



Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, Inc.

Breaking the cycle of abuse one child at a time.

STATEWIDE STATISTICS ABOUT CHILD ABUSE IN TEXAS

Did You Know?

Today **195** Texas Children will be victims of abuse. In one year, more than **70,000** cases of child abuse were confirmed in Texas.

- **1 in 4** girls is sexually abused before her 18th birthday.
 - **1 in 6** boys is sexually abused before his 18th birthday.
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Children's Advocacy Centers Are Making a Difference

A children's advocacy center (CAC) is the **ONE** non-profit to serve as the first stop for children entering the justice system because of suspected sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, and those who have witnessed a violent crime. Last year almost **40,000** children received critical services at a Texas CAC.

- There are **68** children's advocacy centers in the State of Texas, more than any other state in the nation.
- Texas CACs provide comprehensive services in over **170** Counties across Texas as well as a variety of vital courtesy services in Texas' other 96 Counties.
- **95%** of the children served by a children's advocacy center last year knew their perpetrator.
- **72%** of CAC clients were involved in child sexual abuse cases.

Almost three quarters of the children served by CACs last year were **under the age of 13**. **Twenty-seven percent** were not even old enough to attend kindergarten.



Our Mission

Our mission is to restore the lives of abused children by supporting children's advocacy centers in partnership with local communities and agencies investigating and prosecuting child abuse.

Our Services

CACTX fulfills its mission by providing six core priority services to 65 local children's advocacy centers (CACs) serving children throughout Texas, local professionals investigating and prosecuting child abuse, a committed board of directors, dedicated donors, volunteers, staff and corporate and government partners. Services provided are guided by the following beliefs:

Membership Services:

CACTX believes access to strong, local CACs will provide young victims with the unique services needed to begin their journey to hope, justice and healing.

Evaluation and Assessment:

CACTX believes ongoing success in the fight against child abuse requires continual evaluation of current efforts and exploration of new, more effective ways to do this work.

Collaboration:

CACTX believes that information sharing and networking is critical to innovation in the child abuse field.

Advocacy:

CACTX believes in the power of a collective voice to successfully effectuate systemic change that will impact the lives of children scarred by violence and abuse.

Community Awareness:

CACTX believes that the eradication of child abuse from society begins with building informed; empowered communities that stand ready to embrace this issue with courage, making it a top priority.

Funding:

At the heart of CACTX's mission is a commitment to support the sustainability of local children's advocacy centers so that they may continue to help young victims rebuild their lives.



How to Support

Through generous support from community members like you, CACTX is able to continue to provide CACs with the top resources, technical assistance, educational trainings and overall means necessary to effectively make a difference in the life of a child victim of abuse.

Ways to become involved

- Event sponsorship
- Corporate and individual giving
- Grant funding
- Endowment contribution