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Update on CACs

2011

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Alaska Children's Alliance



The mission of the Alaska Children's Alliance is to promote a culturally appropriate multidisciplinary response to child maltreatment throughout Alaska

ACA - State Chapter of National Children's Alliance which:

- ▣ Sets minimum standards for CACs
- ▣ Sets minimum standards for State Chapters
- ▣ Provides
 - ▣ Limited funding for Chapters
 - ▣ Support, Training and Technical Assistance
 - ▣ National recognition
 - ▣ Accreditation



Alaska Children's Alliance provides:

- **Technical assistance & support to existing and developing:**
 - **Children's Advocacy Centers**
 - **Multidisciplinary Teams**
 - **Child Protection Teams**

State representation at the regional and national levels

Limited funding through national grants

Alaska Children's Alliance provides:

- **Statewide Projects to enhance services**
 - **TeleCam Medical Peer Review & Consultation – based at CARES**
 - **Biennial Alaska Child Maltreatment Conference**
 - **Forensic Photography Equipment & Medical Training for each CAC**

Coordination of statewide efforts

- **Data Collection in collaboration w/CJA & SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect)**
- **Statewide protocols to ensure high & consistent level of service**

Alaska Children's Alliance provides:

▣ Development of Alaska specific projects

- ▣ Pilot Project: *Honoring, Protecting & Nurturing Our Children* Community Outreach Project
- ▣ Specialized training for natural support people in villages served by CACs (in development in collaboration with Western Region CAC)
- ▣ Training for Tribal entities on use of Child Advocacy Centers in their Regions (in development)
- ▣ Training on development of satellite CACs (in development in collaboration with Western Region CAC)

Alaskan Child Advocacy Centers

- Anchorage – Alaska C.A.R.E.S.
- Bethel – TWC The Children’s Center
- Copper River Basin – Copper River Basin CAC
- Dillingham – Nitaput Child Advocacy Center
- Fairbanks – RCPC Stevie’s Place
- Kenai Peninsula – Kenai Peninsula CAC
- Juneau – S.A.F.E. CAC
- Kodiak–Kodiak Area Native Assoc. CAC – *Developing*
- Mat-Su – The Children’s Place
- Nome – Kawerak CAC

Anchorage:



Est. 1996

served 8,854 children through FY10

- ▣ A program of the Children's Hospital at Providence
- ▣ Co-located with state & local law enforcement, OCS
- ▣ Part time mental health services on-site
- ▣ Alaska Native Unit on-site
- ▣ Serves children 0-18
- ▣ Re-accredited by National Children's Alliance
- ▣ Serves 27 communities

Bethel:



Est. 2001
served 1,063 children through FY10

- A program of the Tundra Women's Coalition
- Yupik name: "Irniamta Ikayurviat"
- Recently moved to a new building funded by the State of Alaska, the Rasmuson Foundation & the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation
- Serves children 0-18
- Serves 35 communities

Copper River Basin



Est. 2009
served children 29 through FY10

- ▣ Independent non-profit
- ▣ Housed in a recently closed rural school
- ▣ Co-located with OCS
- ▣ Serves children 0-18
- ▣ Serves 17 communities
- ▣ Have Polycom capabilities for mental health services

Dillingham:



- ▣ A program of Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
- ▣ “Nitaput” – *We hear them*
- ▣ *Serves children 0-18*
- ▣ *Serves 32 communities*

Est. 2003
served 222 children through FY10

Fairbanks:



Est. 2003
served 1,105 children through FY10

- ▣ A program of Resource Center for Parents & Children
- ▣ Co-located with the ABI Crimes Against Children Unit
- ▣ Serves children 0-18
- ▣ Serves 83 communities
- ▣ Community Care contract with Fairbanks Memorial Hospital to provide services on-site at Stevie's Place
- ▣ Community presentations done by MDT

Juneau:



Est. 2001

served 1,047 children through FY10

- ▣ A program of Catholic Community Services
- ▣ S.A.F.E. – Southeast Alaska Family Evaluation
- ▣ Accredited by National Children’s Alliance
- ▣ Serves children 0-18
- ▣ Serves 19 communities

Kenai Peninsula:



Est. 2008
served 210 children through FY10

- ▣ A program of South Peninsula Haven House, Homer
- ▣ Satellite CAC in Kenai is co-located with the Sexual Assault Response Team in the Health Center
- ▣ Satellite CAC developing in Seward
- ▣ Serves 30 communities with 3 locations

