



**CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS
RESPONDING TO CHILDREN IN
MONTANA**

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MONTANA CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE RESPONSE TEAMS

MT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- The mission of Montana Child Sexual Abuse Response Team (MCSART) is to support coordinated community response to child victims of crime and abuse. Responding to a child victim requires specialized skills and training.
- Montana Child Sexual Abuse Response Team (MCSART) provides training, equipment, and technical support to professionals who respond to child victims of serious crime and abuse:
 - Law Enforcement
 - Prosecution
 - Child Protective Services
 - Victim Advocates
 - Medical & Mental Health
 - Child Forensic Interviewers



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MONTANA REPORTS OF CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

- 2024 – A total of 5,216 reports of crimes against children from Montana law enforcement agencies and the Child and Family Services Division.
- 2025 – As of August 15, 2025, a total of 2,999 reports of crimes against children from Montana law enforcement agencies and the Child and Family Services Division.

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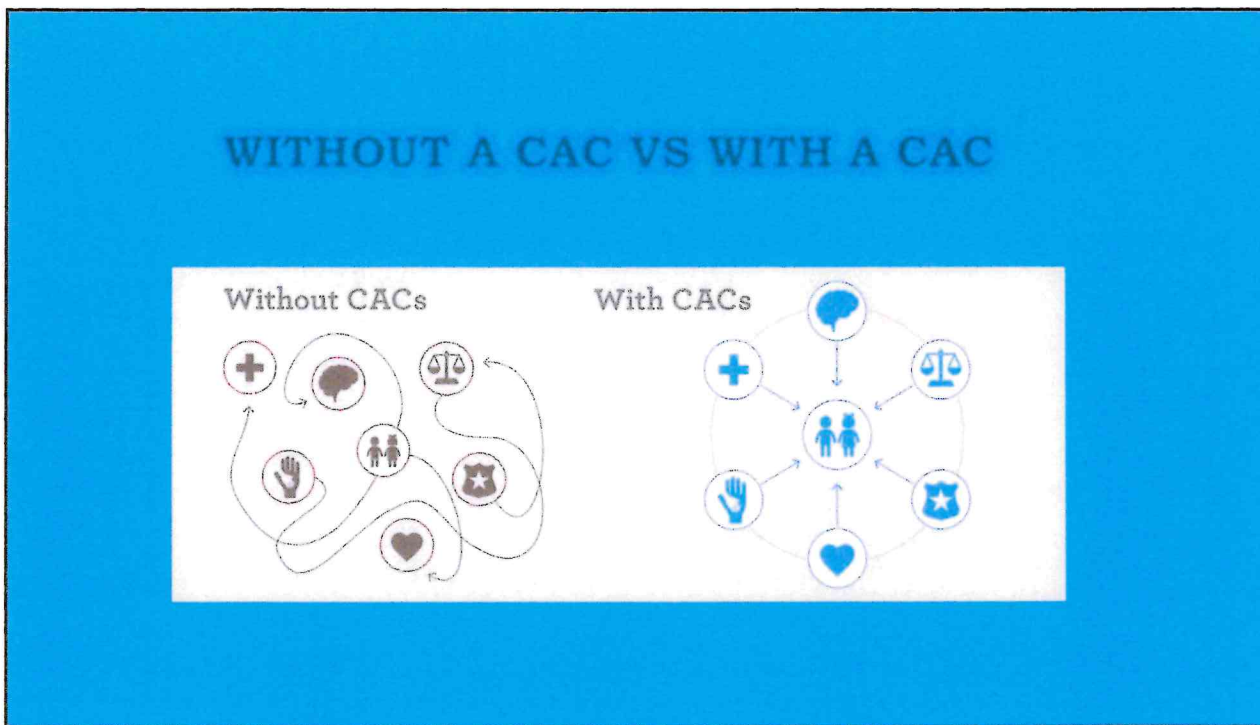
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WHAT IS AN MDT? WHAT IS A CAC?

