



NCAAC

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

**40 YEARS
OF IMPACT**

1985 – 2025

from our CEO, *Chris Newlin*



This year, we celebrate a milestone that fills every member of the NCAC family with profound pride: our 40th anniversary. On May 1, 1985, a group of remarkable Huntsville men and women – led by the vision and determination of founder Bud Cramer – opened our doors at the “Little House” on Lincoln Street, but they had no idea this newly developed program would revolutionize how the world responds to child abuse allegations. What began as a groundbreaking idea in a small Alabama city has grown into a global movement, with thousands of Child Advocacy Centers now serving children in communities across the country and around the world. In 2025, we honored this legacy in two unforgettable ways: a community Birthday Bash in May that brought together the families, partners, and supporters who make our work possible, and a September Celebration recognizing 40 Years of Impact. That special evening was dedicated to honoring Bud Cramer and the pioneering Huntsville advocates whose courage and compassion laid the foundation for everything we do today. If you weren’t able to attend, I encourage you to look over the photos both in this publication and online at nationalcac.org/40.

As we reflect on four decades of service, we are reminded that our anniversary is not simply a celebration of the past – it is a recommitment to the future. Every child who walks through our doors deserves to be heard, supported, and healed; and because of you, that promise has been kept for 40 years. On behalf of our entire team, thank you for standing with us then, now, and in the decades still to come.

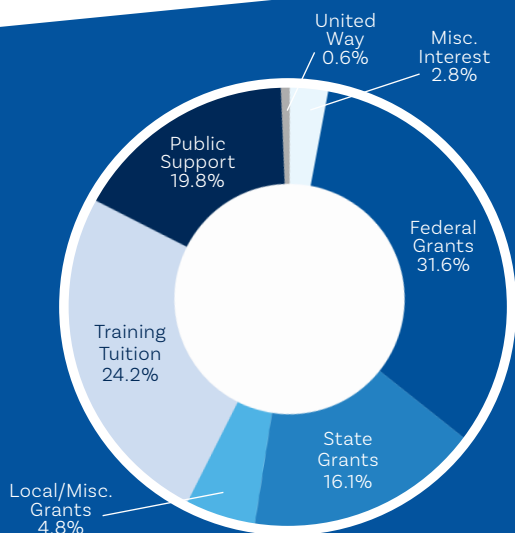
from our Board President, *Holly McCarty*

When I think about what it means to have served this organization during its 40th anniversary year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the children and families who trusted us, for the staff and volunteers who show up every single day, and for a community that has never stopped believing in this mission. Forty years ago, Bud Cramer and a dedicated group of Huntsville leaders dared to imagine a better way to care for child abuse survivors, and the world is undeniably better for their courage. This year’s celebrations – from our joyful Birthday Bash in May to our meaningful September Celebration honoring 40 Years of Impact – reminded all of us why this work matters and how far we have come. As Board President, I am deeply honored to help steward this legacy, and I am inspired every day by the knowledge that NCAC’s best years are still ahead.



2025 Financials

unaudited*



REVENUE

Federal Grants	\$1,991,121
State Grants	\$1,016,397
Other Local/Misc. Grants	\$302,621
Training Tuition	\$1,522,200
Public Support	\$1,248,066
United Way	\$40,825
Misc./Interest Income	\$176,707

Total Support + Revenue **\$6,297,937**

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$5,107,804
Travel	\$161,836
Supplies	\$115,141
Consultants and Contracts	\$889,040
Facility Costs/Depreciation	\$880,911
Other	\$133,906

Total Expenditures **\$7,288,638**

Our Mission

To champion and strengthen the global response to child abuse.

INTERVENTION

1,290

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED THROUGH INTERVENTION, ADVOCACY AND THERAPY

1,974

THERAPY SESSIONS

1,000

MDT CASE REVIEWS

540 FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

NCAC's Intervention Department provides expert, trauma-informed care to children and non-offending caregivers in Madison County at no cost to the family. Our advocates, therapists, and forensic interviewers work side by side with multidisciplinary partners to ensure these strong and brave children leave with the support and tools they need on their healing journey.

Inside the Intervention building, we're seeing families arrive with more complex trauma histories, children who need longer and more consistent support, and caregivers asking for practical tools they can use at home as they rebuild safety and routine. The forensic interviews, medical exams, family advocacy services, and evidence-based therapy remain free because of local community support. This support means families get timely help from experts in a peaceful, child-friendly space designed to reduce stress and restore a sense of stability.

PREVENTION

550 ABUSE PREVENTION PARENT CONNECTIONS

7,468

STUDENTS TAUGHT BY SCAN PROGRAM

883

ADULTS TRAINED IN STEWARDS OF CHILDREN

319 HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITS

The Prevention Department delivers a broad portfolio of prevention services in our local community. Through our Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) program, offered in local schools, we equip children with the knowledge and skills to recognize and respond to unsafe situations. Our Healthy Families and Partnership in Parenting programs, case management and parenting classes support caregivers in cultivating safe and nurturing home environments. For adults who work with children, our Stewards of Children trainings provide evidence-based strategies for the prevention of child sexual abuse.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

6,966 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED IN 50 STATES AND 16 COUNTRIES

181

SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS FROM 170 PRESENTERS

35,130

CALiO VISITS FROM 139 COUNTRIES

The Professional Services department strengthens the global response to child abuse by providing strategic leadership, high-quality training, and specialized consultation to child-serving professionals. Each year, NCAC convenes the International Symposium on Child Abuse, one of the field's leading conferences, bringing together participants from around the world to share expertise and advance innovative practices. The department also expands access to evidence-based resources through CALiO™ (Child Abuse Library Online), one of the world's most trusted repositories of child maltreatment research. NCAC's forensic interview model serves as a globally recognized standard, guiding professionals in developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed techniques, and shaping the growth of thousands of practitioners worldwide.



HANDLE WITH CARE

We have brought Handle with Care to 151 schools.

To learn more about our services, visit nationalcac.org

40 YEARS OF IMPACT:

Looking Back with Gratitude



1984

Newly elected District Attorney, Bud Cramer, vows to fight for victims of sexual abuse and convenes a committee to research the issue, resulting in the first Symposium.



1985

The committee creates the Children's Advocacy Center Model. The NCAC open its doors in a little house on Lincoln Street.



1990

Congress passes the Victims of Child Abuse Act, providing crucial federal funding to support and expand CACs nationally.



1992

Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center begins offering training and assistance to new CACs in the Southeastern U.S.



2010

By this time, NCAC's influence has extended beyond the U.S., with more than 35 countries joining the mission.



2023

NCAC brings the Handle with Care program to Alabama schools, helping support children who experience trauma.



2025

Forty years strong, the NCAC remains at the forefront, anchoring a network of over 1000 CACs across the U.S. and in over 40 countries.

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1995

The NCAC introduces the Healthy Families Program to prevention series, which included SCAN.



2002

The NCAC begins providing Forensic Medical Exams to children receiving intervention and clinical services. These exams continue to be provided free of charge.



2003

Fueled by extraordinary support, the NCAC moves into a permanent home on Pratt Avenue.



2004

NCAC launches CALiO™, one of the largest professional research libraries dedicated to the response, prevention, and treatment of children who experience abuse.



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