Kodiak:



Developing – to open early summer 2011

\$ 250 000

Start up money

- A program of Kodiak Area Native Association
- Working closely with ACA, OCS, community partners
- Governor's budget includes funding for development
- Currently drafting MDT policy and protocol to begin services

Mat-Su:

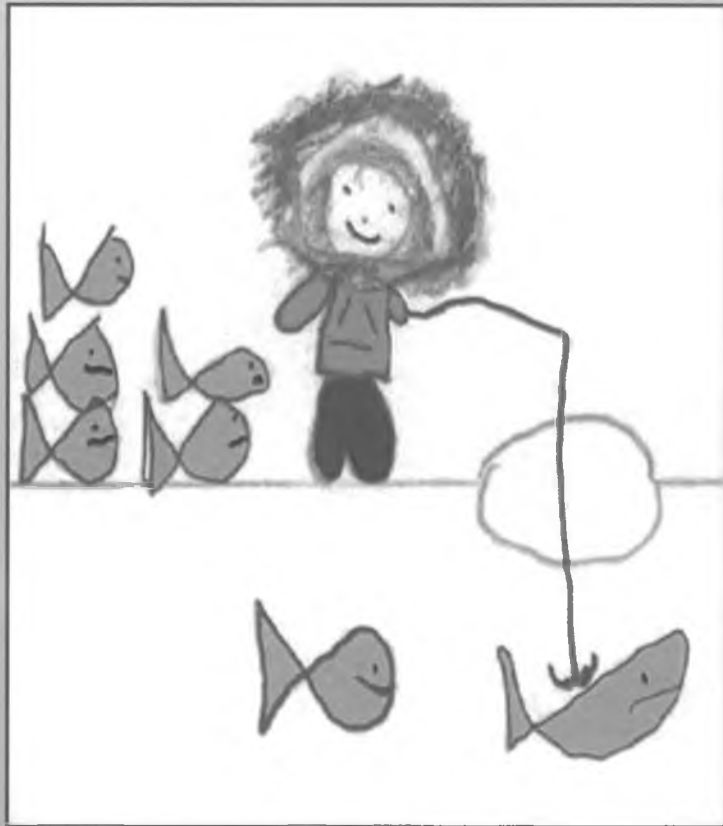


Est. 1999

served 1,678 children through FY10

- ▣ Independent non-profit
- ▣ Recently expanded building to co-locate Alaska State Troopers ABI Child Abuse Investigation Unit
- ▣ Serves children 0-18
- ▣ Re-accredited by National Children's Alliance
- ▣ Serves 11 communities

Nome:



- A program of Kawerak Native Association
- “annaktuq” – *is sheltered, is safe*
- Serves children 0-18
- 3 CAC Educators fly to villages in the Region to provide education on child sexual abuse and support services to victims
- Serves 17 communities

Est. 2002
served 219 children through FY10

Child Advocacy Centers provide:

- ▣ **A child and family friendly environment for coordination of investigative process in child abuse cases, specifically child sexual abuse**



“nice people, cozy, homey, - I felt safe here”

Child Advocacy Centers provide:

▣ Specialized Forensic Interview



“They said I’m not in trouble and I did do the right thing on telling someone what my uncle was doing.”

Child Advocacy Centers provide:

**Multidisciplinary response/investigation
reduces duplicative interviews**



MDT "Watching Room"

The best part was:

*~"Telling what my
dad did to us."*

*~"Talking to people I
trust and that care
for me."*

Child Advocacy Centers provide:

▣ Specialized, Non-traumatic Medical Exam



“My favorite part (of being at the CAC) was finding out my body is OK”

Child Advocacy Centers provide:

- ▣ **On-going support and follow up for family throughout the system process and beyond**



“Everything was well explained-you guys are doing a great job. Thank you.”

“I am happy there is such a place as the CAC, for me as a child I did not have anyone or anywhere to go for my experience.”



Child Advocacy Centers provide:

▣ Culturally competent services

“I am so thankful for this place, where my grandchild is safe to talk to familiar people in a familiar language.”

“Thank you so much for your help in the start of our long battle.”



