

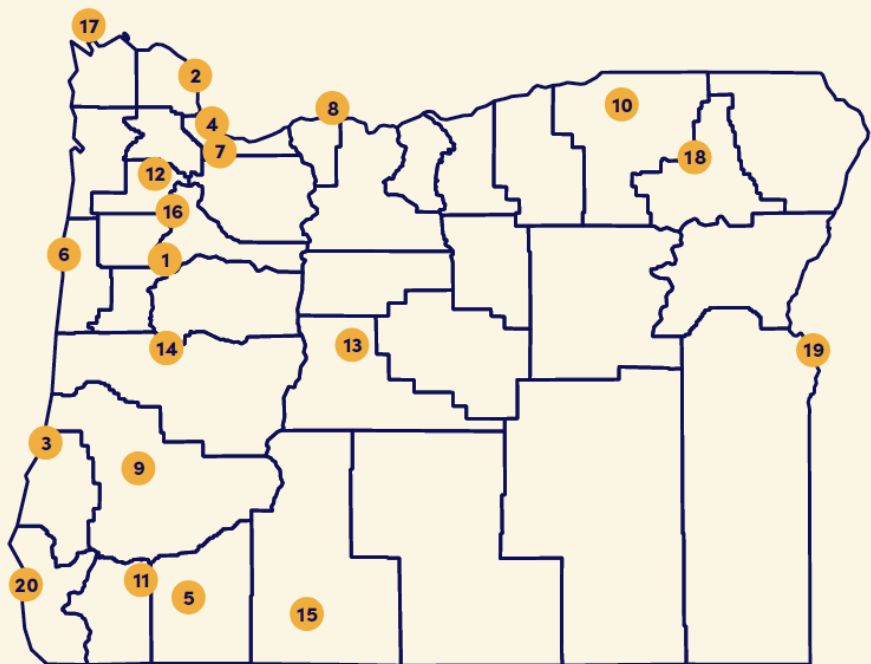
Children's Advocacy Centers

Requesting 6M increase in the 2021-2023 biennium



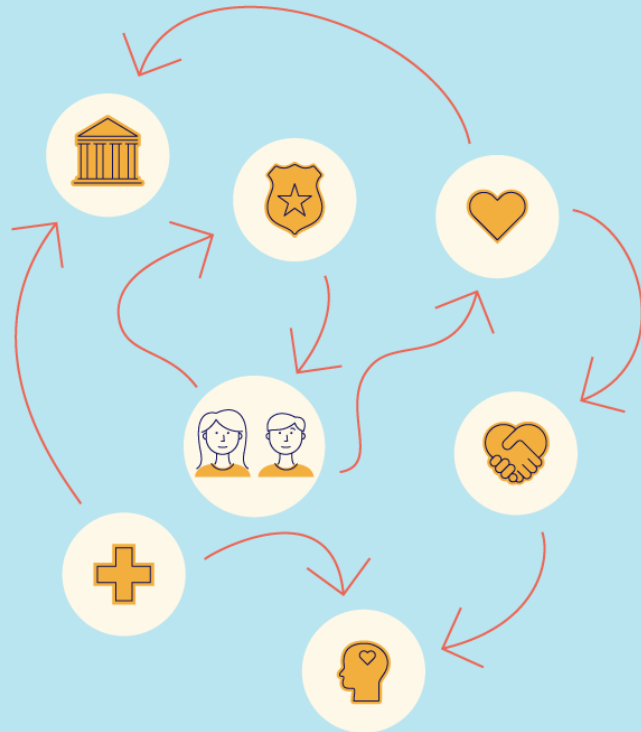


Our 20 Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs)

