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CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF ARKANSAS

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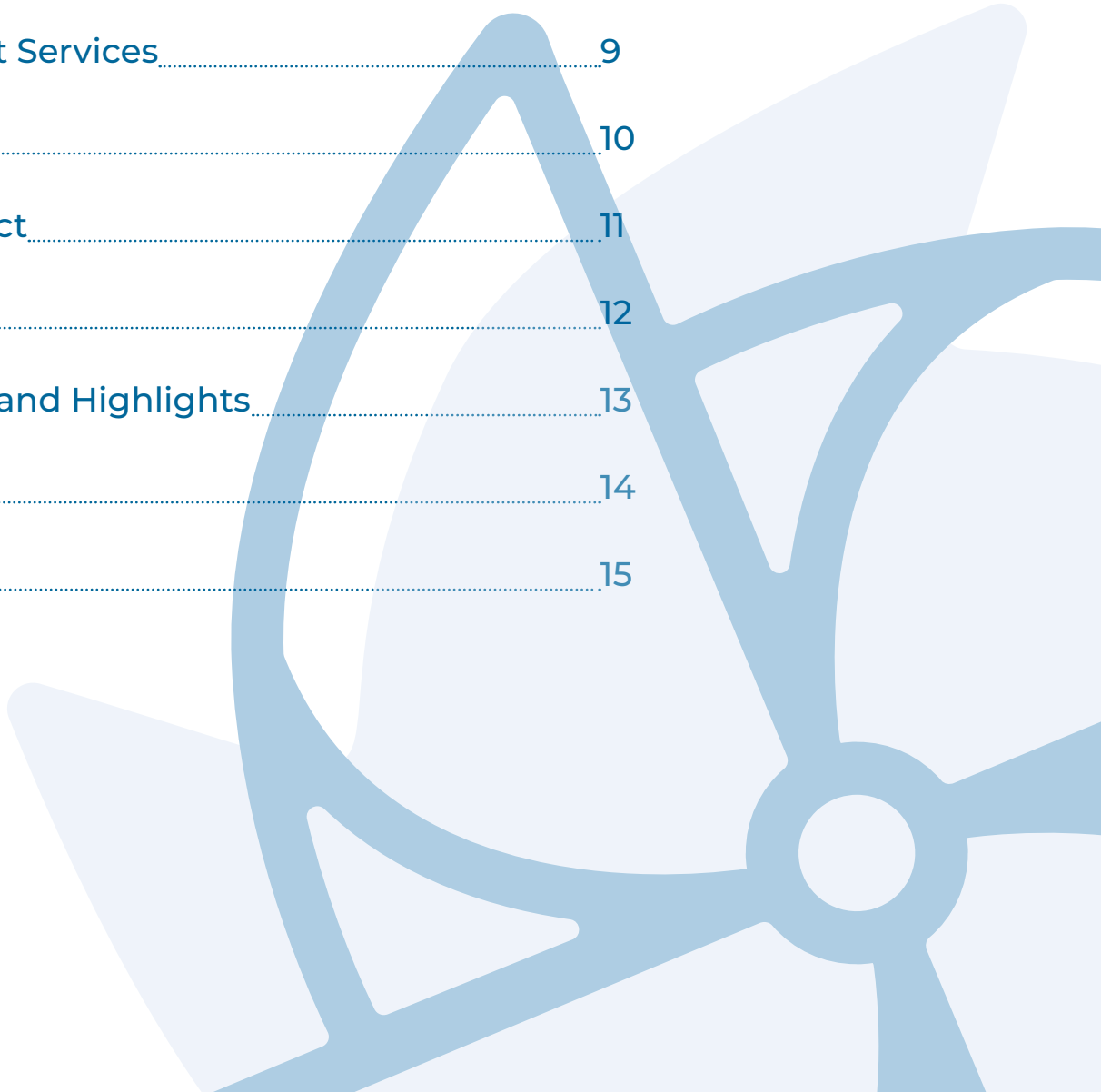
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CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS
OF ARKANSAS

