

Tennessee's Child Advocacy Centers promise

HOPE AND HEALING

to victims of child sexual abuse and their families—
breaking the cycle of abuse one child at a time.



Tennessee Chapter
of Children's
Advocacy Centers

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20 YEARS AGO

recognizing the need for a more coordinated investigation for severe child abuse crimes, the first two Child Advocacy Centers opened their doors in Chattanooga and Blountville.

Over the years, communities across the state saw the value of the **Child Advocacy Center** model and invested in establishing their own local center.



Research demonstrates that Child Advocacy Center-based investigations save money by **reducing the cost per investigation by**

↓ 36%

As the number of Child Advocacy Centers has increased, so has the number of children and families that have been touched by their services.

2007



17,000
CHILDREN



5,147
FORENSIC
INTERVIEWS



9,480
MENTAL
HEALTH
SESSIONS



622
MEDICAL
EXAMS

2010



20,000
CHILDREN



7,608
FORENSIC
INTERVIEWS



17,000
MENTAL
HEALTH
SESSIONS

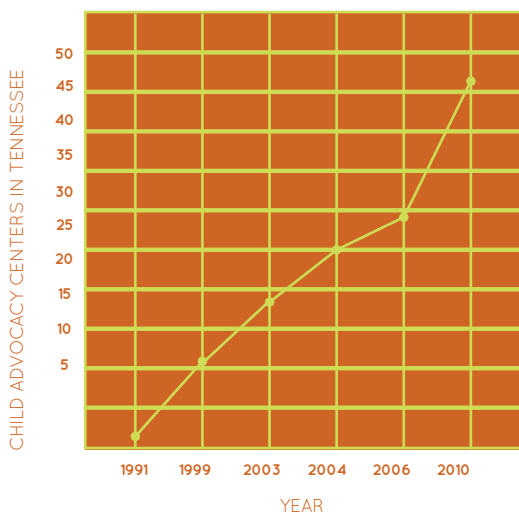


943
MEDICAL
EXAMS

Today
there
are **46**

Child Advocacy Centers
in Tennessee serving

**20,000
CHILDREN**



Our two decades of coordinated efforts and resources allocated to child sexual abuse are working! Nationally we have seen an almost

50%

decline in the occurrence of child sexual abuse.

Maltreatment Investigations in Tennessee

2007	2008	2009
16,059	12,489	9,765

Tennessee Department of Children's Services

Child Advocacy Centers are making a

HUGE IMPACT

on reducing re-victimization and occurrences of child abuse.

THE TENNESSEE CHAPTER OF
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS

TNCAC

IS DEDICATED TO
LEADING

CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS
AND THE COMMUNITIES
IN WHICH THEY SERVE TO

RESPOND

TO SEVERE CHILD ABUSE IN
EFFECTIVE AND
EFFICIENT METHODS
THAT PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS OF

THE CHILD.



TNCAC accomplishes this by **training over 1228 professionals, providing technical assistance to 95 child protective investigative teams and educating communities about child abuse.**

Because our goal is to continue to improve the way Tennessee responds to the problem of child abuse and the needs of victims, TNCAC provides innovative training opportunities, programs and services for professionals from a wide range of disciplines and the community.

Annual Connecting for Children's Justice Conference

Attracts 750 professionals from different disciplines to a three day training focused on best practices and new research.

Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT)

Training focuses on team building, communication, critical thinking, protocol, and how to successfully conduct case review.

Talking to Kids

Teaches frontline professionals how to talk to children in a child-friendly, developmentally appropriate manner.

Steward's of Children

Educates adults to prevent, recognize and respond responsibly to child sexual abuse through an evidence based curriculum.

Advanced Forensic Interview Training

Provides opportunities for Forensic Interviewers to learn from national experts new skills, research, court preparation, one-on-one supervision, consultation and tuition scholarships to national conferences



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