

2024 Indiana Chapter Annual Report



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Comfort House celebrated their ribbon cutting and formal opening on December 19, 2024.



“The Chapter proved invaluable during a year of rapid change, growth, and reorganization for us.

We’re better placed and better prepared to help kids and families in southern Indiana thanks in part to the Chapter’s support.”

— Donna Lloyd
Executive Director, Comfort House CAC, Clark & Floyd Counties

Reminiscing on 25 years of service

As we reflect on the past year, Indiana CACs have experienced some incredible milestones and accomplishments. This year marked a special occasion as we commemorated 25 years of service to the children and families in Hoosier communities. Our mission has always been to provide a safe, supportive environment where children can find justice and healing. We are incredibly grateful for the partnerships and support that have allowed us to reach this remarkable anniversary.

One big development this year was the expansion of Comfort House. Thanks to generous support and collaboration with partners in Kentucky, Comfort House was able to expand services to Floyd and Clark counties, ensuring more children and families continued to have access to vital resources they need during critical times.

Holly's House successfully pursued re-accreditation, reaffirming the high standards of care and professionalism 25 other CACs strive to uphold in all their work. They are dedicated to providing the best service to those who need them most.

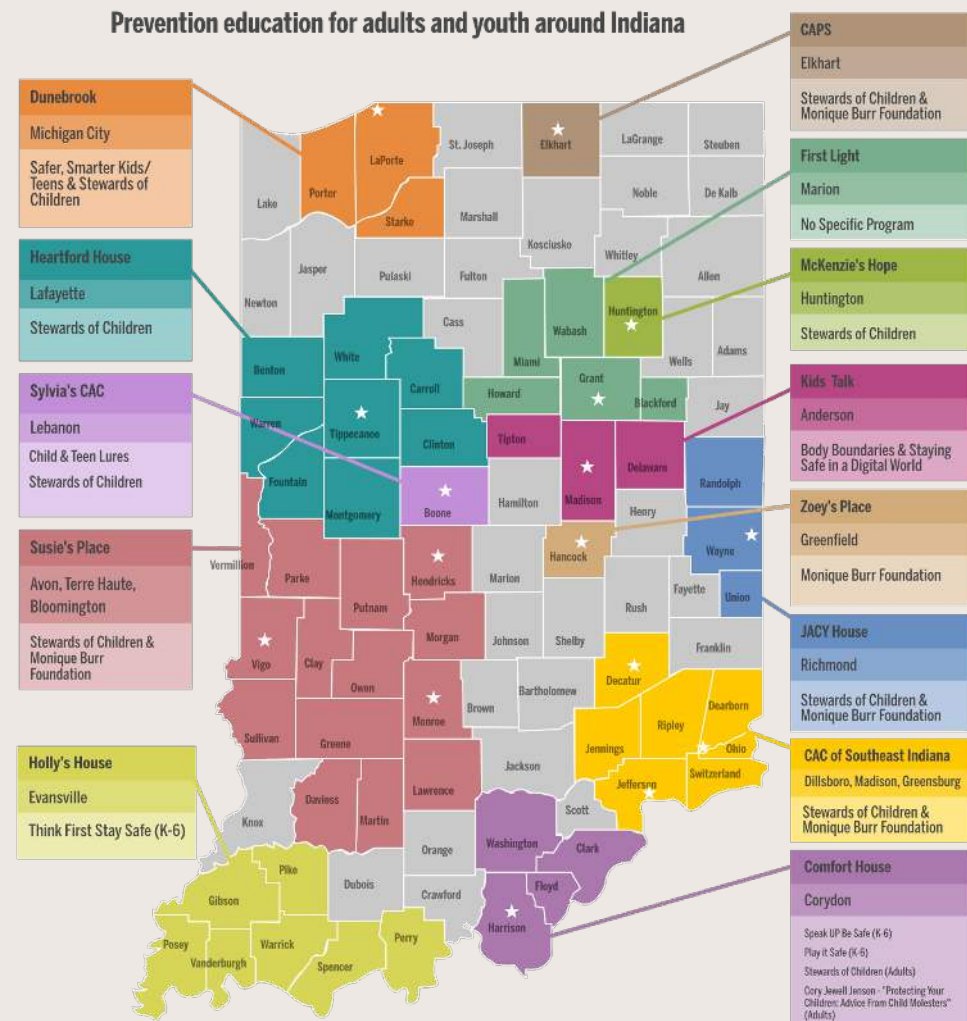
There are nearly 100 dedicated forensic interviewers, child and family advocates, support personnel, and CAC staff in Indiana working every day to support children and families, to say nothing of the thousands of law enforcement officers, DCS caseworkers, and medical and mental health professionals working together for kids.