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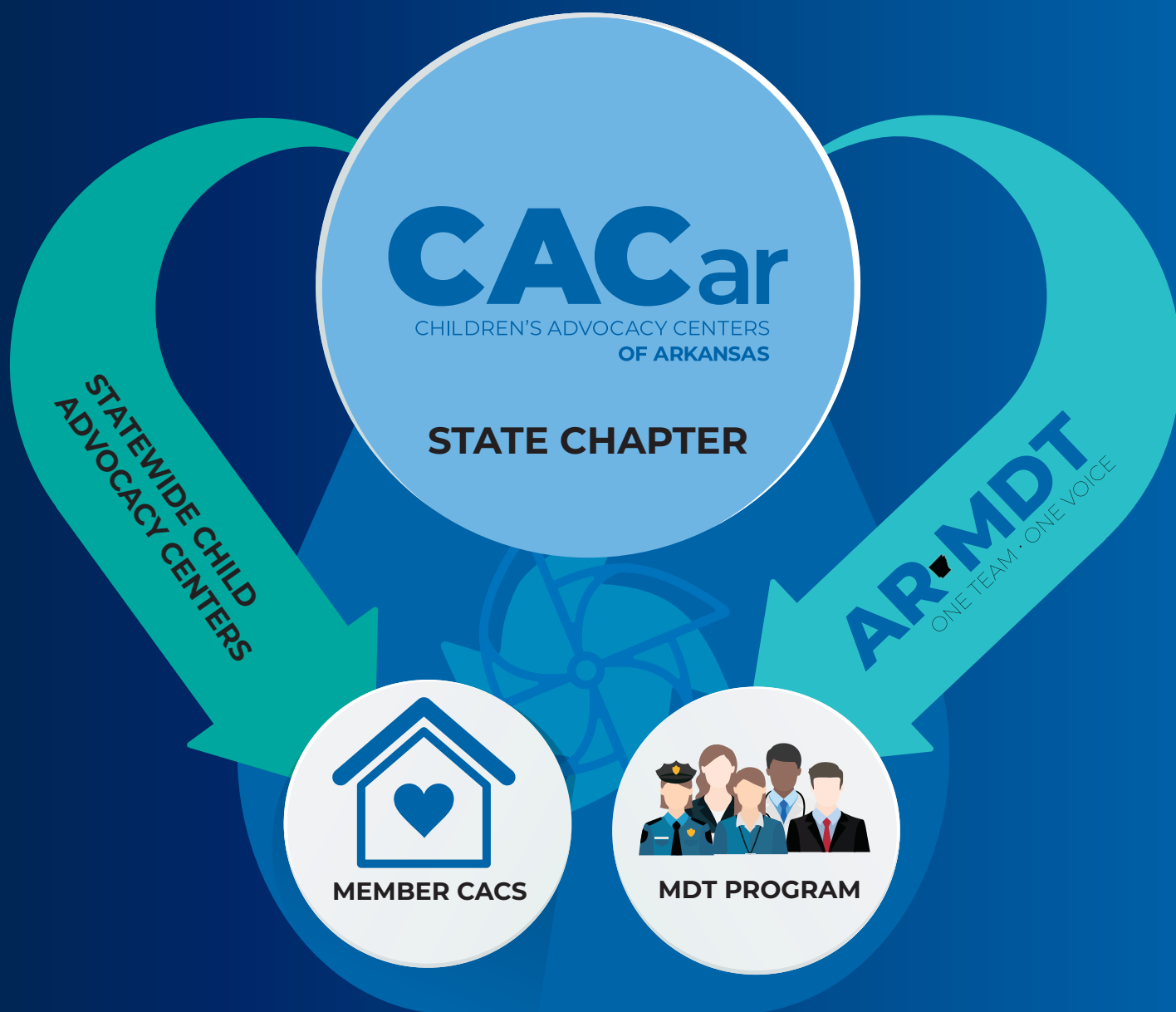
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The children's advocacy center (CAC) model has emerged in the last 30 years as a nationally preferred response to child abuse. The vital resources offered through CACs are now established in every state and over 10 countries. CAC services started in Arkansas during the 1990s and have expanded throughout the state in the last 10 years because of the great need for direct services to support children and families.

There is still more work to do! We have an opportunity to implement real change that moves awareness into action by a shared responsibility to find bright spots in often dark spaces and to prevent children from ever experiencing abuse in the first place. The Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas continues to take on this challenge, but we cannot do it alone. We are committed to providing top quality services in Arkansas with trained professionals who value collaboration through our multidisciplinary team partnerships. It will take all of us working together to bring lasting change and to build a brighter tomorrow for victims of abuse.





CACar provides CAC and MDT development, quality assurance, standards, best practices and policies, training, and sustainability.

ABOUT CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF ARKANSAS

Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas is a non-profit organization that is a chapter of the National Children's Alliance operating in Arkansas for the purpose of promoting, assisting, and supporting the development, growth and continuation of child advocacy centers. Our network of 32 child advocacy center locations in Arkansas provides direct services, free of charge, to child victims and their non-offending family members, while serving as a resource for the 64 MDTs across the state.

