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Ending Child Abuse Now

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**OUR VISION IS FOR ALL CHILDREN
TO BE TREATED WITH KINDNESS,
DIGNITY AND RESPECT.**

Missouri KidsFirst empowers adults to protect children from abuse and neglect through community education, professional training, and child advocacy.

Our Programs

- Missouri Chapter of the National Children's Alliance: Missouri Network of Child Advocacy Centers
- Coordinator of the SAFE-CARE Program
- Prevent Child Abuse Missouri

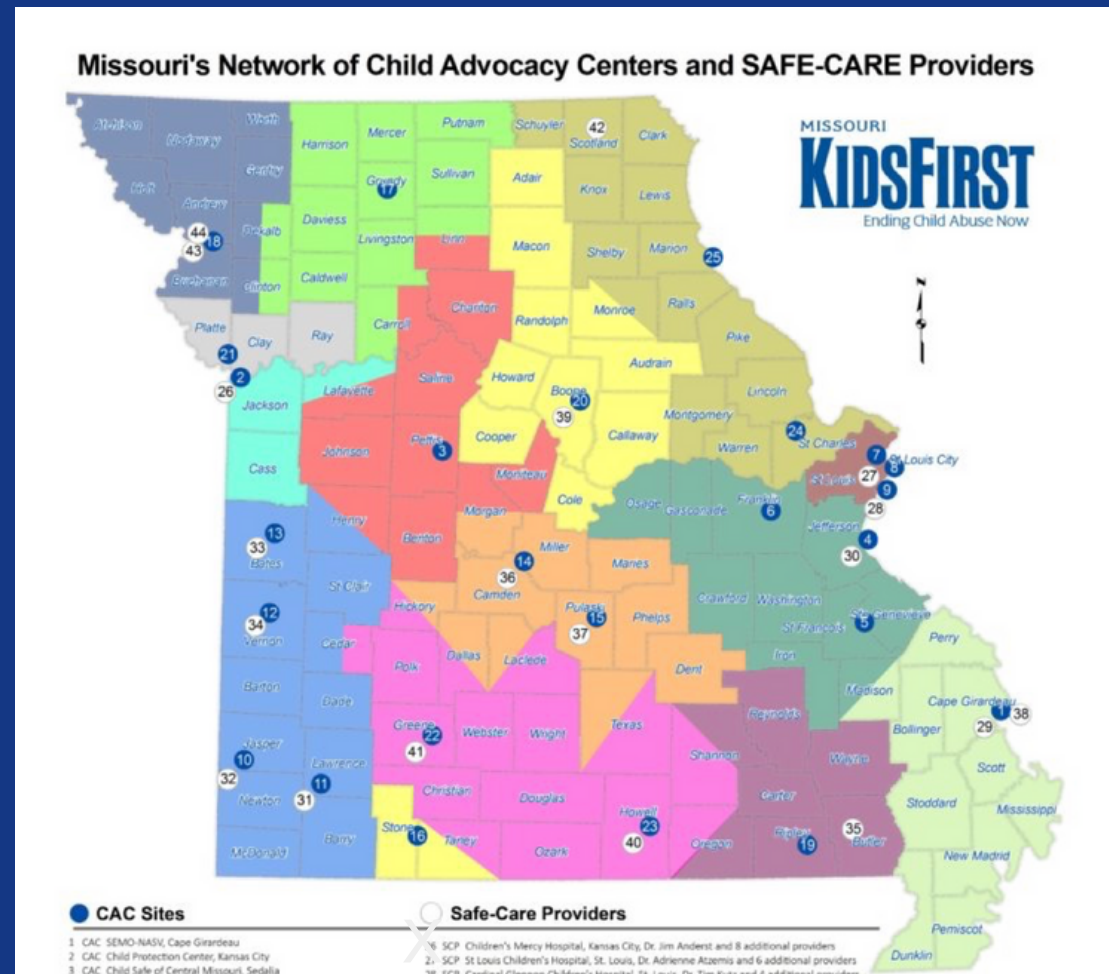


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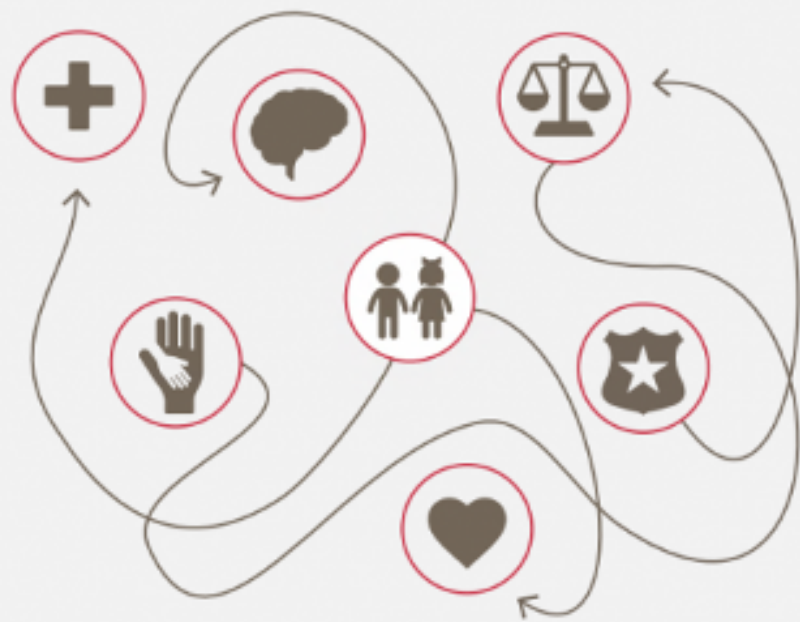
Missouri Network of Child Advocacy Centers (CACs)



What is a Child Advocacy Center?

- CACs are safe and child-focused places that serve as the foundation of the investigation and prosecution of child physical and sexual abuse in Missouri. CACs coordinate the multi-disciplinary (MDT) investigations of child abuse, providing forensic, medical, therapeutic, and case management services as part of a multidisciplinary response to child abuse allegations.
- Services provided at CACs:
 - Forensic interviews
 - Victim advocacy to help families navigate the legal response and access resources
 - Evidence-based mental health services
 - MDT case management
 - Sexual assault and physical abuse forensic medical evaluations (*some locations*)

