



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA

December 15, 2021

Dear Children's Advocacy Center/Multi-Disciplinary Team Potential Member,

Children's Advocacy Centers of California (CACC) is pleased to bring you our membership application for 2022. We urge you to join us as a member center or team, as we continue our effort support and expand children's advocacy center services in California.

CACC is committed to continuing to bring tangible benefits to our members. To that end, in 2021, we:

- Provided free, HIPAA-compliant Zoom Accounts;
- Facilitated regular meetings for members to connect with colleagues throughout the state (pivoting to a bi-weekly format in response to member feedback);
- Successfully sponsored AB 477 (Rubio) which added CACs to the list of "Child abuse multidisciplinary personnel team" cited in 18961.7 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code;
- Held trainings on several topics including peer review facilitation, TF-CBT, and secondary trauma;
- Supported the continued institution of Collaborate, a cloud-based data-tracking system, designed specifically for California;
- Continued a statewide peer review for Family Advocates;
- Conducted peer reviews in both English and Spanish;
- Worked with developing and established centers throughout the state to provide one-on-one support;
- Made available materials for members to use when supporting children and families experiencing trauma;
- Distributed minimal facts materials to support MDT collaboration and best practices;
- Provided technical assistance to over a dozen counties.

2022 looks to be equally exciting. Here is what is already in the works for next year:

- Continued roll-out of the state-of-the-art Collaborate database, including the continued funding of usage licenses so centers can use the software free-of-charge;
- A Virtual CACC Summit and Hill Day;
- More specialized trainings and technical assistance for centers/teams individual needs; and
- Continued education and advocacy work in Sacramento and Washington, D.C..

We are also excited to announce that CACC has hired Holly Fleming to be the full-time Program Director. Along with the continued support of Kristy Brodeur Dermody, Training Coordinator, Erin Harper, CALICO Executive Director, Karen Meredith, Accreditation Consultant, and the CACC Advisory Committee, this is the largest team working to support our members CACC has ever had.

As in previous years, membership dues are aligned with CalOES's determination of whether your center resides in an Urban, Suburban or Rural County. In order to take full advantage of all of these benefits, and more, please complete your online application by Friday, February 18, 2022. A \$50 per month fee will be applied to late applications. Please note that membership dues can be paid for using CalOES KC grant money.

Please complete the online Membership Application & Invoice and submit your dues – payable to CALICO – based on the applicable tier.

This year we have included an optional, voluntary additional contribution to support statewide advocacy, education, and awareness. Any additional funding received will go to support these efforts via activities such as the development of written educational and awareness materials, contracting professionals to support legislative efforts, or other strategies to increase knowledge and improve outcomes for child abuse victims and their families.

As a membership organization, our first priority is to serve our members. We want to make sure we are being responsive to your needs. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions regarding membership or would like to request any training or technical assistance. Thank you so much for the amazing work each of you do. We are privileged to be part of your support team.

Sincerely,



Erin Harper
Executive Director