OUR PURPOSE

Protecting Arkansas' children by investing in CACs and MDTs.

OUR HISTORY

The Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas initially began as a network of three CACs called the Arkansas Association of Children's Advocacy Centers in 1999. In 2003, the organization changed its name to Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas. Our purpose and mission has remained the same: to assist and support the state's local CACs and communities.

Act 975 of 2021 transferred administration of the MDT Program to CACar. As CACar has evolved, our purpose of protecting Arkansas children remains steadfast as the leading resource within the State dedicated to a coordinated and comprehensive response to child abuse.



The Work of the CACar

CACar provided ongoing and specialized training and support to CAC and MDT professionals statewide.

CACar provided 221 trainings in 2024.

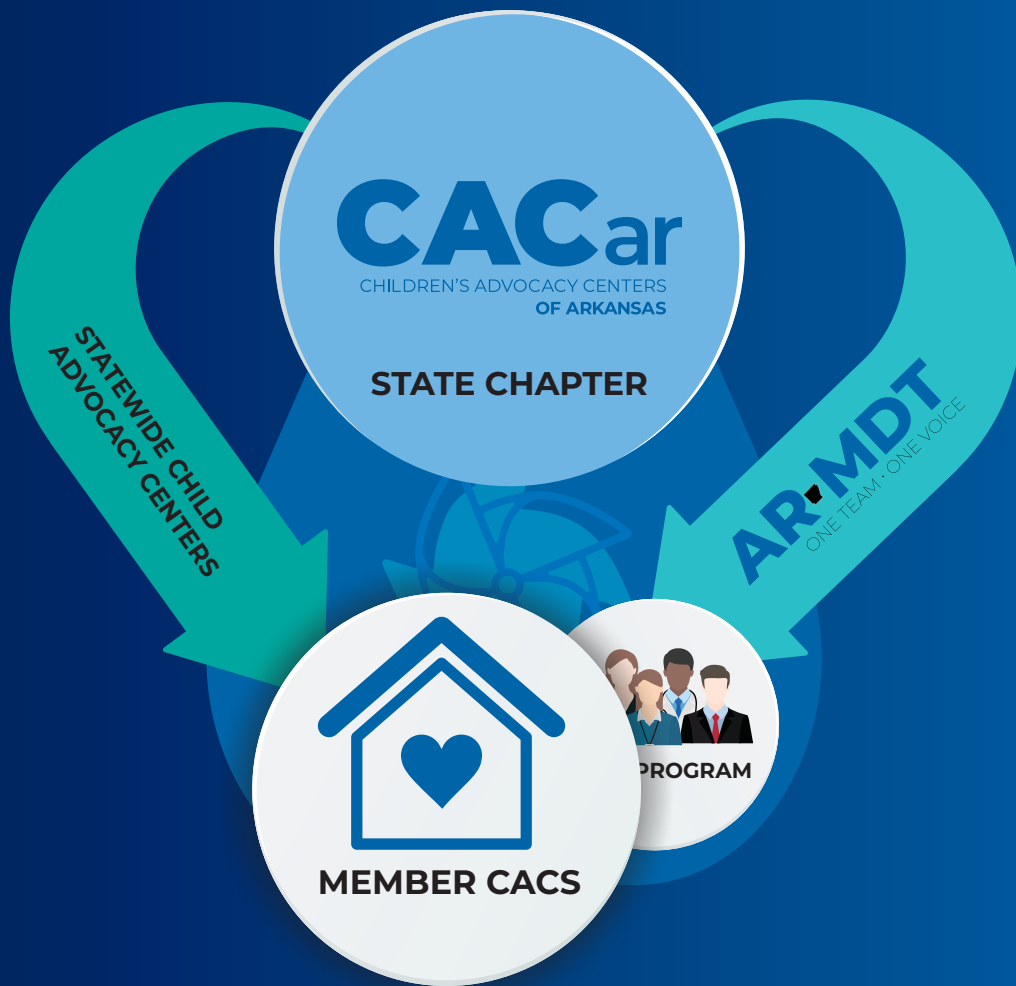
Available trainings include:

