

CAM Objectives



- Promote the development and expansion of CACs and MDTs.
- Promote accreditation with the National Children's Alliance.
- Provide trainings, technical assistance, and mentoring to communities developing MDTs & CACs
- Identify & coordinate funding opportunities for CACs & MDTs
- Promote networking at annual meetings and statewide events
- Assisting professionals to remain current on best practices
- Educate regarding public policy & legislation impacting CACs & MDTs
- Promote System Improvements for crimes against children through OMS—Outcome Measurement Systems.

What MDT Members in Montana had to say about the CACs, the MDT process and Case Review.

"The CAC is the best way to serve the children due to the center's team approach"

"We have a strong CAC program and a high functioning MDT with great support from our community's criminal justice and child welfare leaders. Our CAC director, does a great job of fostering a healthy team."

Please share any additional observations, opinions, concerns and/or recommendations.



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CAM Advisory Council

Dana Toole, Bureau Chief, Children's Justice Bureau,

Montana Department of Justice

Eric Barnosky, DPHHS Child and Family Services Regional Administrator – Eastern Region



Partnerships

CAM partners closely with the MCSART Program in the Children's Justice Bureau of the Montana Department of Justice. Together we strive to make children safe in Montana.

<https://dojmt.gov/enforcement/childrensjustice/>



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The Children's Alliance of Montana is an Accredited Chapter of the National Children's Alliance.



Children's Alliance of Montana

Strengthening teams and Children's Advocacy Centers by empowering professionals to hold offenders accountable and to help children heal.

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CAM's Vision

Let no child in Montana face the trauma of child abuse alone.

Let every abused child in Montana have the chance to heal.

CAM's Mission

That every child in Montana has access to a Children's Advocacy Center and the expertise of professionals on a Multidisciplinary Team.

Provide support, training and technical assistance to professionals working on Multidisciplinary Teams and in Children's Advocacy Centers to strengthen their response to child abuse and promote healing for victims and their families.

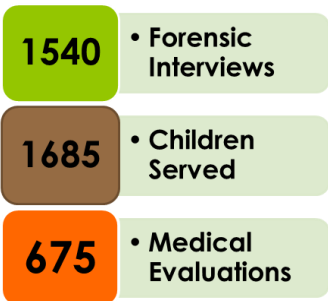
Member Benefits

- ⇒ Team, Staff and Board Technical Assistance
- ⇒ Training opportunities
- ⇒ Mentoring
- ⇒ Stipends for trainings
- ⇒ Resources
- ⇒ CAM Newsletter
- ⇒ Participation in state & national Outcome Measurement System (OMS) Evaluation Project



Children's Advocacy Centers

Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) provide a child-friendly environment where children feel safe and comfortable while they are being interviewed by trained professionals regarding alleged abuse. Professionals representing key disciplines work as part of a coordinated intervention to reduce trauma to children and families, improve health and welfare and hold offenders accountable.



CAM Members:

Accredited Members

- Butte Child Evaluation Center**
A program of Southwest Montana Community Health Center
Serving Silver Bow County
With two Satellite CACs serving Anaconda and Dillon
(406) 490-9350 — NCA Accredited since 2007
- Lewis and Clark County CAC**
A Program of AWARE Inc.
Serving Lewis and Clark County
(406) 449-3120 — NCA Accredited since 2008
- First STEP Resource Center**
A Program of St. Patrick Hospital
Serving Missoula County
(406) 329-5776 — NCA Accredited since 2010
- Flathead County CAC**
A Program of the Flathead County Sheriff's Office
Serving Flathead County
(406) 758-5593—NCA Accredited since 2008
- Emma's House**
Bitterroot Valley Children's Advocacy Center
Serving Ravalli County
(406) 363-7216 — NCA Accredited since 2010
- Cascade County CAC**
A Program of the DPHHS Child and Family Services
Serving Cascade County
(406) 268-3756 — NCA Accredited since 2015
- Yellowstone Valley CAC**
A program of the Yellowstone County Attorney's Office
Serving Yellowstone County
(406) 598-0791— NCA Accredited since 2014
- Gallatin County CAC**
A Program of Help Inc.
Serving Gallatin County
(406) 587-7511
- Bullhook CAC**
A Program of Bullhook Community Health Center
Serving Hill County
(406) 395-4305
- Fort Peck Tribes CAC**
A Program of the Red Bird Women's Center
Serving the Fort Peck Reservation
(406) 653-1494

