



INDIANA CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS CONDUCT OVER 10,000 FORENSIC INTERVIEWS IN 2016

The mission of the Indiana Chapter of National Children's Alliance (ICNCA) is to promote the development, growth and sustainability of Children's Advocacy Centers in the state of Indiana through education and training, mentoring, collaboration, advocacy, development of resources and legislation.

What is a Children's Advocacy Center?

A Children's Advocacy Center is a child-focused, community-oriented facility in which members of a multidisciplinary team (MDT) work together in child abuse investigations.

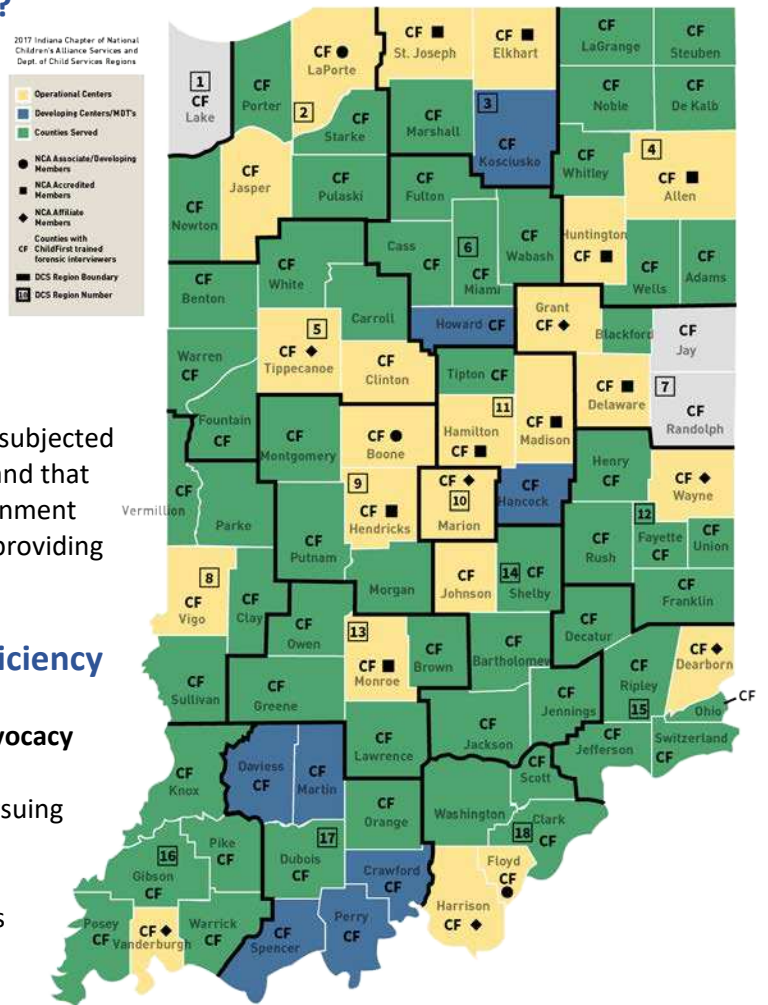
A MDT consists of a member of law enforcement, child protective services, a prosecutor, a victim advocate, a forensic interviewer, a mental health person and someone from the medical community.

This team approach ensures that the child is not subjected to numerous interviews during an investigation and that the investigation begins in a child-friendly environment in which the child's needs come first, while also providing for follow-up services.

Expanding coverage, services, and efficiency

- There are **24 ICNCA member Children's Advocacy Centers/MDTs** in Indiana.
- Additional counties and regions actively pursuing Children's Advocacy Center development.
- **Over 10,200 children were interviewed** in ICNCA member Children's Advocacy Centers in 2016.
- **Indiana saved approximately \$13,549,933.60 by using Children's Advocacy Centers** when investigating child abuse cases instead of relying solely on DCS or law enforcement¹.

The Indiana Chapter of the National Children's Alliance is committed to providing Children's Advocacy Center services to all Indiana children in need. **89 out of Indiana's 92 counties are served by a CAC.**



¹ (An Economic Impact of Child Maltreatment Work Group has conducted a cost-benefit analysis study comparing investigative cost in communities with and without Children's Advocacy Centers. The analysis showed a cost savings of \$1,318.60 per indicated case in a community with a Children's Advocacy Center...\$4,221.28 without and \$2,902.68 with a Children's Advocacy Center. 10,276 children x \$1,318.60 = \$13,549,933.60 total cost savings.)