CHILDFIRST® ARKANSAS
ADVOCACY 101
ADVOCACY 201
AR-MDT MISSION AND VISION
ROLE OF THE FACILITATOR
ANALYZING YOUR TEAMS EFFECTIVENESS
CONFLICT RESOLUTION
WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN WORKING CHILD ABUSE CASES
BEYOND THE REPORT
PROJECT FORECAST SIMULATIONS
BOARD TRAINING
CAC FINANCIAL TRAINING
DATA STANDARDS AND REPORTING
NEW DIRECTOR ORIENTATION
MEDICAL PRECEPTORSHIP
ADVOCACY PEER REVIEWS
FORENSIC INTERVIEW PEER REVIEW

2024 CACar Highlights

- CACar sought to improve standards of care through its statewide committees through comprehensive evaluation of the direct services within the CAC network. The focus was on defining services, streamlining workflow, and standardizing data entry to enhance efficiency, accuracy and outcomes.
- CACar's Growth & Development
 - CACar launched a statewide initiative to develop CAC best practices, reinforcing our commitment to growth and innovation in child abuse response.
- CACar welcomed five new CAC executive directors into a 2024 cohort, providing training, mentorship, and technical assistance.
- CACar launched the new MDT Network within CACar's statewide case management system, Collaborate. CACar offered technical support through its ARMDT Facilitation Stations to its 38 MDT Facilitators as part of implementing the Investigation Module.





WHAT IS A CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER?

A child advocacy center (CAC) is “a nonprofit child-friendly facility that provides a location for forensic interviews and forensic medical examinations and ensures access for specialized mental health services during the course of a child maltreatment investigation.” Ark. Code Ann. § 9-5-103(a)(3). CACs “receive, review, and track reporting from the Department of Human Services relating to the alleged abuse or neglect of a child in order to ensure a consistent and comprehensive approach to providing services to a child and the family of a child who is the victim of alleged abuse or neglect.” Ark. Code Ann. § 9-5-104(d)(1). CACs, as community-based and trauma-informed organizations, coordinate a multidisciplinary response to child abuse or neglect, and offer evidence-based intervention and support directly to children and families at no cost.

ADVOCACY

- NEEDS BASED ASSESSMENT
- ONGOING FAMILY SUPPORT
- SUPPORT THROUGHOUT INVESTIGATION
- COURT SUPPORT
- CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES SUCH AS, MENTAL HEALTH, FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING, LEGAL, AND IMMIGRATION

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

- TRAINED INTERVIEW PROFESSIONALS
- ADHERES TO CHILDFirst® PROTOCOL
- AUDIO/VISUAL RECORDED

MENTAL HEALTH

- TRAUMA ASSESSMENT
- CRISIS INTERVENTION
- TRAUMA-INFORMED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MEDICAL EXAMS

- PROVIDERS WITH CHILD ABUSE EXPERTISE (SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS- SANES)
- SPECIALIZED MEDICAL EXAMS
- DOCUMENTING PHYSICAL AND FORENSIC FINDINGS
- DIAGNOSING AND TREATING MEDICAL CONDITIONS RELATED TO SEXUAL ABUSE
- EVIDENCE COLLECTION

COMMUNITY AWARENESS & EDUCATION

- MANDATED REPORTER TRAININGS
- PREVENTION
- BODY SAFETY
- INTERNET SAFETY
- EMPOWER ME
- CHURCHES, CHILD CARE FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

OUTCOMES

- FORENSIC INTERVIEWS ENHANCE INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS
- ADVOCACY BUILDS CHILD AND FAMILY RESILIENCE
- MENTAL HEALTH REDUCES LONG TERM EFFECTS OF TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES
- MEDICAL EXAMS ENSURE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF A CHILD
- PREVENTION EDUCATION BRINGS AWARENESS AND EMPOWERS COMMUNITIES

CAC Locations



- 🏠 CAC of Independence Cour
- 🏠 CAC of South Arkansas
 - 🏠 Ashley County
 - 🏠 Drew County
- 🏠 CAC of SouthEast Arkansas
- 🏠 Central Arkansas CAC
 - 🏠 Van Buren County
- 🏠 Child Safety Center of Whit
- 🏠 Children and Family Advoc
 - 🏠 Western Benton County
- 🏠 Children's Protection Cente
 - 🏠 North Pulaski County
- 🏠 Children's Safety Center of Washington County
- 🏠 Cooper-Anthony Mercy CAC
 - 🏠 Saline County
- 🏠 Grandma's House CAC
 - 🏠 Baxter County
 - 🏠 Carroll County
 - 🏠 Madison County
- 🏠 Hamilton Center for Child A
- 🏠 Mending Hearts CSC of Eastern Arkansas
 - 🏠 St. Francis County
- 🏠 Northeast Arkansas CAC
- 🏠 Ouachita Children's Safety (
- 🏠 Percy & Donna Malone CSC
 - 🏠 Hot Spring County
 - 🏠 Nevada County
- 🏠 River Valley CAC
 - 🏠 Johnson County
- 🏠 Texarkana CAC
- 🏠 Wade Knox CAC
 - 🏠 Monroe County

CAC Network | Better Together



Advocacy and Victim Support
11,334 children and families received over 10,000 advocacy services.