Associate Members

- Lincoln County CAC**
Serving Lincoln County
- Valley County CAC a program of the Glasgow City Police Department**
Serving Valley County

MDT Members

- Fort Belknap MDT**
Serving Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes
- Rocky Boy MDT**
Serving the Chippewa Cree Tribe

Affiliate Members

- MCSART Program**, Children's Justice Bureau, Division of Criminal Investigation, Montana Department of Justice
- Children and Family Counseling** — Butte, Montana
- Shodair Children's Hospital** — Helena, Montana

Forensic Interviews & Medical Evaluations

Specially trained professionals interview children at a CAC or child-friendly environment.

Outcome Measurement System — OMS 2017

Montana CACs participate in a national Outcome Measurement System to assess and improve services provided to children and families and MDT Professionals.

What CAC families say about the MDTs and CACs in their communities:

"Honest, upfront, compassionate - understanding, privacy offered."

"So grateful that this service is here in our community"

"Warm, friendly, caring, resourceful"

What did you appreciate the most about your experience at the Center?



Montana NCA Accredited CACs:



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Serving Missoula County
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Serving Flathead County
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Emma's House CAC
Serving Ravalli County
(406) 363-7216

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Office—Serving Yellowstone County
(406) 598-0791

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A program of the Department of Health and
Human Services
Serving Cascade County
(406) 268-3756

Gallatin County CAC
A Program of Help Inc.
Serving Gallatin County
(406) 587-7511

Bullhook CAC— A program of the
Bullhook Community Health Center
Serving Hill and Blaine Counties
(406) 355-4481

Fort Peck Tribes CAC a program of the
Redbird Women's Center
Serving the Assiniboine & Sioux Tribal Members
(406) 653-1494

Satellite CACs of the Butte Child Evaluation Center:

Anaconda Child Evaluation Center
Serving Deer Lodge County—(406) 490-9350

Dillon Child Evaluation Center
Serving Beaverhead County—(406) 490-9350

Montana Non-Accredited Chil- dren's Advocacy Centers

Big Horn County CAC
Serving Big Horn County

Custer County CAC — A Program of the
Department of Health and Human Services
Serving Custer County- (406) 234-1385

Dawson County CAC
A Program of Dawson County Attorney's Office
Serving Dawson County—(406) 377-2532

Fergus County CAC
Serving Fergus County—(406) 366-2448

Lincoln County CAC
Serving Lincoln County—(406) 283-1003

Park County CAC — A Program of the De-
partment of Health and Human Services
Serving Park County—(406) 222.7402

Richland County CAC — A Program of the
Department of Health and Human Services
Serving Richland County— (406) 433-1903

Sanders County CAC
Serving Sanders County—(406) 827-3218

Stillwater County CAC
Serving Stillwater County—(406) 322-8003

Toole County CAC
Serving Toole County
(406) 434-5585



Valley County CAC
A program of Glasgow City Police Department
Serving Valley County—(406) 228-4333

Tribal Child Advocacy Centers, Child Interview Rooms and MDTs

CARE Center
Serving the Crow Tribe

Northern Cheyenne CARE Center
Serving the Northern Cheyenne Tribes

Blackfeet CAC
Serving the Blackfeet Tribe

**Fort Peck Tribes CAC—a program of the
Redbird Women's Center**
Serving the Assiniboine & Sioux Tribal Members

Fort Belknap Interview Room
Serving Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes

Rocky Boy MDT
Serving the Chippewa Cree Tribe

MCSART Program

Montana Child Sexual Abuse Re-
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ment of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation.

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