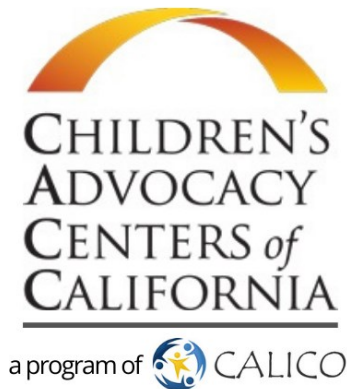


GAP ANALYSIS



Our Mission:

CACC believes that every child deserves a happy and healthy childhood.

CACC supports the formation and equitable growth of children's advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams throughout California. We promote best practices, encourage diversity and inclusion, provide compassionate leadership, and foster state-wide collaboration through outreach and support, training and technical assistance, acquired funding, and legislative advocacy. Together, we ensure our communities are well-equipped to respond to child abuse and that every child thrives.

Please Note:

CACC acknowledges that dynamic factors such as funding, politics, and personnel can impact CACs and their services. Information on which counties have an established CAC, levels of NCA Accreditation, and communities served is subject to change. The data shared in this report may have fluctuated since its release.

Looking at Gaps:

Children's Advocacy Centers of California (CACC) believes every child deserves a happy, healthy childhood and is dedicated to working towards this goal. CACC also believes that to help children, we must understand the problem of child abuse in our state, identify gaps in services, and work to fix those. The following document contains data regarding child abuse, child populations, communities, and children's advocacy centers in our great state. It is intended as a jumping-off point to help CACC better support the children's advocacy centers serving California's children and families.

At the beginning of 2021, there were 26 counties covered by National Children's Alliance (NCA) Member CACs (19 Accredited, 6 Associate/Developing, and 1 Affiliate) and 28 non-accredited CACs in California's 58 counties. 4 counties (Mendocino, Plumas, Siskiyou, and Trinity) do not have a CAC.

Why CACs Matter

Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) are vital to assisting children who have been abused, as these centers provide and/or coordinate evidence-based interventions that help children heal. The multidisciplinary team (MDT) is the foundation of the CAC and is comprised of a group of professionals who collaborate child abuse investigations and treatment to reduce trauma to children and families while holding offenders accountable. CAC's can choose to be accredited by National Children's Alliance (NCA) which sets minimum, evidence-based standards to ensure that all children receive consistent and high-quality services.

CAC's offer a child-focused setting that provides a safe and comfortable environment for children. CAC's have professional forensic interviewers who are skilled to interview toddlers, children, adolescents, and adults with developmental disabilities who have suffered abuse or neglect. The skilled interviewers ask questions that are developmentally appropriate, non-leading, and intended to obtain a clear and detailed account of the abuse.

Child Abuse by Allegation, Age, and Ethnicity

At a Glance:

- General neglect and physical abuse were the highest types of allegations.
- Children ages 11-15 and Latino children account for the largest number of allegations.

Next Steps:

While there is undoubtedly more to dig into, at the surface, these numbers demonstrate potential future actions for CACC.

- Training on identifying and supporting families facing neglect and responding to physical abuse allegations.
- Connect CACs with school districts and youth programs.
- Ensure CACs throughout the state are receiving culturally competent training

Of Note:

According to the Public Policy Institute of California "39% of state residents are Latino, 36% are white, 15% are Asian or Pacific Islander, 6% are African American, fewer than 1% are Native American or Alaska Natives, and 3% are multiracial or other, according to the 2019 American Community Survey."

Child Abuse Allegation Type

There are many forms of child abuse. The data on the table below shows child abuse allegations by type in the State of California from January 2018–December 2018 and January 2019–December 2019.