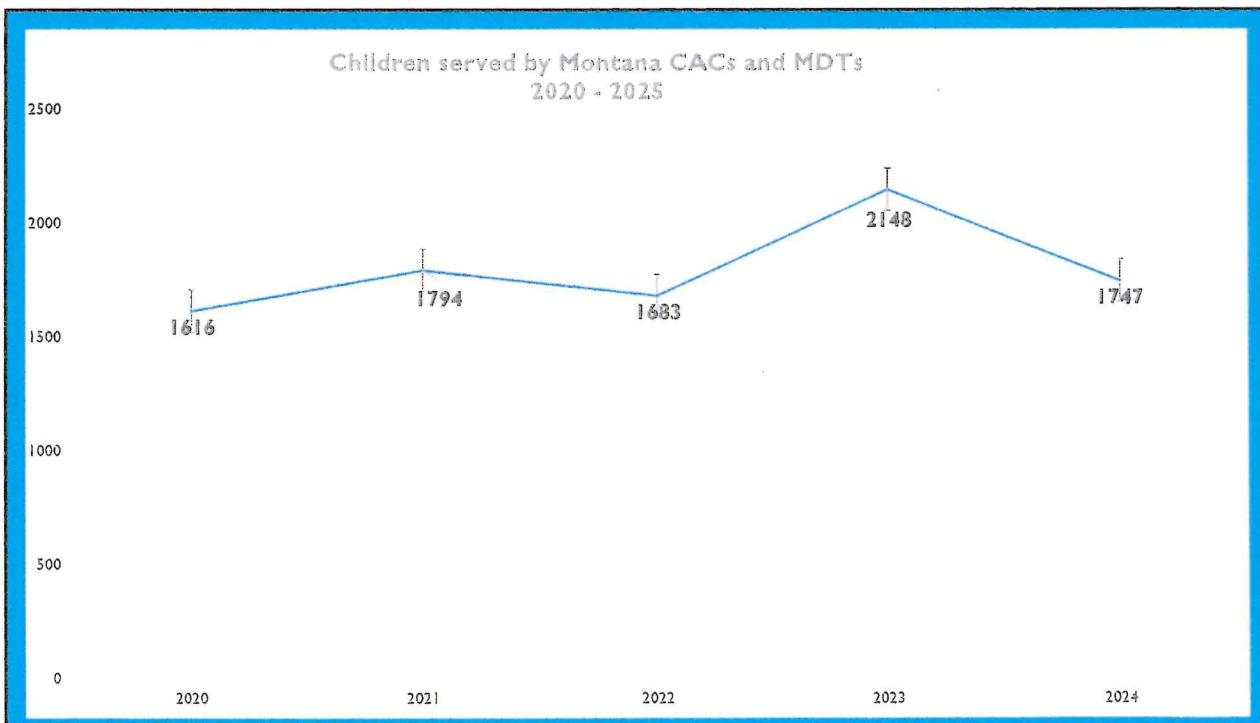
MDT is the acronym for a trained **multidisciplinary team of professionals** with a signed interagency agreement and written protocols. The multidisciplinary team comprises all the professionals and agencies needed to offer comprehensive services to child victims and their families, including law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, mental health, medical, and victim advocacy.

CAC is the acronym for **Children's Advocacy Center** a child-focused, facility-based program where representatives from many disciplines collaborate to make decisions about investigation, treatment, intervention, and prosecution of child abuse cases. The CAC's multidisciplinary team comprises all the professionals and agencies needed to offer comprehensive services to child victims and their families, including law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, mental health, medical, and victim advocacy.

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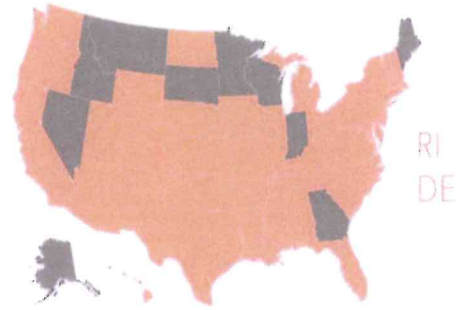
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Which states' CACs are supported through state general or special revenue?

-  CACs Supported by State General or Special Revenue
-  CACs Not Supported by State Funds



Map does not indicate states that receive federal dollars at the state's discretion.

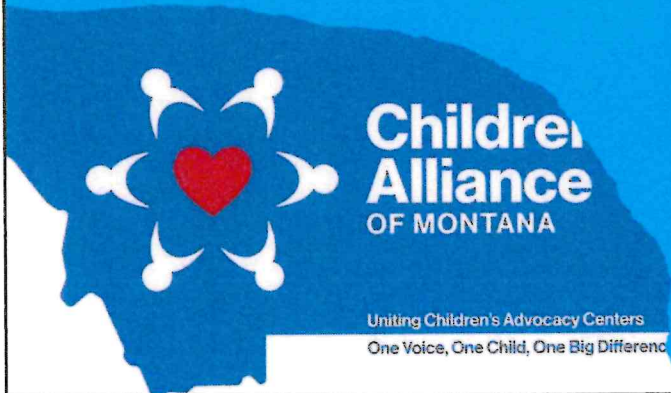
National Children's Alliance (July 2024)