Advocates provide crisis assessment and intervention, safety planning, referrals for additional services, ongoing support, information and case updates, and court advocacy.



Forensic Interview
6,822 children were forensically interviewed.

Forensic interviewers conduct forensic interviews in a manner that is developmentally and culturally responsive, unbiased, fact-finding and legally sound.



Medical Evaluations
997 children received specialized medical exams.

Medical exams are performed by specially trained sexual abuse medical providers.



Trauma Focused Therapy
6,896 children and families received mental health services

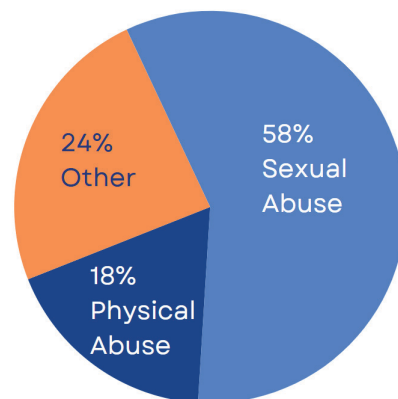
Mental health providers ensure trauma-informed and culturally relevant assessment, treatment, and related services



Educating our Communities
59,603 children and adults attended 865 prevention and awareness trainings.

Prevention Educators provide community based training for children, parents, and professionals using evidence based curriculum about the prevention of child abuse.

Types of Abuse



**Child Sexual Abuse/Assault
Child Physical Abuse
Precautionary Risk
Assessment (Sexual Abuse)
Child Neglect
Child Sexual Abuse Images
Other
Precautionary Risk
Assessment (Physical)
Witness to Violence
Threat of Harm**

**Domestic/Family Violence
Child Physical Abuse
(Witness To)
At Risk
Pornography
Failure to Protect
Sexual Abuse (Witness to)
Witness to Sex Act
Inadequate Supervision**



