

When you support Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), you empower kids in the Chicago area to begin the path to healing after their lives have been impacted by abuse or violence. All of our services are provided free of charge and are offered in English and Spanish.

**A gift to CAC is more than a donation – it's another chance at childhood.**

## hope

The **Forensic Interview** is a child's starting point in the healing journey. A highly trained CAC Forensic Interviewer gathers the child's story after there has been an allegation of sexual or physical abuse or the child has witnessed violence. The interview is legally sound, child-focused and designed to limit additional trauma.

## healing

A CAC **Advocate** continues the journey with the family, helping them navigate the legal system and connect with other support services.

## resiliency

CAC **Therapists** join the child and (non-offending) family members on the healing journey, providing individual, parent-child, group and specialized therapy.

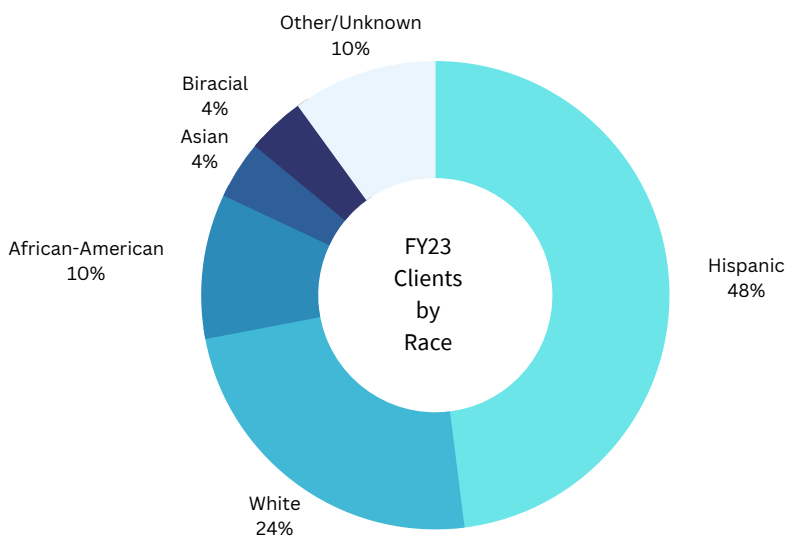
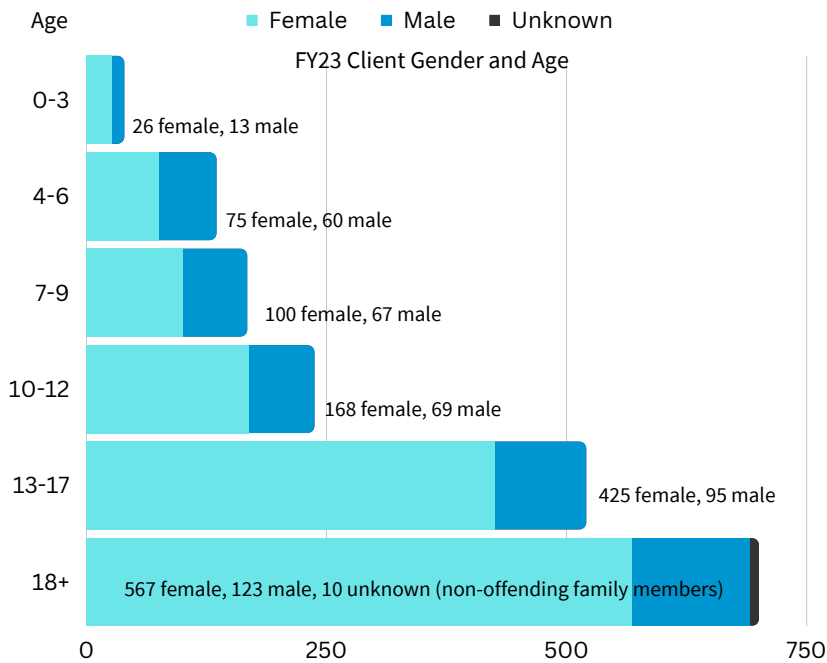


"I'm so much happier now," 11-year-old Anna told her CAC therapist after months of counseling related to sexual abuse by a relative. "And ever since my mom started coming (for services), she has changed, too, and we are getting closer which I never thought would happen."

### **BECAUSE OF DONORS LIKE YOU last year...**

- **1,798** children and families were served by CAC.
- **445** forensic interviews with children ages 3 to 17 were conducted.
- **213** new kids age 12 and under began their healing journeys.
- **5,875** hours of mental health services were provided.

## WHO WE SERVE



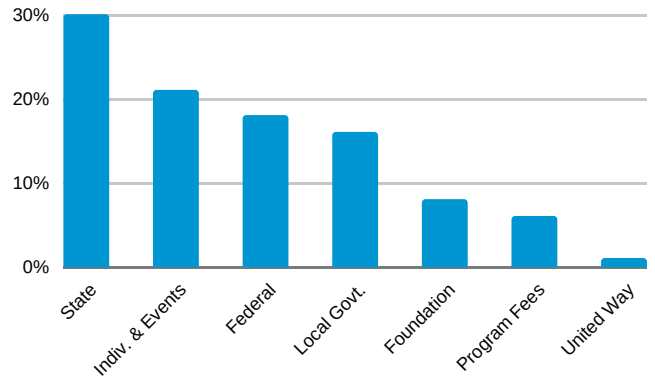
### Communities with the Most Clients in FY23

- Des Plaines
- Palatine
- Schaumburg
- Arlington Heights
- Chicago
- Elgin
- Wheeling
- Streamwood
- Evanston
- Hanover Park

CAC also served residents from 96 other Chicago suburbs.

## FINANCIALS

FY24 Budgeted Revenue: \$1,782,639



## PARTNER AGENCIES

Department of Children and Family Services  
 Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois  
 Cook County State's Attorney's Office  
 Local Police Departments  
 National Children's Alliance\*  
 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
 United Way

\*CAC's accrediting organization

## FAQS

### How do people find out about CAC?

Once an allegation of abuse has been made by a child, most calls to CAC are initiated by either a local law enforcement agency or the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). From there, CAC's multidisciplinary coordinator compiles the specifics of the case before the family and team of investigators are brought to the CAC. In addition, CAC's mental health services clients come from a variety of outside referral sources.

### What if a child or caregiver doesn't speak English?

All of our services are offered in both English and Spanish. CAC is also connected with an interpreter bank to provide other language translation as needed.

### What does it cost to use CAC's services?

Our clients pay absolutely nothing. CAC is funded through public and private grants, special event revenue and individual gifts.