



**THE CHILDREN'S  
ADVOCACY CENTER**

OF NORTH & NORTHWEST COOK COUNTY

Empowering Voices. Inspiring Hope. Since 1989.

# Case for Support

2024-25



**"If your house is burning, you want the firemen to come,"** said JT, mom of a child survivor of sexual abuse/CAC client. **"If your house is being burglarized, you want the police to come.** If you have these **horrifying crimes happen to your child,** you want CAC there for your family. These trauma services are invaluable. And it's true, **everybody does know somebody."**

# 460

FORENSIC  
INTERVIEWS  
WITH YOUTH  
AGES 3-17

# 100+

MULTIDISCIPLINARY  
TEAM MEMBERS FROM  
LAW ENFORCEMENT,  
DCFS, THE STATE'S  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
& MEDICAL STAFF

## About CAC

We may be new to you, but we are not new in your community. For 35 years, we have been providing expert, trauma-informed care for young survivors of physical or sexual violence and their non-offending family members.

# 1,807

TOTAL CLIENTS



# 38

PRIMARY SERVICE  
AREA COMMUNITIES

All services are free and available in English or Spanish. We work specifically with children under age 18.

# 108

TOTAL COMMUNITIES  
SERVED

We also offer education and training on child abuse prevention and healthy parenting to businesses, schools and organizations in 38 north and northwest suburbs.

CAC is fully accredited by the National Children's Alliance.

# 4,275

HOURS OF MENTAL  
HEALTH COUNSELING  
PROVIDED

# 805

KIDS  
17 & UNDER  
STARTED HEALING  
JOURNEYS AT CAC

# 97%

CAREGIVERS SURVEYED  
WHO AGREED  
THEIR CHILD FELT SAFE  
AT CAC

# 20

STAFF

# 8

BILINGUAL



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"I liked the openness and ability to talk."  
~Youth Client

## Forensic and Advocacy Services



Trauma-informed, age-appropriate interviewing



Navigating the complex criminal justice system



Crisis intervention



Case management



Connecting families with medical, mental health and other community services



Court advocacy during the legal process

## Mental Health Services



Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy



Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing



Group Intervention/Parent Support Groups



Play Therapy



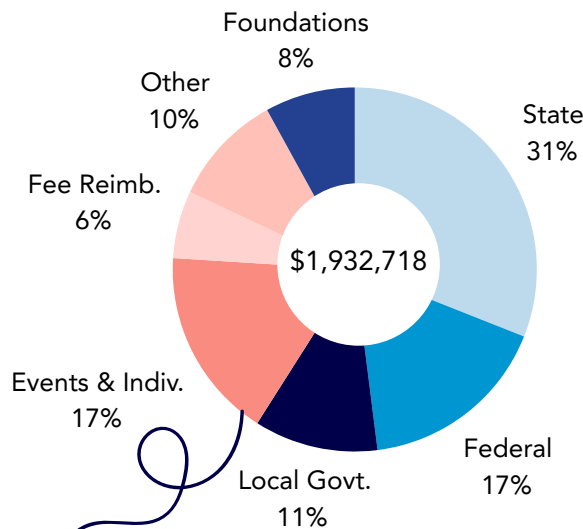
Case Management

## Training and Education



Child Abuse Prevention and Healthy Parenting

## Fiscal Year 2025 Revenue



## Your Gift Can Provide...

- **\$1,000:** One year of continuing education and specialized training for a CAC Forensic Interviewer
- **\$500:** One month of group therapy for non-offending family members.
- **\$250:** Therapy supplies like EMDR equipment and weighted blankets.
- **\$100:** One hour of trauma-informed mental health counseling for a child.
- **\$50:** A Lyft or Uber ride for families to get to court or therapy appointments.

## Your "Yes!" Matters

When you invest in CAC's programs, your "Yes!" supports the **continuous operation of our services free of charge** to any child survivor of abuse or violence and their non-offending family members. CAC's **vision is to create a community where every child can thrive in safety and well-being.** Together we can do that work.