Statistics compiled from Jan. 1-Dec 31, 2024

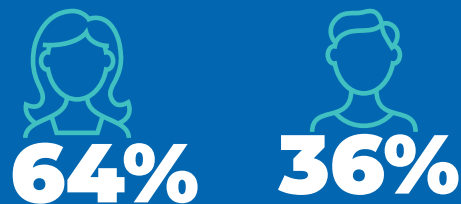
Who We Serve

10,707 Child Victims of Abuse in Arkansas

Ages of Children

0-5	20%
6-12	46%
13-18	34%

Biological Sex

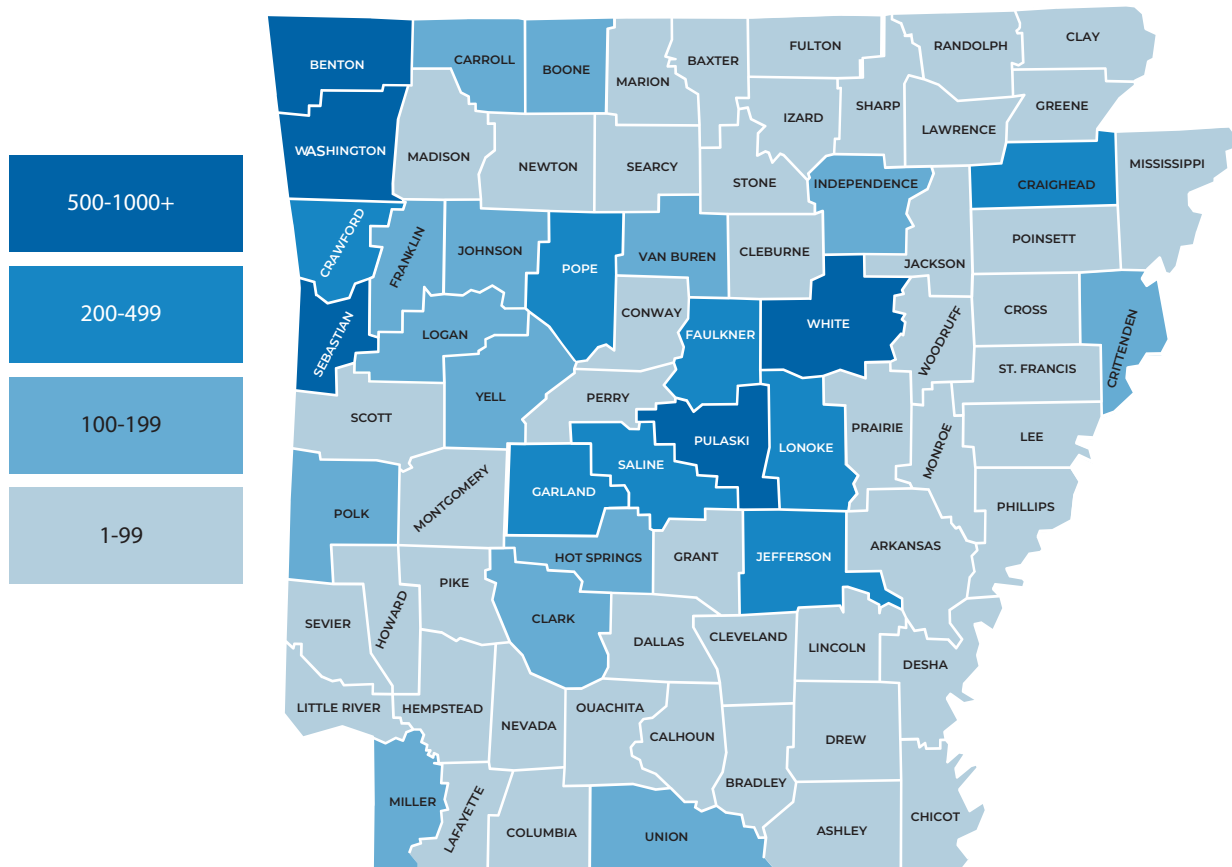


Race

White Non-Latino or Caucasian	65%
Black or African American	17%
Hispanic or Latino	8%
Biracial	6%
Asian	<1%
Nat. Hawaiian /Pacific Islander	< 1%
American/Alaskan Indian	< 1%

Statistics compiled from Jan. 1-Dec 31, 2024

Children served at a CAC by county of residence



Collective Impact

Highlights from Child Advocacy Centers

Ouachita Child Safety Center opened as a regional CAC in Mena increasing accessibility of no-cost CAC forensic interviews, advocacy and mental health services for the children in Polk, Scott, and surrounding counties. Since opening its doors in July 2024, the Ouachita CSC served 114 children.



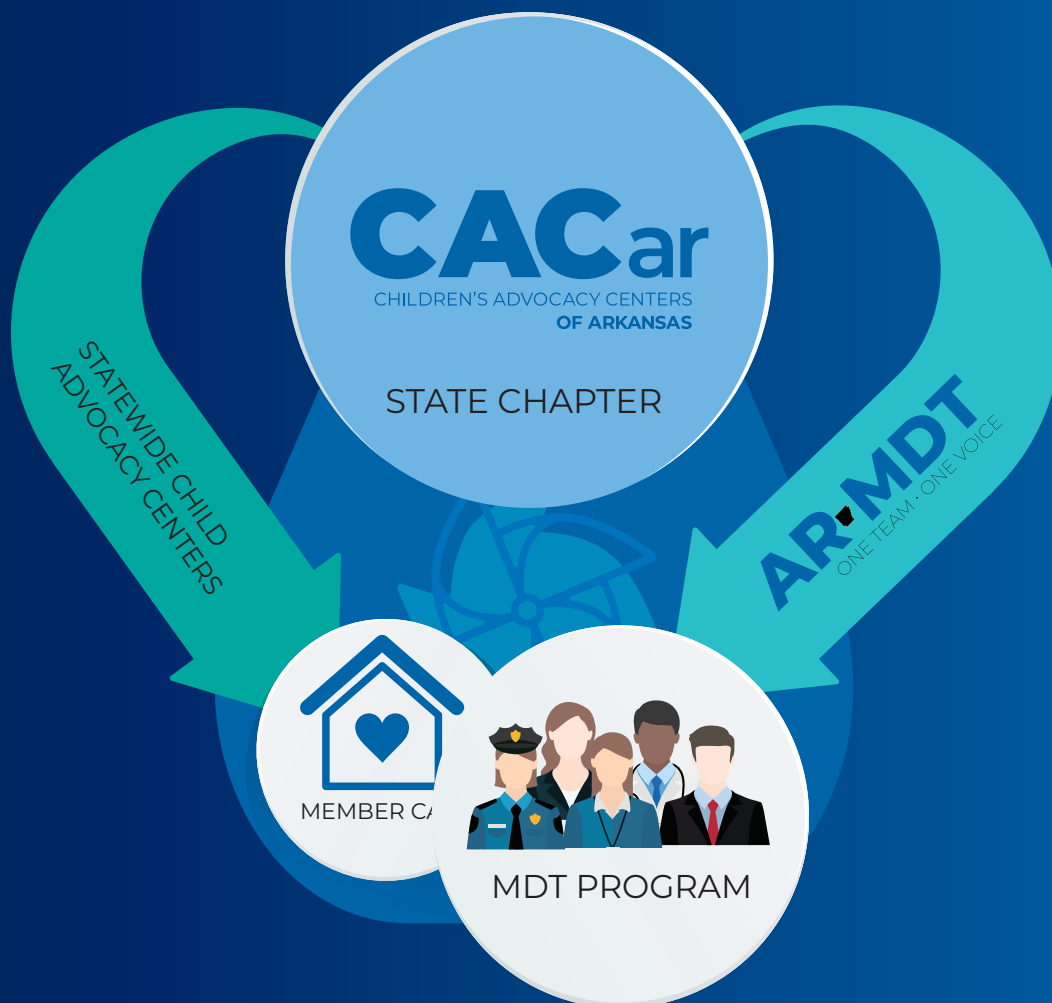
The **Children's Advocacy Center of South Arkansas** attained full accreditation with the National Children's Alliance and is working to open an additional location in Hamburg that will better serve Ashley and surrounding counties.



