



Individual
commitment to
a group effort-

that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work, the Children's Advocacy Centers of Tennessee work.

Children's Advocacy Centers
OF TENNESSEE

NEW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS PACKAGE
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Tennessee Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers

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Who We Are

The Tennessee Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers (TNCAC) is a statewide membership organization dedicated to helping communities, through local child advocacy centers, respond to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient - and put the needs of child victims first.

Our Mission

To promote, assist, and support development, growth, and sustainability of Child Advocacy Centers in their service to at risk, abused and neglected children and their families.

Help local centers identify and meet the needs of their communities by:

- Providing technical assistance
- Offering trainings for multidisciplinary teams, CAC boards and staff
- Create awareness among professionals and communities about CACs and child abuse
- Soliciting and administering funding for active and developing centers

Membership Services

1. Funding support

- Scholarships for training/conference attendance
- Small grants to assist with purchase of training material and/or agency operational expenses
- Ongoing solicitation of funding for active and developing centers

2. Technical Assistance

- TNCAC staff work with individual CACs and staff on a case by case basis
- We will assist with:
 - National Children's Alliance (re) accreditation applications
 - Board development
 - Program development/evaluation
 - Peer review
 - Case tracking tools
- Complete site visits, if/when needed
- Reference/Resource lending library
- Consultation on issues such as:
 - Staff/MDT development/concerns
 - Individual case issues
 - Crisis issues

3. Grant Administration

- Administration of state semi-annual and annual reporting
- Respond to requests for information regarding state and/or NCA contractual and funding requirements
- Review of grant proposals and/or budgets; assistance in enhancing grant/financial management to meet requirements of funders.

4. Communications and Outreach

- Marketing/advertising
- Quarterly Community Newsletter
- Directory of CACs in Tennessee
- Monthly E-Newsletter for CAC Directors
- Team Excellence and Length of Service Awards Program

5. Training

- Membership-wide Trainings
 - "Talking to Kids"
 - Annual Connecting for Children's Justice Conference
 - Stewards of Children Facilitator Training
 - Victim Advocacy
 - FI Training
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - Multidisciplinary Teaming (MDT) Training
- CAC Director Specific Training
 - Non-profit Management
 - Board Development
 - CAC Sustainability
 - Mentoring Program for New CAC Directors
 - Legal toolkit re: common legal themes you may encounter
- CACs in the Tennessee who wish to have training that is designed specifically for their agency and/or community can contact TNCAC for assistance with developing a customized training.

6. Advocacy and Awareness

- Liaison for CACs with the state legislature
- TNCAC staff are members of many state collaborations and initiatives to promote best practice for services to children and families involved in child abuse cases.
- Represent CACs to other state agencies
- Promotion of CACs through web site/web based directory

7. Networking Opportunities

- Quarterly Meetings for CAC Directors, Forensic Interviewer, Family Advocates and Community Educator to discuss current issues, policies, procedures and legislation concerning the response to child abuse and neglect

A good Membership, like a good show, comes into being when the separate individuals working together create, in essence, another separate higher entity - the Membership - the show - which is better than any of those individuals can ever be on their own.

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