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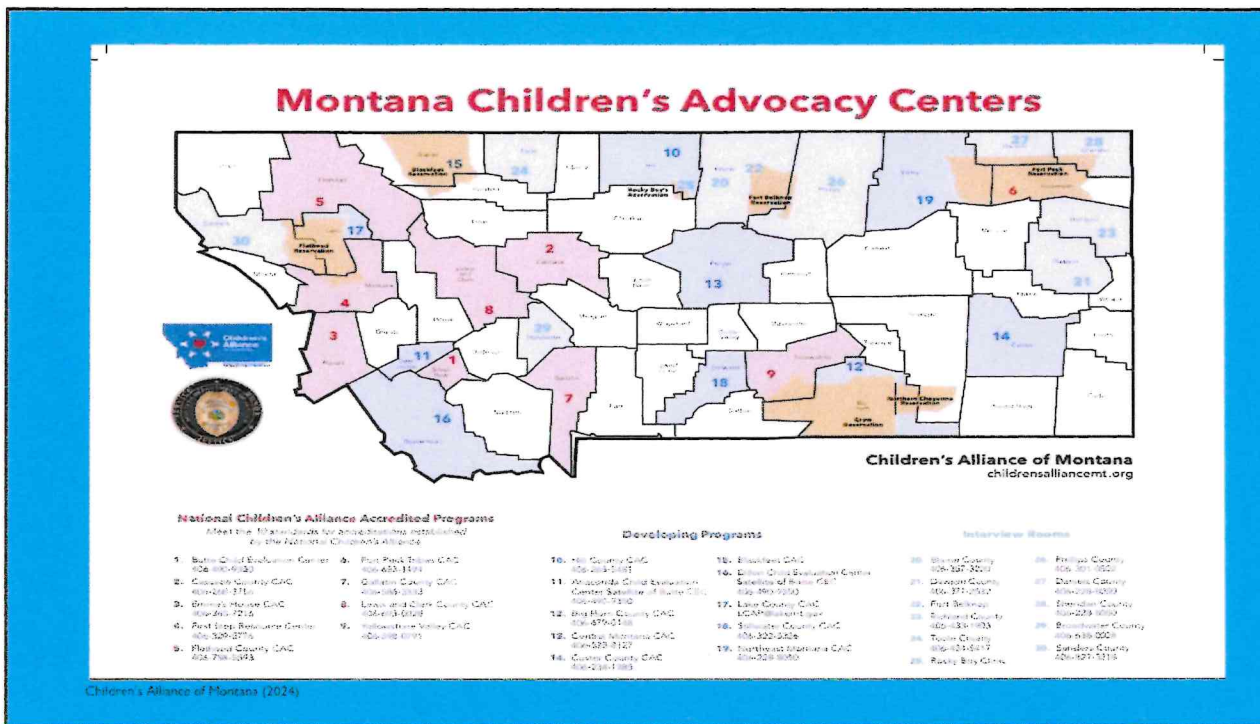
CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE OF MONTANA
 CAM IS A NETWORK OF CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS THROUGHOUT MONTANA.

- The mission of CAM is to ensure every child in Montana has access to a CAC and the expertise of professionals working on an MDT. CAM accomplishes its mission by providing support, training, and technical assistance to professionals working on MDTs and in CACs.

