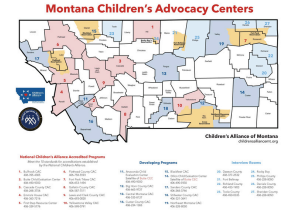




THE CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE OF MONTANA

The Children's Alliance of Montana Achieved
Re-Accreditation with the National Children's Alliance in 2023



2023 Year-in-Review

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS



10
Accredited Children's
Advocacy Centers
supported across Montana



17
Developing or Satellite
Children's Advocacy Centers,
and Forensic Interview Rooms



2148
Montana children served by
Children's Advocacy
Centers



1617
Child forensic interviews
conducted by Montana's
multi-disciplinary teams

TRAINING AND PEER REVIEW



17
Statewide
trainings
conducted



9
State, regional, and
national training
scholarships



619
Montana
professionals
trained



168
Peer Review Activities
(Forensic Interview, Medical,
Victim Advocacy, and Mental
Health)



8
Staff attended state,
regional, or national
trainings

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



38
Counties
Professionals trained from 38 of
the 56 counties in Montana
**2 county increase from 2022*



619
Technical Assistance
Activities to
Communities and
Children's Advocacy
Centers



295
Professionals
receiving
Training and
Resources
announcements

MISSION AND ACTIVITIES

The Children's Alliance of Montana and the Montana Child Sexual Assault Response Team work together to 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.

We provide professionals across Montana with training, technical assistance, peer review, and peer support. Our trainings focus on initial and advanced topics: child forensic interviewing, medical issues in child abuse, victim advocacy, mental health treatment, youth with problematic sexual behaviors, investigation and prosecution of child abuse. We also contribute to multiple national and statewide initiatives working to address and prevent child abuse.

2023 Year-in-Review

CAM Funding = \$303,475

- \$ 82,323 - NCA Organization Capacity
- \$ 83,965 - NCA Special Projects
- \$ 94,887 - VOCA Funding
- \$ 25,200 - CJA Grant
- \$ 10,000 - DOJ/MCSART Grant
- \$ 7,100 - Unrestricted Funding

Staff

Brenda George, Executive Director
Danielle Peterson, Training Coordinator
Jacole Douglas, Rural Telemental Health Program Coordinator
Joy Lucero, Project Coordinator

Manuals/Publications

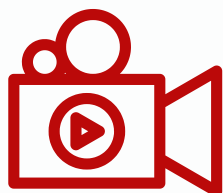
- MDT Manuals (RCACs)
- Beyond Case Review
- Children's Linguistic Abilities
- Trauma Stewardship
- Where the Boys Are - when males are victims
- Child Forensic Interview Best Practices
- Updated APSAC Forensic Interview Guidelines
- Practice Brief 9 - Honoring Indigenous Lifeways - Native Child Resource Center

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES



Your Guide to Montana Children's Advocacy Centers

Develop and distribute Statewide CAC Brochure to CACs. These were designed for families and professionals to understand what CACs are and answer questions about the process



4

CACs/MDTs that were provided equipment - portable forensic interview equipment
 Rocky Boy, Yellowstone Valley CAC, Hill County CAC, and Stillwater County CAC



6

Communities provided Teleforensic Interview Training

Discipline Specific Training

- Montana Children's Justice Conference
- Montana Child Forensic Interview Trainings - 3
- Advanced Child Forensic Interview Training
- Implementing TF-CBT via Telehealth Training
- Rural Telehealth Network Collaborative
- Ethical Considerations in Crimes Against Children Cases
- Problematic Sexual Behavior Training- Safety Planning and Placement Decisions
- Children with Problematic Sexual Behaviors
- Cultural Humility and Working with Indigenous People
- E3 – Early Engagement with the National Children's Alliance
- Serving Deaf and Disabled Child Survivors
- Montana CACs and MDTs for new CPS workers
- TF-CBT Training
- Foundational 24-Hour Victim Advocacy Training
- Tele-Forensic Interview

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