

2021 State CAC Funding Outcomes

In 2021, 40 National Children's Alliance (NCA) members received \$1,850,077 in state Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) funding to sustain or enhance services provided at their CAC. An additional one (1) county who are in the process of enhancing their Multidisciplinary Investigative Team (MDIT) received \$25,000 to advance or support NCA Standards or the PA Model Set of Standards for MDITs.

In 2013, 62% of Pennsylvania was within an hour drive of an NCA Accredited or Associate CAC. As of October 2020, this percentage has increased to 88%; a 26% increase in coverage since 2013.*

The following data were reported by grantees and reflects services provided and activities conducted throughout 2021.



NCA CAC Members and Developing MDITs/CACs:

- † 13,674 children were served. (Up from 11,548 in 2020)
- † 65.6% of children referred for a medical exam received a medical exam. (Down from 71% in 2020 and down from 76% in 2017)
- † 31.9% of children referred for therapy at the CAC followed through with services and were discharged.** (Down from 34.5% in 2020 and down from 48% in 2018)
- † 83.6% of children received a forensic interview. (Down from 85.4% in 2020)

The Pennsylvania Chapter of CACs and MDITs (PA Chapter) receives \$400,000 annually to provide training and technical assistance to NCA members and developing CACs and MDITs. In 2021, the PA Chapter held 120 trainings that served 2,564 participants. Overall trainee satisfaction averaged 93.5%. PA Chapter staff also provided 566 consultations to underserved MDITs.

*Please note, this statistic is based on geographic region. As of March 2021, 99% of Pennsylvania's population is within an hour drive of an NCA Accredited or Associate CAC.

**Not every CAC is able to gather information on whether a child actually receives mental health services outside of the CAC due to confidentiality restrictions. 749 children were referred for therapy outside the CAC.