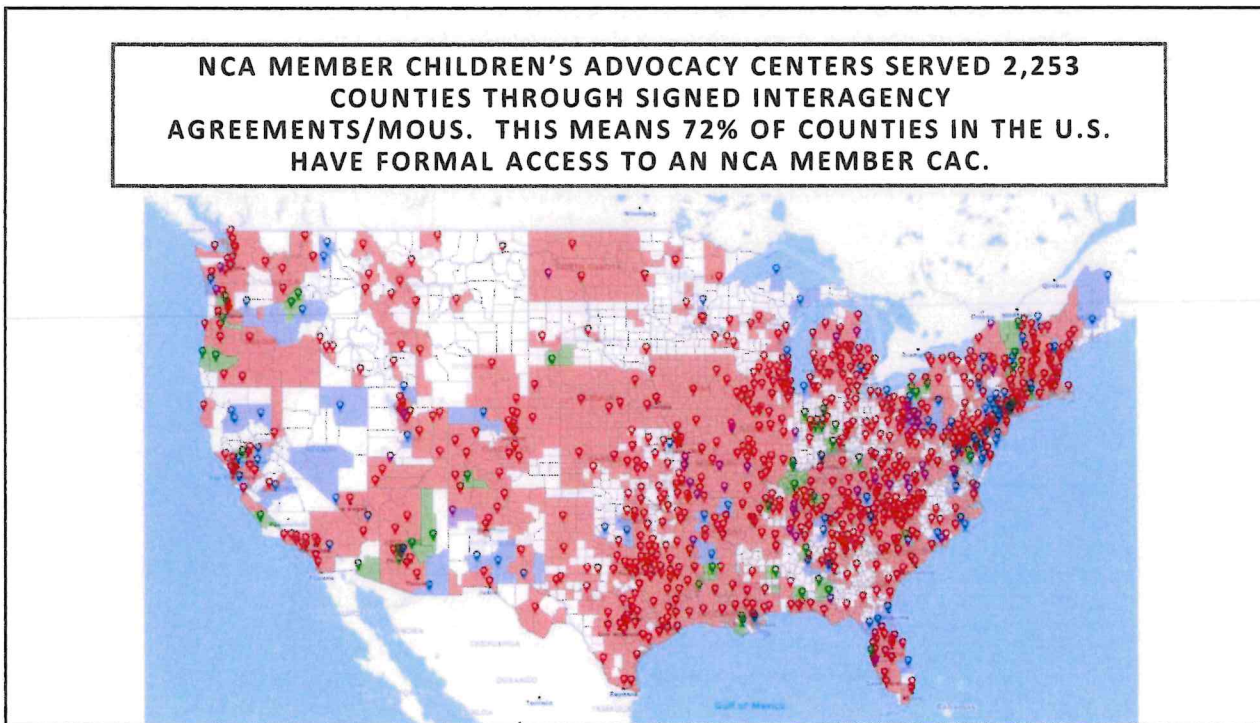
- CAM works with state and tribal communities to develop and sustain CACs and ensure they meet the accreditation standards of the National Children's Alliance (NCA). The Children's Alliance of Montana is an Accredited Chapter of the NCA.



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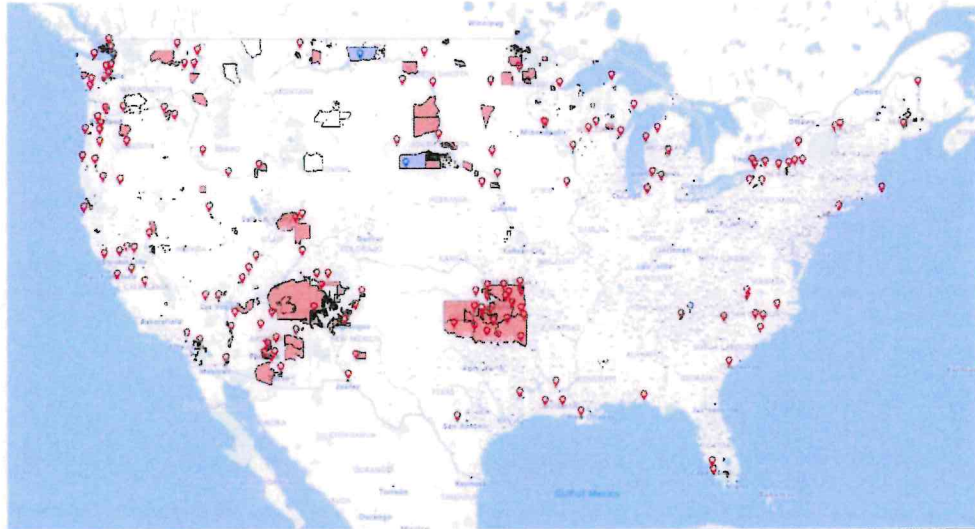


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220 NCA MEMBER CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS SERVED 425 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL COMMUNITIES. NINE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES HAVE ESTABLISHED NCA MEMBER CACS DIRECTLY LOCATED ON TRIBAL LANDS. MONTANA TRIBES ALL HAVE ACCESS TO A CAC. MONTANA HAS 1 ACCREDITED TRIBAL PROGRAM.