Child Advocacy Centers provide:



*“(The CAC) added to our healing.
They didn’t add to our hurt.”*

- ▣ **Collaboration with mental health services for earlier response to referrals**
- ▣ **Identification of risks and assessment of needs of child and family and referrals to address those issues**

Child Advocacy Centers provide:



▣ Case review:

- ▣ to ensure the well-being of the children and family
- ▣ to monitor and assess the effectiveness of the MDT

once a month

Child Advocacy Centers provide:



▣ Case Tracking

- ▣ CACs in Alaska use a uniform data collection system, NCATrak
- ▣ Provides essential demographics, case information & investigation outcomes
- ▣ Useful for program evaluation

“All the caring personalities was very comforting. Everyone kept us apprised of what was happening and were giving us very helpful information. It was nice to be treated so respectfully and I think everyone here helped my daughter find a little peace in this terrible situation.”

Child Advocacy Centers provide:

Community Awareness, Education, Outreach:

- ♥ presentations
- ♥ Classes
- ♥ Radio shows, interviews, etc



Did you know?

- **History of child sexual abuse is linked with increased risk for:**
 - alcoholism and alcohol abuse
 - suicide attempts
 - intimate partner violence
 - chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
 - depression
 - fetal death
 - illicit drug use
 - ischemic heart disease
 - liver disease
 - multiple sexual partners
 - sexually transmitted diseases
 - smoking
 - unintended pregnancies

Cost of Child Abuse & Neglect In Alaska:

▣ estimates the annual cost of child abuse in Alaska to be **\$500,503,200** (06 incidents, 07 costs)

▣ Medical Care	\$ 2,540,500
▣ Mental Health	55,724,600
▣ Property Damage	50,000
▣ Public Programs	27,131,900
▣ Future Earnings	23,666,000
▣ Quality of Life	391,390,200

Why the CAC Model? Cost

1 unit boys
1 unit girls

■ NCAC Cost-Benefit Analysis

- Per Case – traditional investigations were 36% more expensive than CAC investigation. Average cost: \$2,902 compared to \$ 3,949, more than \$1,000 savings per case.



Why the CAC Model?

Prosecution Timelines

How long to prosecute child sexual abuse for a community using a CAC and two comparison communities? Walsh, W.A., Lippert, T., Cross, T.E., Maurice, D.M., & Davison, K.S. (2008) *Child Maltreatment*, 13(1), 3-13

▣ Charging decision in child sexual abuse cases:

