

ALASKA CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE & CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS: FY26 FUNDING REQUEST



ACA/CAC ASK: Requesting operating funds to DFCS in the FY26 State budget: \$5.4M to the base

Note: This would only maintain current service levels in a state that consistently faces some of the nation's highest rates of child abuse.

WHAT IS A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC)?

A CAC is a place where a child and their safe caregiver may be referred to following a concern of sexual abuse, physical abuse, witnessing violence, and/or extreme neglect. The CAC coordinates a Multi-Disciplinary Team of professionals around the best interests of the child, including family advocacy, forensic interviewing, medicine, child protection, law enforcement, behavioral health, prosecution, military, and tribes/ICWA. Together, CACs and their partners strive to hold offenders accountable and to promote healing for children and their families. Based on research and national accreditation standards for minimal best practices, the CAC model is the gold standard in responding to child abuse.

HOW ARE CACS FUNDED?

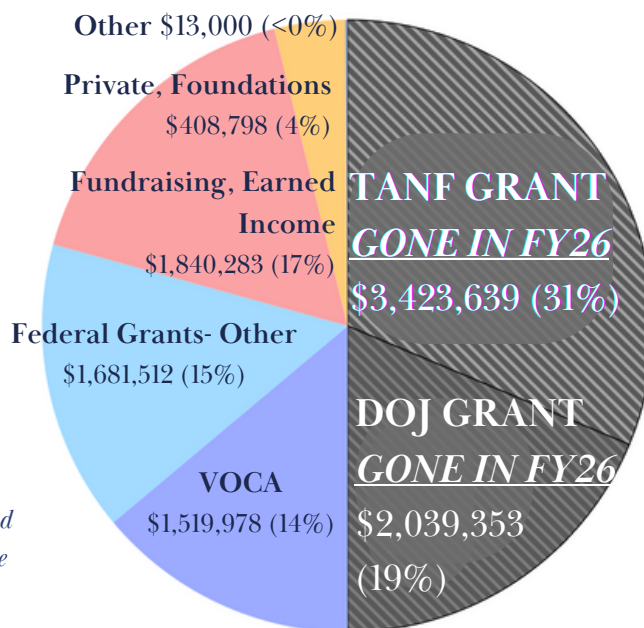
CACs are funded in a variety of ways, including federal, state, earned, private, and philanthropic funds:

- **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**
Grant: GONE IN FY26. Federal grant administered by State DFCS/OCS via an RSA from DOH/DPA.*
- **Department of Justice (DOJ) Grant**: GONE IN FY26. Special one-time five year federal grant.
- **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)**: Federal grant administered by State CDVSA/DPS. Unstable and potentially unsustainable.
- **Federal grants (other)**: OVW, OVC, NCA
- **Fundraising and earned income**
- **Private foundations**
- **Other**: Local, Municipal

**TANF unexpectedly dropped off in FY25. Thankfully, DFCS provided stopgap support, but that one-time emergency funding is not sustainable or guaranteed in the future.*

FY25 ACA/CAC Overall Budget

\$10,926,563



IMMINENT FUNDING CONCERN

The Alaska Children's Alliance (ACA), a 501(c)(3) that supports Alaska's CACs, sought and secured intent language in the FY25 budget that directs the State to "ensure CAC services are not interrupted due to the loss of federal funds in FY26." Nevertheless, despite legislative intent and Alaska statute AS 47.17.033 that requires OCS to refer child sex abuse cases to CACs, they were not included in the proposed FY26 budget.

We urgently need the State of Alaska to step in. ACA/CACs face a dramatic drop-off of federal funds in FY26:
\$3.4M TANF + \$2M DOJ = \$5.4M

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