

2019 State CAC Funding Outcomes

In 2019, 39 National Children's Alliance (NCA) members received \$1,795,180 in state Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) funding to sustain or enhance services provided at their CAC. An additional four (4) counties who were in the process of developing a CAC or enhancing their Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT) received \$108,157 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 July 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 2019.

NCA CAC Members:

- † 14,753 children were served.
- † 71% of children referred for a medical exam received a medical exam. (same as 71% in 2018 and down from 76% in 2017)
- † 33% (down from 48% in 2018) of children referred for therapy at the CAC followed through with services and were discharged.*
- † 86% of children received a forensic interview.



Developing CACs and MDITs

- † 460 children were served.
- † 75% of children who were referred for a medical exam received a medical exam. (up from 52% in 2017 and 64% in 2018)
- † 31% of children who were referred for therapy followed through with services. (up from 4% in 2018)**
- † 95% of children received a forensic interview. (up from 68% in 2018)

Developing CACs/MDITs reported that their agency had:

- 24 contacts with the PA Chapter of CACs and MDITs;
- 40 MDIT meetings where 583 individual child abuse cases were reviewed; and
- 16 trainings related to developing their CAC/MDIT with 173 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 2019, the PA Chapter held 80 trainings that served 1,787 participants. Overall trainee satisfaction averaged 93%. PA Chapter staff also provided 278 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. 1,707 children were referred for therapy outside the CAC.

