

2018 State CAC Funding Outcomes

In 2018, 35 National Children's Alliance (NCA) members received \$1,628,879 in state Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) funding to sustain or enhance services provided at their CAC. An additional seven (7) counties who were in the process of developing a CAC or enhancing their Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT) received \$229,274 to advance or support NCA Standards or the PA Model Set of Standards for MDITs.

In 2013, 62% of Pennsylvania was within an hour drive of an NCA Accredited or Associate CAC. As of March 2019, this percentage has increased to 86%; a 24% increase in coverage since 2013.*

The following data were reported by grantees and reflects services provided and activities conducted throughout 2018.

NCA CAC Members:

- † 13,766 children were served.
- † 71% of children referred for a medical exam received a medical exam. (down from 76% in 2017)
- † 48% of children referred for therapy at the CAC followed through with services.*
- † 86% of children received a forensic interview.



Developing CACs and MDITs

- † 1,045 children were served.
- † 64% of children who were referred for a medical exam received a medical exam. (up from 52% in 2017)
- † 4% of children who were referred for therapy followed through with services.**
- † 68% of children received a forensic interview.

Developing CACs/MDITs reported that their agency had:

- 93 contacts with the PA Chapter of CACs and MDITs;
- 65 MDIT meetings where 822 individual child abuse cases were reviewed; and
- 33 trainings related to developing their CAC/MDIT with 499 attendees.

The Pennsylvania Chapter of CACs and MDITs (PA Chapter) receives \$400,000 annually to provide training and technical assistance to NCA members and developing CACs and MDITs. In 2018, the PA Chapter held 69 trainings that served 1,423 participants. PA Chapter staff also provided 324 consultations to underserved MDITs.

*Please note, this statistic is based on geographic region. As of March 2019, 98% of Pennsylvania's population is within an hour drive of an NCA Accredited or Associate CAC.

**Not every CAC is able to gather information on whether a child actually receives mental health services outside of the CAC due to confidentiality restrictions. 977 children were referred for therapy outside the CAC.

