

OREGON CHILD ABUSE INTERVENTION CENTERS

ABC House

Linn and Benton
Counties

Amani Center

Columbia County

CARES Northwest

Multnomah and
Washington
Counties

Children's Advocacy

Center of Jackson County

Jackson County

Children's Center

Clackamas County

Columbia Gorge Children's

Advocacy Center

Hood River and Gilliam
Counties

Douglas CARES

Douglas County

Guardian Care Center

Umatilla and Wheeler Counties

Josephine County

Child Advocacy Center

Josephine County

Juliette's House

Yamhill, Polk, and Tillamook
Counties

KIDS Center

Deschutes, Crook and
Surrounding Counties

Kids' FIRST

Lane County

Kids' HOPE Center

Coos County

Klamath-Lake CARES

Klamath and Lake
Counties

Liberty House

Marion and Polk Counties

The Lighthouse for Kids

Clatsop County

Lincoln County Children's

Advocacy Center

Lincoln County

Mt. Emily Safe Center

Union, Baker and
surrounding counties

STAR Center

Malheur County

Wally's House -

Curry Child Abuse

Intervention Center

Curry County



Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers

The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers

is a nonprofit membership organization created to ensure quality, comprehensive services for children across the state.

Our purpose is threefold; to promote a standard of care for child abuse intervention centers (CAICs), influence statewide policy for the benefit of children and youth, and increase public awareness. We are an accredited state chapter of the National Children's Alliance.

The Network provides to its Member Centers the following services:

- Training
- Technical assistance
- Mentoring
- Networking opportunities
- Grants

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CHILD ABUSE IN OREGON

What is a CAIC?

Child abuse intervention centers are designed to minimize trauma for children when there are concerns of abuse.

By working in partnership with child protective services, law enforcement and other medical and mental health providers, CAICs provide services, based on the need of each individual child in a neutral, child-focused environment, and act as a resource for that child and their caregivers.

Primary CAIC services include:

- Forensic interviews of children
- Medical evaluations
- Mental health treatment and/or referrals
- Provision or coordination of other victim services
- Additional services are offered depending upon the individual child and family needs based upon the local community resources.

Prevention programs and other services vary from center to center.

CAIC's Provide Hope & Healing

One third to one half of all abused or maltreated children fit the medical criteria for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, which can lead to long term health effects if not treated early.

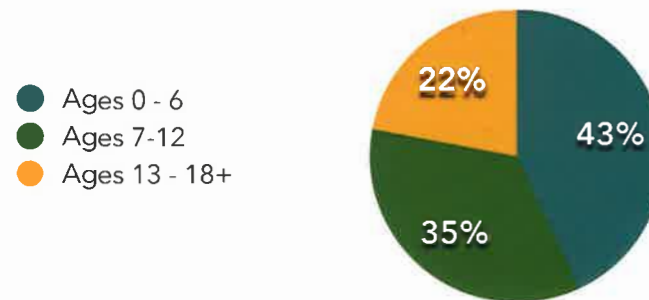
94% of families surveyed at CAICs felt that the overall services they had received from the CAIC thus far had been helpful to them and their child.

92% of participants from the Multidisciplinary teams that address child abuse issues felt the CAIC approach results in more collaborative and efficient case investigations.

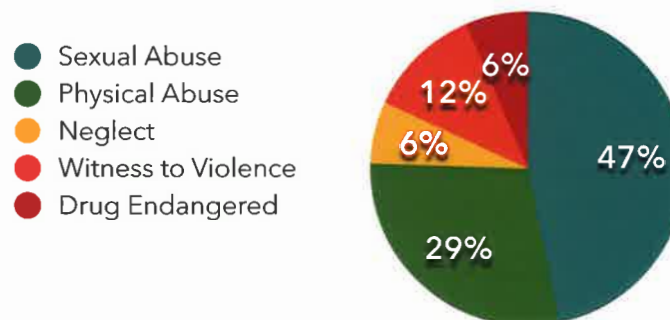
Statistics show that 1 in 10 children will be the victim of sexual abuse before they turn 18.

And of those who are abused, only 1 in 10 will tell.

- Between July of 2014 and June 2015, over 6,700 children were served by Child Abuse Intervention Centers (CAIC) in Oregon.
- More children could benefit from our coordinated response. Oregon CAICs serve less than 23% of the total number of cases referred to DHS for investigation.
- 43% of children seen by Oregon CAICs were under the age of six.



- Children were seen for a variety of reasons.



Good Morning,

I'm Doug Riggs on behalf of the Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers representing the 21 programs throughout the state that focus on responding to law child abuse cases and helping meet the goals of Carly's law.

We are concerned with the initial draft of SB1550. The bill as drafted interferes with the principles behind Oregon's evidence based system of forensic interviews conducted by Child Abuse Centers.

As a result, we are here today to ask that victims of child abuse and neglect have the same basic protections that the bill affords to victims of domestic abuse. It would be difficult to understand why a 15, or a 16 or a 17 year old who has suffered from child abuse or neglect would be any less worthy of protection than a 14 year old. My youngest daughter is 16. Some of you may have teenage daughters or sons. They are children, not only in our eyes, but also under Oregon law. They are vulnerable and fragile and fully deserving of protections from intimidation, fear or re-traumatization. The amendment we have suggested would make a small change to the bill. On page 7, line 22 of the bill, it would add "those under the age of 18 who are victims of child abuse or neglect, or witness to domestic abuse." Clear, simple, fair.

As a result would urge your support for this small change.

Thank you.