Without CACs

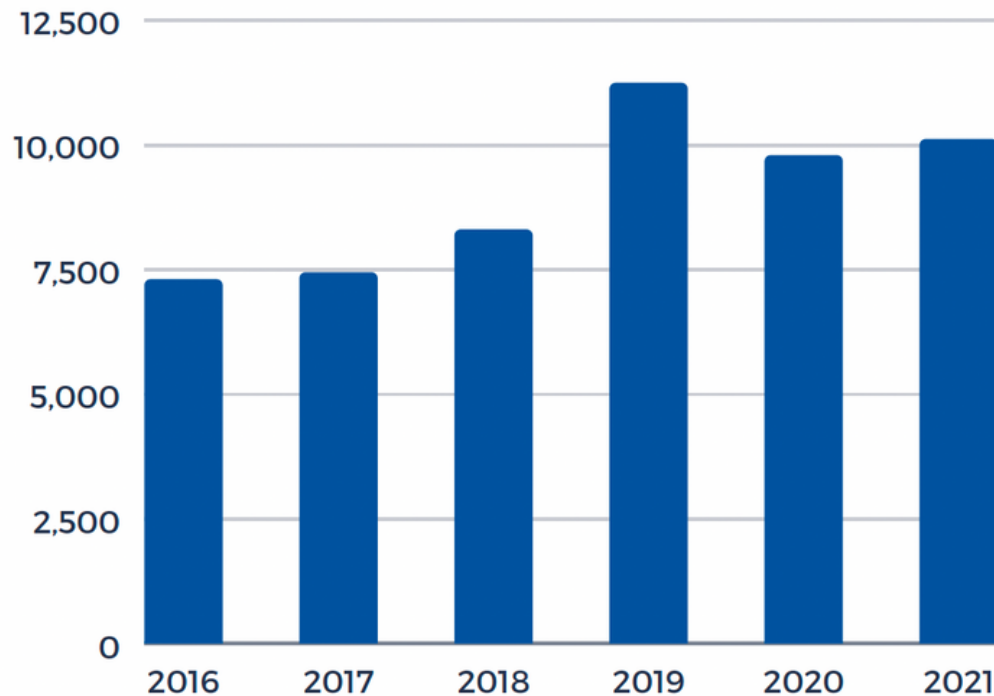


With CACs



CHILDREN SERVED IN MISSOURI CACS

Each State FY



9,906

Total number of children served by CACs in Missouri in 2021

64,773

Children provided prevention services in Missouri by CACs

100%

Missouri's 15 regional CACs provided services to all 114 counties in MO and the City of St. Louis

Lakes Area Child Advocacy Center
(Branson West)

Children's Center of Southwest
Missouri **(Joplin, Monette, Nevada &
Butler)**

Ozark Foothills Child Advocacy
Center **(Doniphan & Poplar Bluff)**

St. Louis Great Child Advocacy Center
(St. Louis City & Kirkwood)

Children's Advocacy Center of East
Central Missouri **(DeSoto, Union &
Farmington)**

Southeast Missouri Network Against
Sexual Violence **(Cape Girardeau)**
Child Advocacy Center, Inc.
(Springfield & West Plains)

Child Protection Center **(Kansas City)**

Synergy Services **(North Kansas City)**

Voices of Courage-Northwest Missouri
Children's Advocacy Center
(St. Joseph)

North Central Children's Advocacy
Center **(Trenton)**

Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc.
(Sedalia)

The Child Advocacy Center of
Northeast Missouri **(Wentzville &
Hannibal)**

Rainbow House **(Columbia)**

Kids Harbor **(Osage Beach &
St. Robert)**

Missouri KidsFirst: Missouri Network of Child Advocacy Centers

- **Missouri KidsFirst** serves as the statewide association for Missouri's CACs, coordinating funding, providing training and technical assistance, and raising awareness of the prevention of and services for child abuse.
- Training for forensic interviewers, victim advocates, multi-disciplinary team members (Children's Division, law enforcement, prosecutors, juvenile office), medical and mental health providers and community members.

SAFE-CARE

Sexual Assault Forensic Examination-Child Abuse Resource and Education

The coordinated medical response to child abuse and neglect in Missouri. Through a partnership with DHSS, Missouri KidsFirst and its partners at Missouri's three Child Abuse Medical Resource Centers (Children's Mercy, St. Louis Children's and Cardinal Glennon), accomplish the program's mission through the following activities:

- Provide annual training for physicians, advanced practice nurses, and physician assistants on the forensic evaluation and comprehensive medical care of children who may have suffered physical or sexual abuse
- Provide mentorship, support, and ongoing education for a network of providers that take an active role in providing these services to children in their communities
- Empower multidisciplinary team members to better recognize and respond to child abuse and neglect through education on injury mechanics/plausibility, sentinel injuries, and other medical aspects of child abuse and neglect



Community Education and Awareness: ProtectMoKids, Stewards of Children & Essential4Kids

From children needing to protect
themselves to



**Adult
Responsibility**



There is no other health issue in our history that we have asked
children to cure or solve on their own.