In 2024, Indiana CACs conducted 9,480 forensic interviews. Despite the unfortunate circumstances that brought them to a CAC, we all know that each child entered a safe, welcoming, and child-centered environment that prioritizes their well-being.



Jan M. Lutz, Chapter Director

Prevention Education now reaches 57 counties



CACs continue to step up for K-12 schools in their community and fulfill a mandate by the Legislature that all kids regardless of school, receive high-quality, evidence-based abuse prevention education.

That's 62% of Hoosier counties

In 2024 new programs expanded into Hancock, Clark, and Floyd counties, covering 62% of counties in the state. Other programs provided by other community partners, like Indiana DCS, law enforcement, and even local schools cover remaining communities.

2024 in Review

Last year, the Chapter facilitated several training opportunities, supported ChildFirst sessions, and hosted both virtual and in-person events for CAC staff across the state.

Some topics and training sessions included:

- 2024 NCA accreditation standards
- Human trafficking
- Mandated reporting
- Prevention education
- Core and Advanced Victim advocacy
- Basic and advanced forensic interviewing
- Using dolls and diagrams
- New Executive Director Development
- AI for CACs
- And statewide peer review



438 Attendees at a Chapter-supported training in 2023.

203 Hours of mentoring for CAC staff and leadership.

5,480.5 Credit hours earned through Chapter-supported training.

102k Page views across 76,700 unique visitors to incacs.org in 2023.

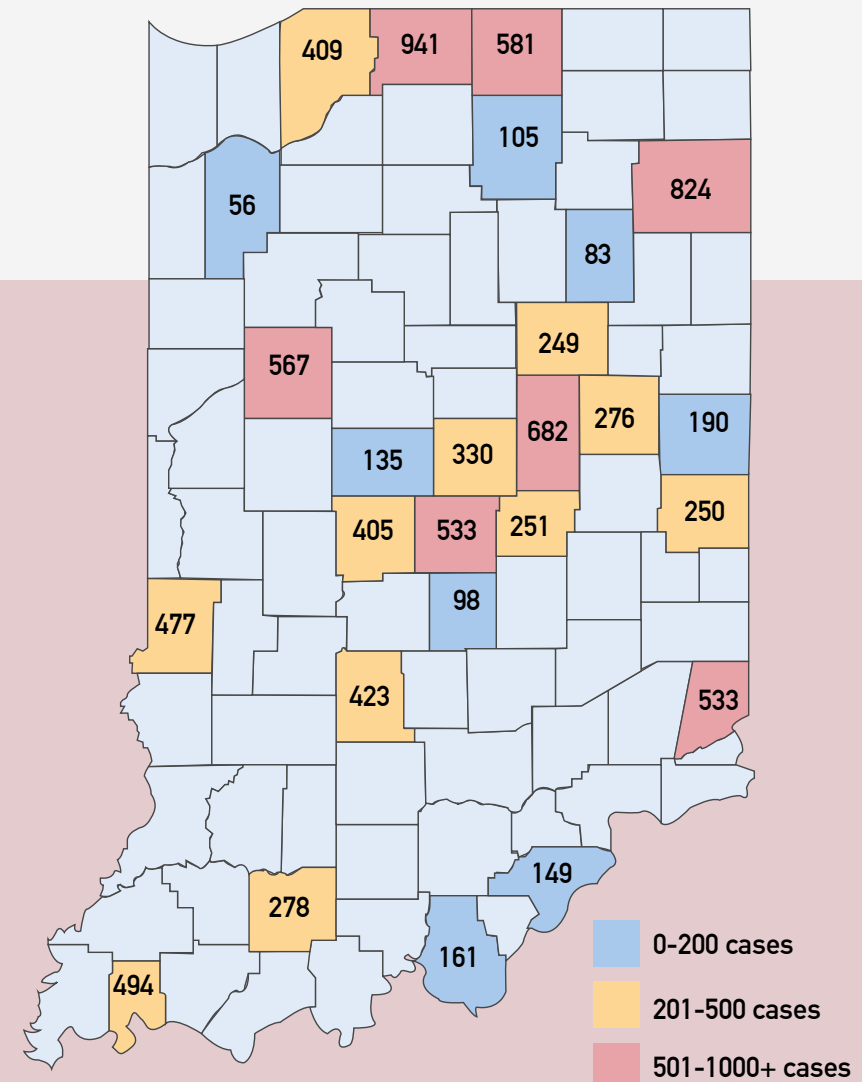
100% Participants who “agree” or “strongly agree” Chapter trainings improved their knowledge.

9,480 Children interviewed at a CAC or trained MDT in 2023.

\$12.4 Millions of tax dollars saved in Indiana by using CACs.

421 More cases YOY from 2022.

2024 Caseload by CAC



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