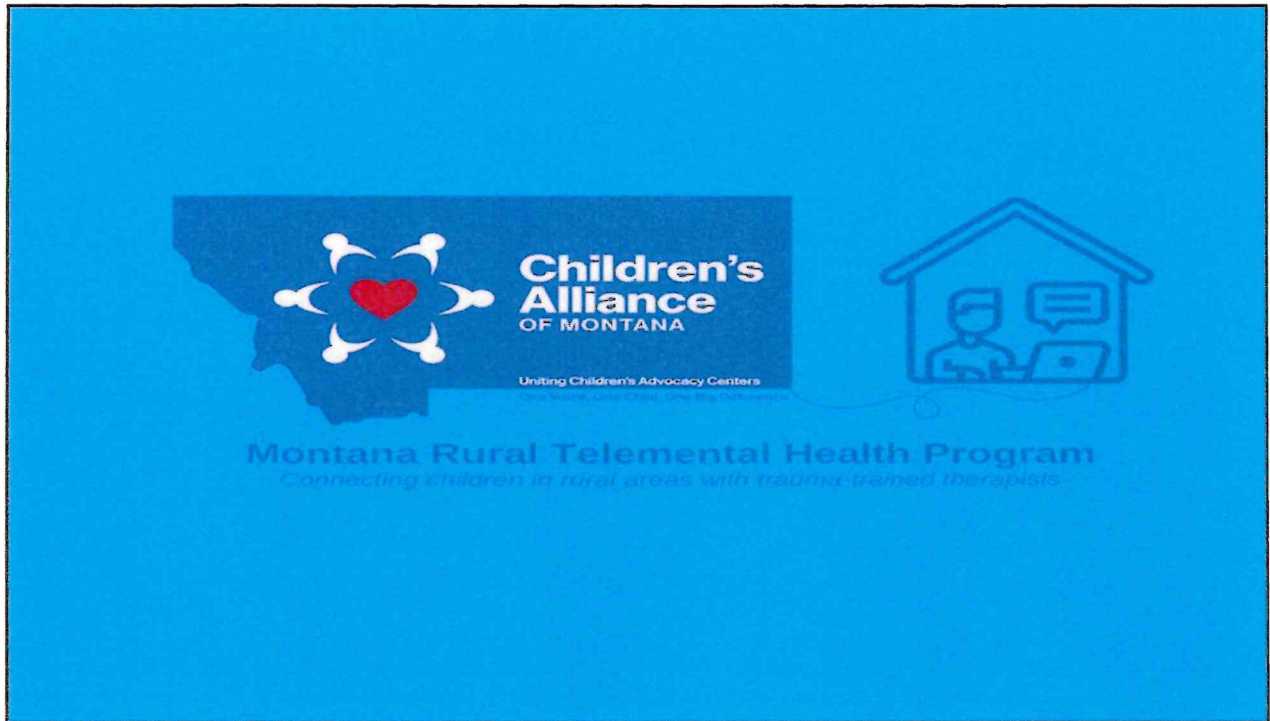
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CAC & MDT VICTIM SERVICES

A child and family receiving services from a Children's Advocacy Center and/or a trained MDT are offered the following services:

- Trained child forensic interviewers
- A neutral child focused setting/environment
- Victim Advocacy Assistance – including basic need resources
- Access to a specially trained medical provider – where available
- Referrals to a trained mental health provider – where available
- Advocacy support for the life of their case, or as long as needed

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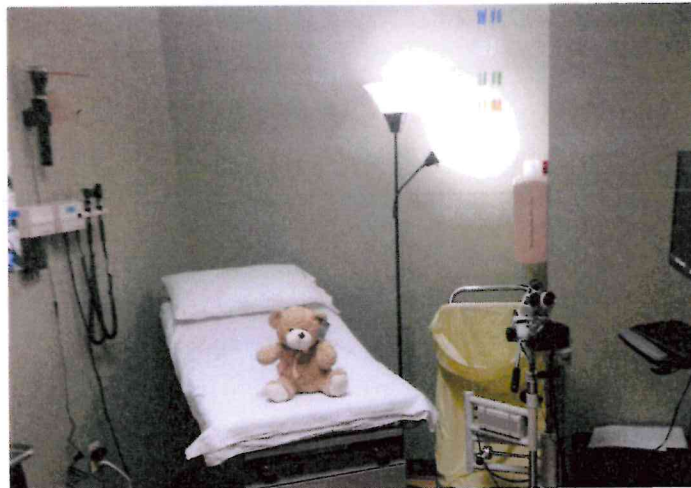


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FLATHEAD COUNTY CAC
INTERVIEW OBSERVATION ROOM




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FIRST STEP
CAC
MISSOULA




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YELLOWSTONE VALLEY CAC

FAMILY ROOM



INTERVIEW OBSERVATION ROOM



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YELLOWSTONE VALLEY CAC
CHILD INTERVIEW ROOM



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