Prevent Child Abuse
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Training for adults

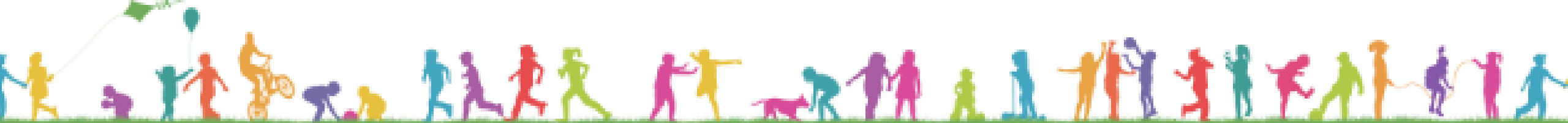
Are the adults properly trained?



Welcome!

**Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect
Mandated Reporter Training**

protectmokids.com



ProtectMoKids.com: Missouri's Online Mandated Reporter Training

Over 50,000 adults have strengthened their child protection skills by participating in Missouri's empowering online Mandated Reporter Training!

This training is...

- easily accessible online and mobile friendly.
- free to the learner.
- approved for two (2) contact hours of continuing education for Child and Youth Development Professionals through the MO Workshop Calendar
- a great way for employers to train their team for free. Includes a completion certification.
- current on the latest laws and information Missouri's mandated reporters need to know to protect children.

Topics include:

- Legal requirements of the mandated reporter
- Child abuse/neglect defined and indicators of child abuse/neglect
- Plan for responding to suspicions of child abuse/neglect
- Effectively reporting

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PREVENTION

IS

POSSIBLE

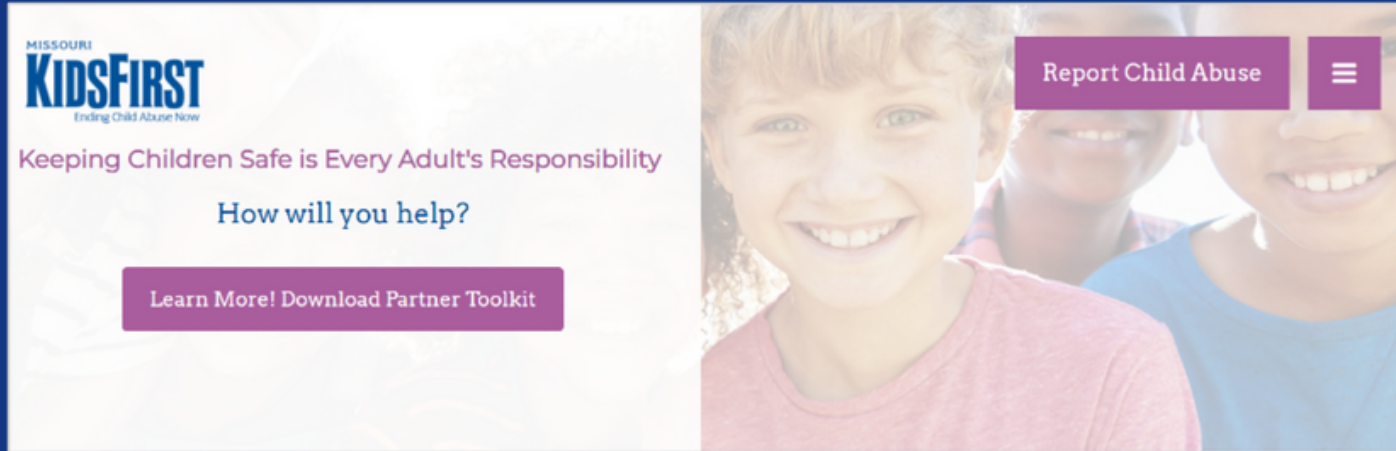
YOU can help prevent child sexual abuse!

Training for adults: Stewards of Children



A prevention training that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for organizations that serve youth and for individuals concerned about the safety of children

#Essential4Kids



Adults need to know what to do if they observe child abuse/neglect or if a child discloses that they have been harmed

#Essential4Kids shines a light on child abuse and neglect, the support parents and caregivers need, and empowers Missouri adults to help create safer childhoods for all children!

Missouri adults are #Essential4Kids

Flyers, videos and other resources available at www.essential4kids.org



Questions?

Thank you!

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