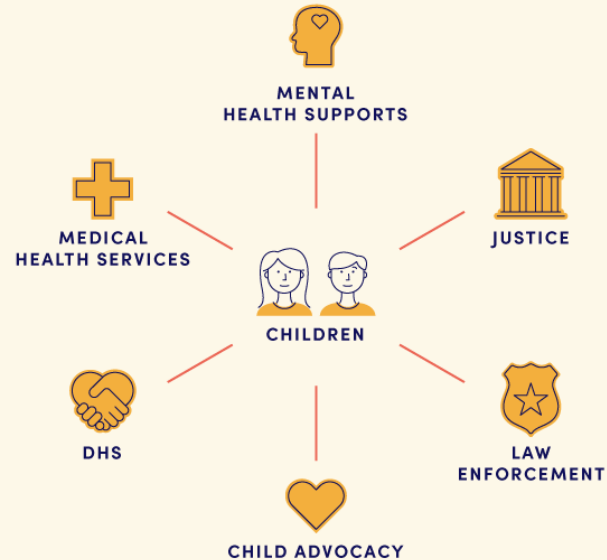


- 1. ABC House**
Linn, Benton Counties
- 2. Amani Center**
Columbia County
- 3. Bay Area Hospital Kids' HOPE Center**
Coos County
- 4. CARES Northwest**
Multnomah, Washington Counties
- 5. Children's Advocacy Center of Jackson County**
Jackson County
- 6. Children's Advocacy Center of Lincoln County**
Lincoln County
- 7. Children's Center**
Clackamas County
- 8. Columbia Gorge Children's Advocacy Center**
Serves 5 counties
- 9. Douglas CARES**
Douglas County
- 10. Guardian Care Center, CAC**
Umatilla County
- 11. Josephine County Child Advocacy Center**
Josephine County
- 12. Juliette's House**
Yamhill, Polk Counties
- 13. KIDS Center**
Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook Counties
- 14. Kids FIRST**
Lane County
- 15. Klamath-Lake CARES**
Klamath, Lake Counties
- 16. Liberty House**
Marion, Polk Counties
- 17. The Lighthouse for Kids**
Clatsop County
- 18. Mt. Emily Safe Center**
Serves 5 counties
- 19. STAR Center**
Malheur County
- 20. Wally's House**
Curry County