El Dorado Location



Hamburg Location



WHAT IS MDT?

MDT is the child abuse response team.

The MDT, as a child abuse response team, is a “collaborative group of individual professionals from diverse organizations and agencies who,” are trained and equipped to, “work together in a coordinated manner to ensure an effective response to child abuse and neglect cases so a child victim is not overlooked and essential services are provided in a timely manner.” Ark. Code Ann. § 9-5-103(a)(4).

AR-MDT

Every child matters. Every service matters. Every member matters.

MDT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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CACD Division
Commander (ASP)

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Mental Health

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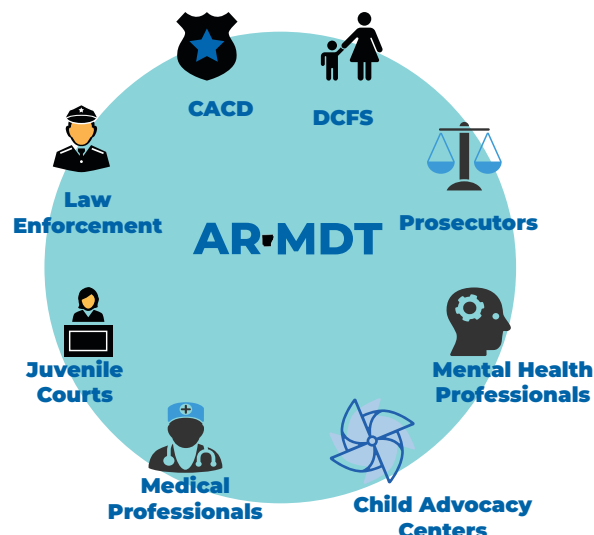
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Senator Alan Clark
Child Maltreatment Chair



2024 MDT HIGHLIGHTS

Statewide Model MDT Protocol

The Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Oversight Committee has taken a significant step in strengthening the state's response to child abuse investigations by drafting and adopting Arkansas' first comprehensive Model MDT Protocol. This model protocol establishes a standardized framework for multidisciplinary collaboration, ensuring that professionals—including law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, medical providers, mental health professionals, and child advocacy centers—work together effectively to support child victims and their families.

Arkansas' Model MDT Protocol enhances the consistency and quality of child abuse investigations statewide. Its adoption marks a critical advancement in Arkansas' commitment to a victim-centered, trauma-informed approach to child protection.

Statewide MDT Database

CACar, in partnership with Network Ninja, has officially launched the Investigation Module within Collaborate, the state's case management system, marking a significant advancement in the coordination of child abuse investigations. This integration enhances communication, information sharing, and case tracking.

