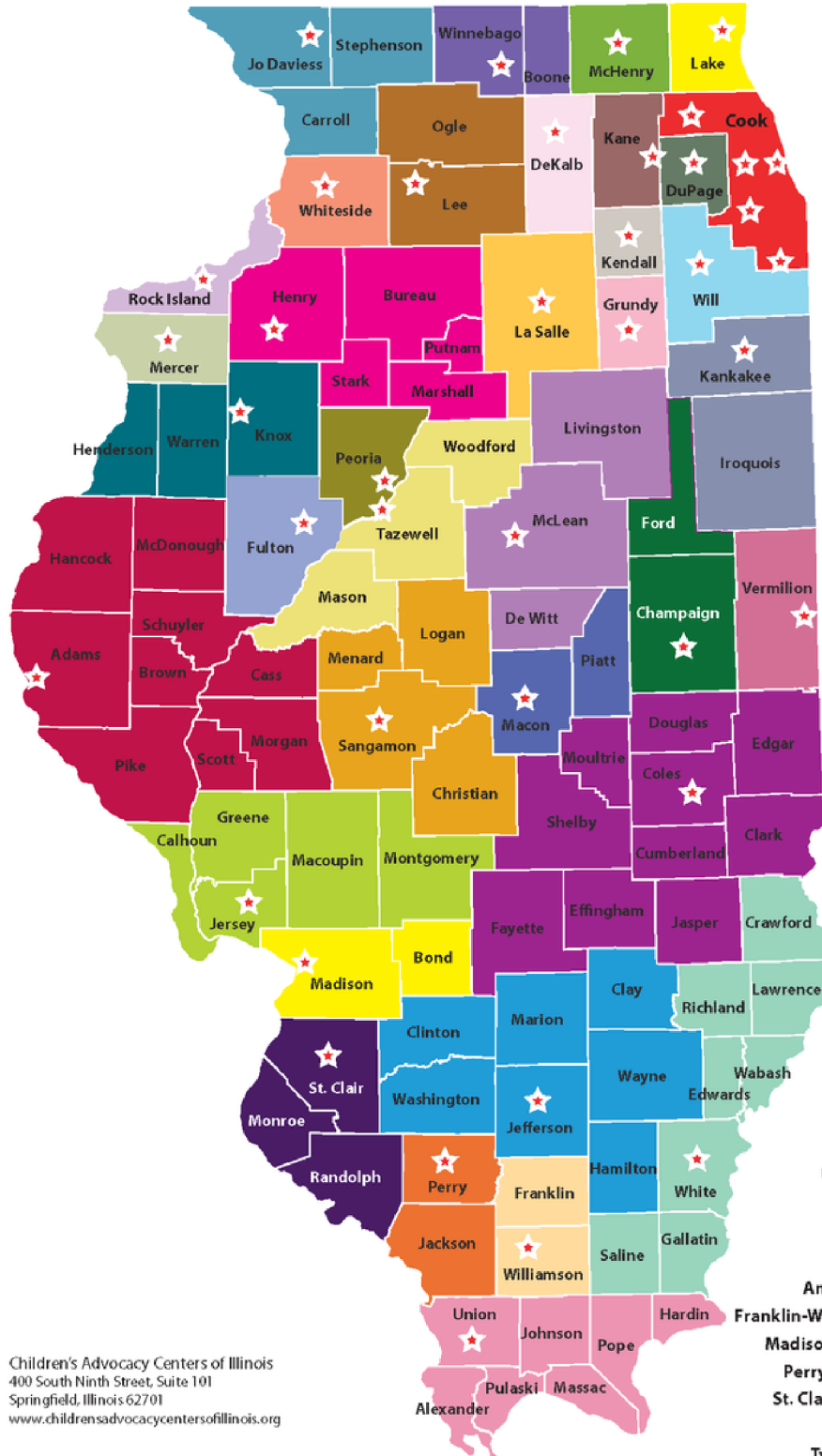
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COOK COUNTY REGION

- All Our Children's Advocacy Center
- Chicago Children's Advocacy Center
- Children's Advocacy Center N & NW Cook
- LaRabida Children's Advocacy Center
- Proviso Children's Advocacy Center

NORTHERN REGION

- April House
- Braveheart Children's Advocacy Center
- Carrie Lynn Children's Center
- Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County
- Child Network
- Dani-Brandon Center for Children
- Family Service Agency
- Jeanine Nicarico Children's Advocacy Center
- Kane County Child Advocacy Center
- Kendall County Children's Advocacy Center
- Grundy County Children's Advocacy Center
- Lake County Children's Advocacy Center
- Mercer County Children's Advocacy Center
- Rock Island County Children's Advocacy Center
- Shining Star Children's Center
- Tyler's Justice Center for Children
- Will County Children's Advocacy Center

CENTRAL REGION

- Advocacy Network for Children
- Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center
- Children's Advocacy Center of McLean County
- Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois
- Fulton-Mason Crisis Service
- Knox County Children's Advocacy Center
- Peoria County Children's Advocacy Center
- Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center
- Tazewell County Children's Advocacy Center
- The Child 1st Center
- Unified Child Advocacy Network
- Vermilion County Children's Advocacy Center

SOUTHERN REGION

- Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center
- Franklin-Williamson Child Advocacy Center
- Madison County Child Advocacy Center
- Perry-Jackson Child Advocacy Center
- St. Clair County Child Advocacy Center
- The Guardian Center, Inc.
- Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center