WITHOUT CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS



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The CAC Model

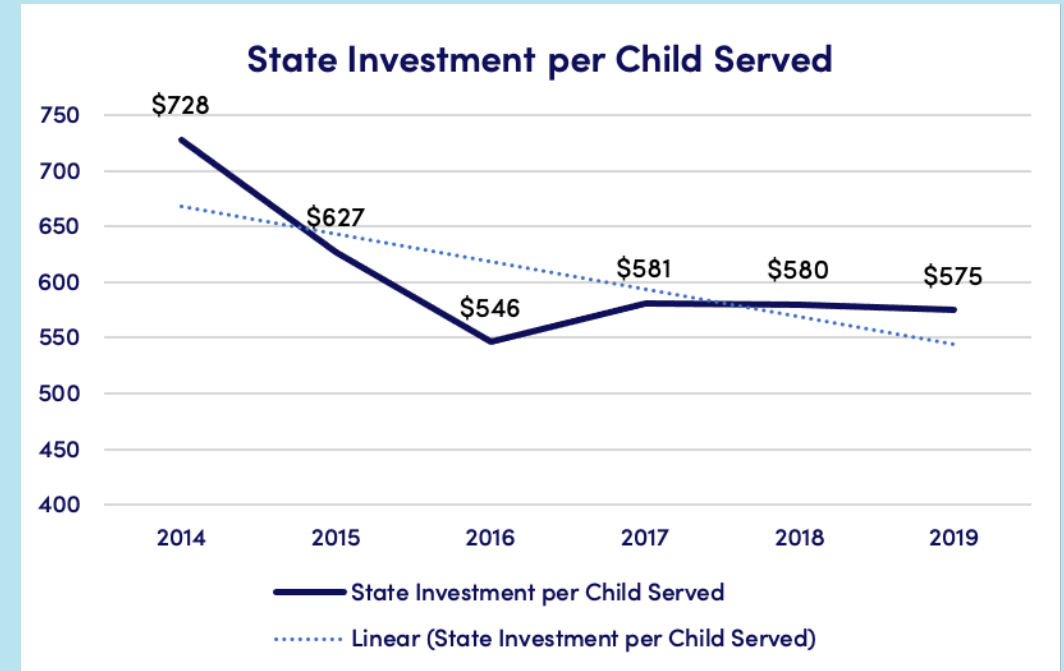
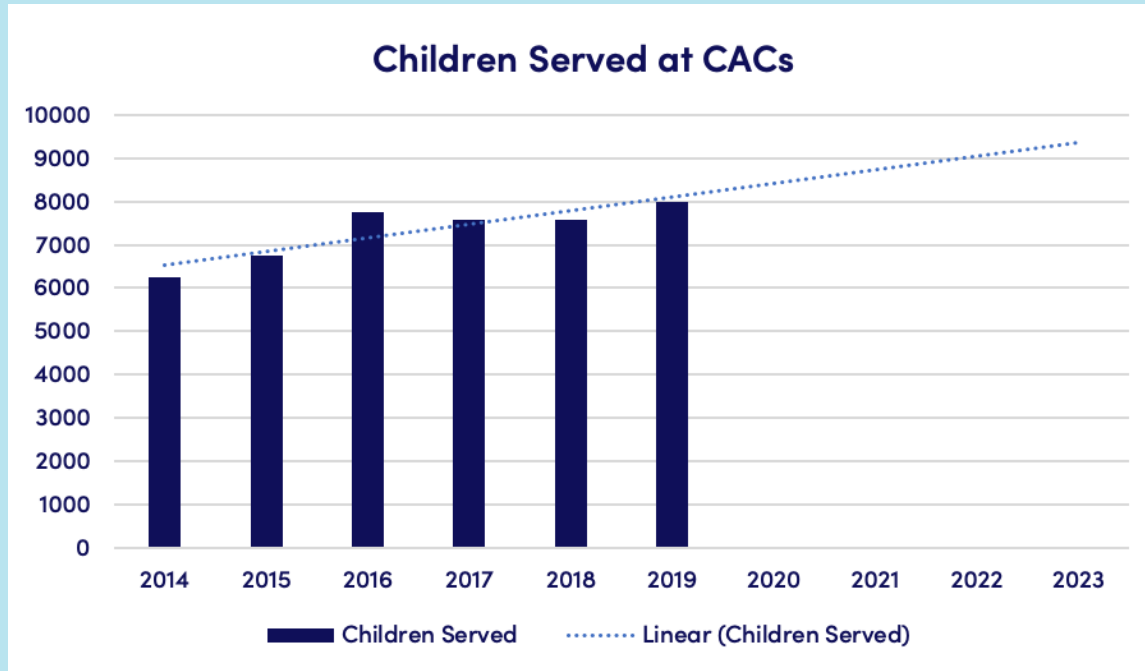
- Brings communities together to respond to child abuse allegations
- Minimizes trauma
- Diverts children from emergency rooms and police stations
- CACs provide specialized medical exams, forensic interviews, family advocacy, therapy and prevention services
- Only 55% of children referred were seen in person from Jan-Nov '20

Medical Exams and Forensic Interviews

- Every county is assigned a designated medical provider (DMP), often working as a staff member in a children's advocacy center (CAC)
- DMPs are responsible for both "ruling in" and "ruling out" child abuse
- DMPs provide in-person Karly's Law exams within 48 hours and review photos and notes if unable to see the child in-person
- Child welfare relies on the expertise of CAC medical providers through consultations and detailed medical record reviews to help them make safety decisions



Service and Funding Trendlines



CACs were also notified last week of an upcoming cut to Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding



Our 2021 Legislative Ask

- Invest 6M in CACs
- State funding makes up 17.8% percent of CAC budgets, this 6M increase would bring state funding to 28% of CAC budgets
- Funding would maintain staffing and assessment slots for children
- Funding would stabilize CACs during an anticipated rise in cases, and ensure there is no breakdown in supportive services to child protective services, law enforcement, prosecution, and others
- Ensuring access to CACs will help keep kids safe and avoid unnecessary removals, when there is an alternative explanation for injury