Cases seen at the CAC had a significantly faster charging decision

▣ Case Resolution Time

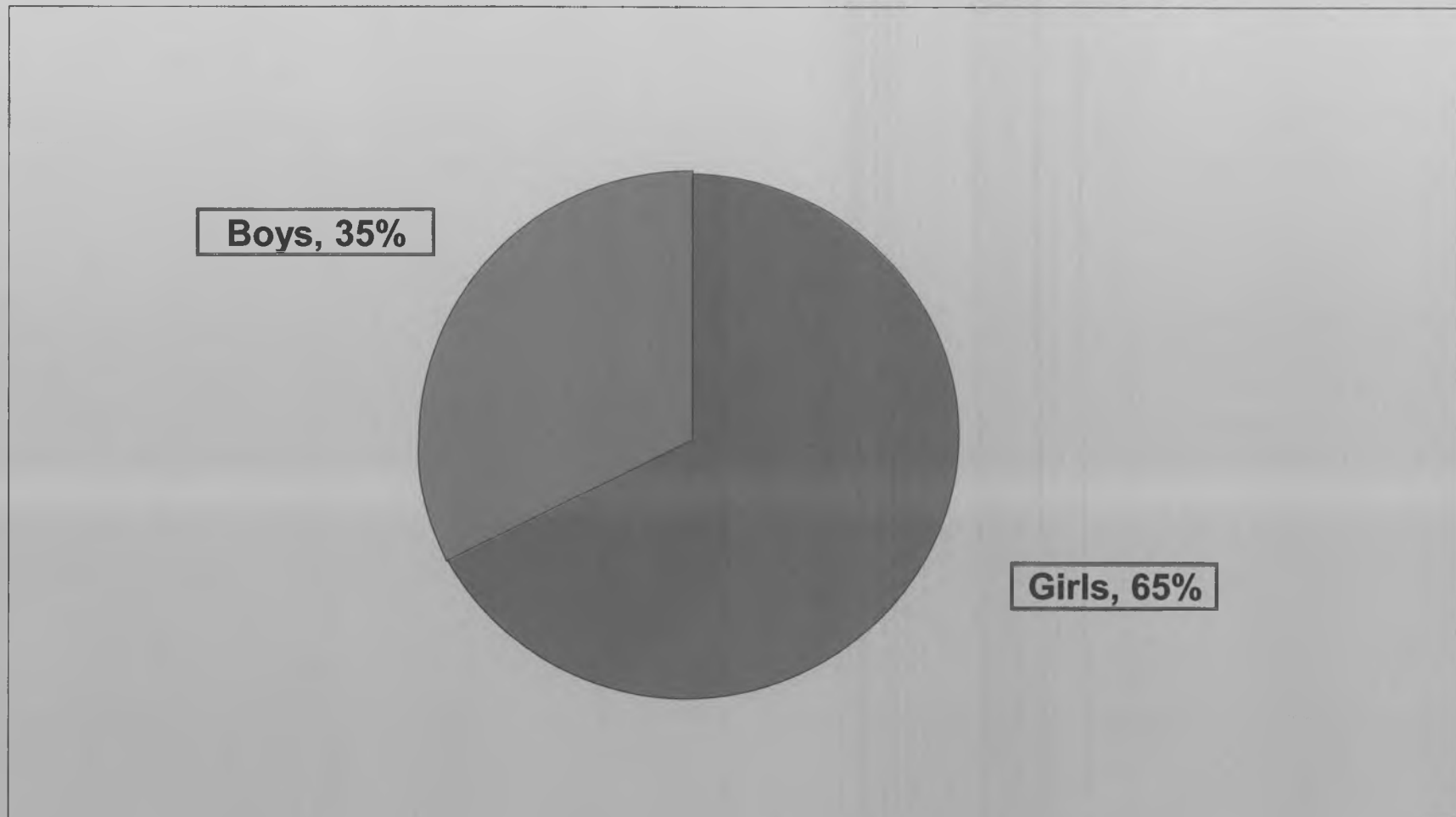
- ▣ CAC 20% were resolved within 180 days
- ▣ Comparison 30% took more than two years after indictment or were still pending

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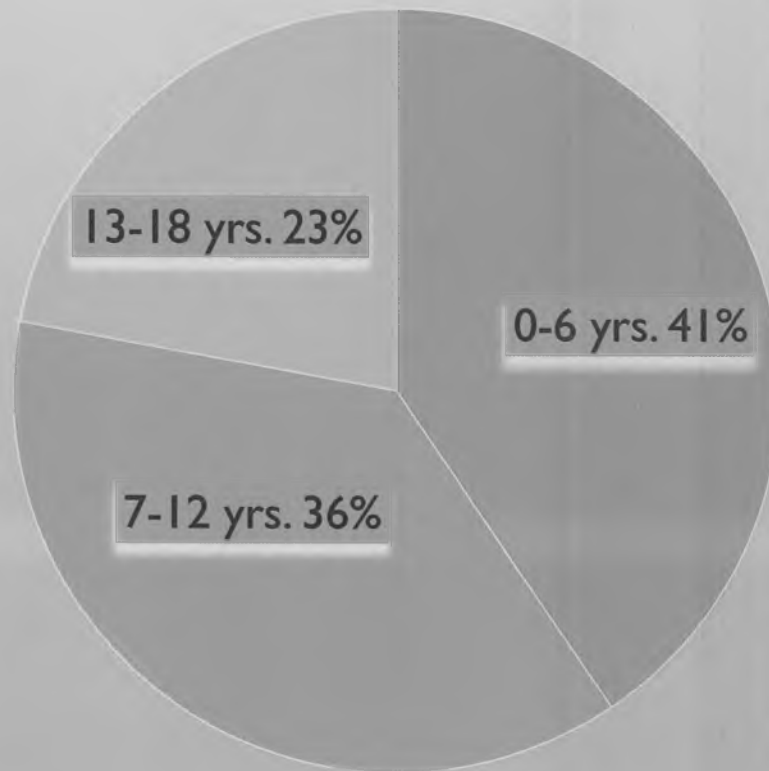
**OUR CHILDREN
DESERVE NOTHING
LESS!**

Research suggests that one in four girls and one in seven boys will be the victim of some type of sexual abuse/assault before age 18