By providing a centralized and secure platform, the Investigation Module of the MDT network within Collaborate ensures that teams can efficiently manage cases, track investigative progress, and uphold best practices in a victim-centered, trauma-informed manner. This initiative represents a major step forward in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of child protection efforts statewide.

One Team•One Voice

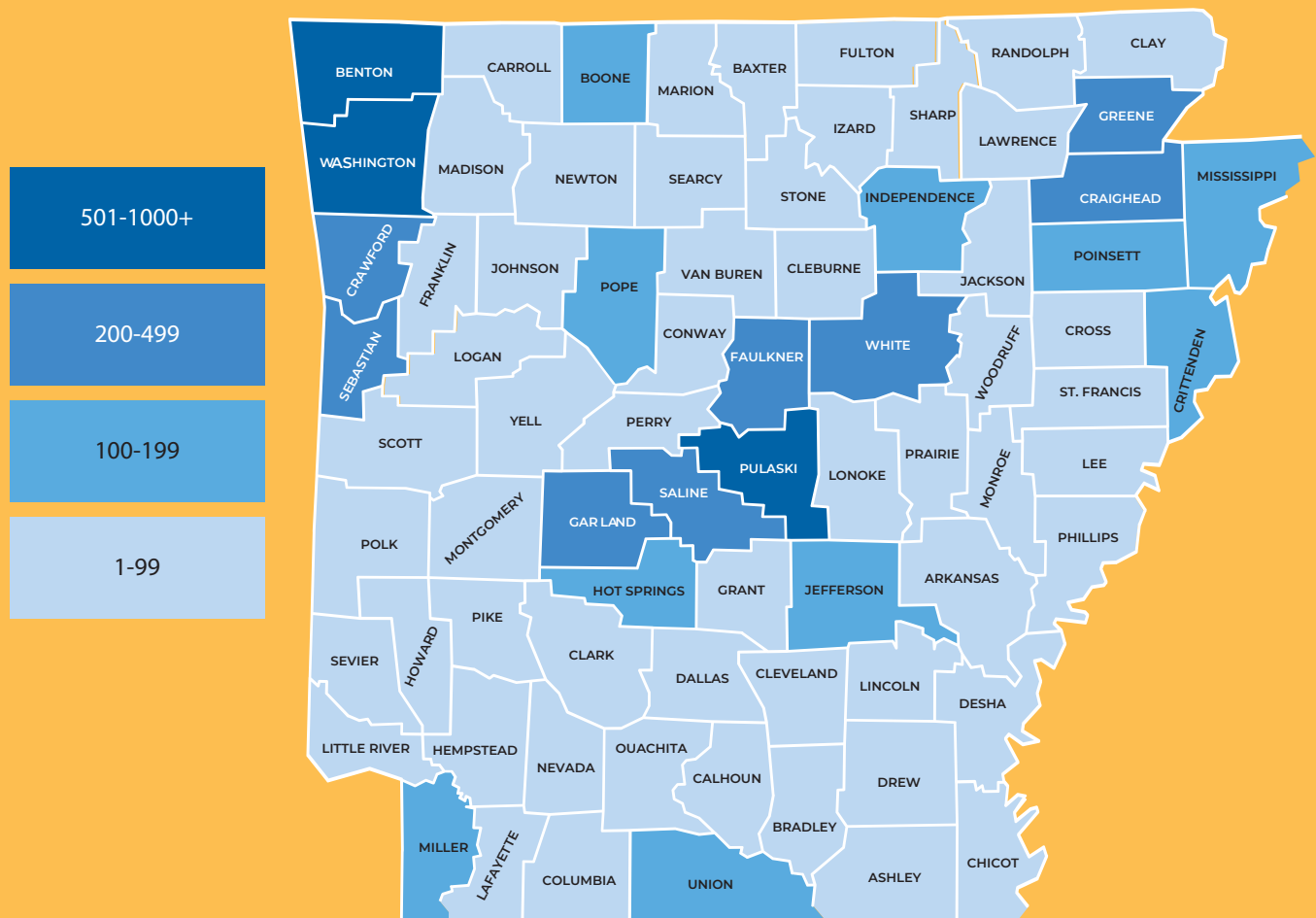
10,236 Child Maltreatment Investigations referred to local MDTs for a coordinated response and case review

38 Multidisciplinary Team Facilitators

64 County Based Teams

Collaboration is the cornerstone of the CAC / MDT model

MDT cases by county of incident



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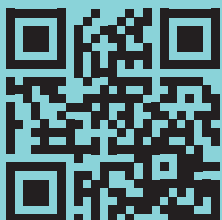
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