Gender of children seen at Alaska CACs in FY10



Ages of children seen at Alaska CACs in FY10



Numbers of children served

Location of CAC & year opened	# of comm-unities	FY 05	FY06	FY 07	FY08	FY 09	FY10	Total seen since open
Anchorage 96	27	601	756	740	921	823	837	8,854
Bethel 01	35	131	161	137	184	121	128	1,063
Copper River Basin 09	17					12	17	29
Dillingham 03	32	15	28	40	45	28	40	222
Fairbanks 03	83	126	163	140	142	213	225	1,105
Juneau 01	19	102	89	100	90	87	99	1,047
Kenai Peninsula 08	30				37	47	126	210
Mat-Su 99	11	142	98	152	145	167	199	1,678
Nome 02	17	16	37	24	23	29	23	219
TOTALS	271	1,133	1,332	1,333	1,587	1,527	1,694	14,427

THANK YOU!

- While none of our CACs rely 100% on state funding for their existence (16% to 85%), that funding is essential for sustainability and to leverage other funding.
- Need is increasing, as the number of CACs and children and families served increases.

Current needs:

- Nome – Nurse examiner - there has not been a SART coordinator for almost a year now, so the child exams at the CAC are hit and miss. A nurse on staff would allow for consistent service delivery.
- Copper River Basin – an additional FTE position would expand the capacity of the Center to provide full community outreach, a continuum of community based therapeutic support services to child victims and their non-offending family members, structured community education, and full mobility/access of Center services

Current needs:

Medical Director $\times 10$ 2.3 million

- Anchorage – partial funding for a part time medical director who also provides services across the state and funding for a FTE mental health provider for children and families with no insurance or who have Medicaid and are on a 3 month wait list for these services.
- Fairbanks - .5FTE, increase in contract medical services and supplies to meet increased need
- Kenai Peninsula CACs – support for the satellite CAC in Seward

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING
US MAKE ALASKA A
SAFER PLACE FOR
CHILDREN!**





Children's Safety Network

National Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Center

Cost of Child Abuse and Neglect in Alaska (Year 2006 Incidence, Year 2007 Costs)							
Abuse Type	Future Earnings	Medical Care	Mental Health	Property Damage	Public Programs	Quality of Life	Total
<i>Sexual Abuse</i>	\$1,025,300	\$386,600	\$4,504,500	\$0	\$586,300	\$45,068,500	\$51,571,200
<i>Physical Abuse</i>	\$5,082,200	\$1,849,600	\$6,315,800	\$39,000	\$3,126,200	\$86,580,900	\$102,993,700
<i>Mental Abuse</i>	\$6,816,800	\$0	\$31,579,100	\$0	\$15,601,000	\$158,987,800	\$212,984,700
<i>Serious Neglect</i>	\$224,900	\$43,800	\$13,250,300	\$0	\$7,805,000	\$74,111,200	\$95,435,200
<i>Fatal</i>	\$10,516,800	\$260,500	\$74,900	\$11,000	\$13,400	\$26,641,800	\$37,518,400
Total	\$23,666,000	\$2,540,500	\$55,724,600	\$50,000	\$27,131,900	\$391,390,200	\$500,503,200

Definitions:

Medical Care includes payments for hospital and physician care, as well as emergency medical transport, rehabilitation, prescriptions, allied health services, medical devices, and insurance claims processing. For fatalities, also include coroner and premature burial costs.

Mental Health Care includes payments for services by psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and pastoral counselors. Also includes insurance claims processing.

Future Earnings includes wages, fringe benefits, schoolwork, and housework lost by the injured. This estimate excludes earnings lost by family and friends caring for the injured.

Public Programs include police, fire, paramedic, ambulance, and helicopter transport costs. Social services and victim assistance costs are also included in this category. It excludes mental health services costs.

Property Damage and Loss is the value of property damage and of property taken and not recovered.

Quality of Life places a dollar value on pain, suffering and lost quality of life to the victim and their family. The value is computed from jury awards for pain, suffering, and lost quality of life due to physical injuries and fear. For murders, this value is computed from the amount people routinely spend (in dollars or time) to reduce their risk of death.

Source:

Children's Safety Network-Economics and Data Analysis Resource Center, at the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, Calverton, MD, 2009. The costs were adapted to Alaska using a state-specific price adjusters. All costs were calculated using incidents reported in the Child Maltreatment 2006, National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect Data Set. For more information contact Monique Sheppard at msheppard@pire.org.

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