Allegation Type	JAN2018-DEC2018	JAN2019-DEC2019
Sexual Abuse	45,569	45,994
Physical Abuse	92,539	90,589
Severe Neglect	7,191	7,021
General Neglect	225,093	221,020
Exploitation	479	506
Emotional Abuse	53,587	53,219
Caretaker Absence/ Incapacity	5,186	4,706
At Risk, Sibling Abuse	57,383	54,559
TOTAL	487,027	477,614

A child is counted only once, in category of highest severity. Data Source: Child Welfare Services/Case Management System 2020. Webster, D, Lee, S., Dawson, W., Magruder, J., Exel, M., Cuccaro-Alamin, S., Putnam-Hornstein, E., Wiegmann, W., Saika, G., Chambers, J., Hammond, I., Ayat, N., Misirli, E., Hoerl, C., Yee, H., Flamson, T., Carpenter, W., Gonzalez, A., & Briones, E. (2020).

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Child Abuse by Age & Ethnicity

Child abuse and neglect affect children of all ages and ethnicities. The following data on Table 1 shows child allegations in the State of California from January 2018–December 2018 and January 2019–December 2019 by age and ethnicity.

Age Group	JAN2018-DEC2018	JAN2019-DEC2019	Ethnic Group	JAN2018-DEC2018	JAN2019-DEC2019
Under 1	31,467	30,312	Black	59,400	57,173
1-2	45,456	42,873	White	107,702	109,085
3-5	77,106	74,194	Latino	240,485	223,171
6-10	144,902	139,976	Asian/PI	19,543	19,208
11-15	138,910	141,210	Nat. American	3,737	3,771
16-17	49,186	49,058	Missing	56,160	65,206
TOTAL	487,027	477,614	TOTAL	487,027	477,614

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Child Abuse by County

At a Glance:

- The 9 counties with the highest levels of overall population (over 1 million persons) have correspondingly high child populations and relatively low child abuse rates (an average of 3.2%). These counties have a CAC and all but one are accredited by NCA.
- The 23 counties with the lowest total population (under 100,000), have the highest rates of child abuse with an average of 9.7% and a high of 21.7%. Only 50% have a center and only one is a member of NCA. These counties are contagious to each other and located in the far northern and eastern regions of the state. Many have geographical barriers including distance and mountain ranges.
- The 10 counties with total populations between 100,000 and 250,000 have an average child abuse rate of 7.3%. All but one of the counties has a CAC. Three centers are accredited and seven centers are not accredited. Of these seven centers, three have an Associate or Affiliate membership with NCA.
- The 14 counties with total population between 250,000 and 1,000,000 have the lowest average child abuse rates of 5.1% on par with the counties of over a million persons. All have a CAC and one has two. Nine centers are accredited and five are not. One center is an Associate member of NCA.

Next Steps:

- Designate counties with low total populations and high rates of child abuse as high priority counties for outreach and/or for training and technical assistance.
- Conduct a comprehensive study to better understand the barriers to development and to service delivery in areas challenged by distance, physical geographical barriers and lack of resources.
- Conduct regional and cross training to contiguous non or underserved counties as well as exploring the use of neighboring CACs or satellite sites.
- Explore the using technology to facilitate aid, including telehealth and telemental health, and/or to the delivery of service.
- Increase resources to support centers in the journey to NCA membership and accreditation.

Of Note:

Los Angeles County has over 10 million residents, the largest population of any county in the nation. Approximately 170,000 referrals are made each year to the County's Child Abuse Hotline, consistently the highest number of child abuse reports made in the state. Los Angeles County is served by seven (7) centers in nine (9) locations. To better serve the children in the county, these 7 centers entered into an agreement to work collaboratively on behalf of the children of Los Angeles and to further the county's multidisciplinary response to the investigation of child abuse. The Los Angeles County "Collaborative" of Children's Advocacy Centers meet regularly.

California Child Abuse Statistics by County

Reports from California Child Welfare Indicators Project

County	Total County Population in 2019	Child Population in 2019	Abuse Cases in 2019	Percent by Population	Child Advocacy Center ¹	Accredited
Alameda County	1,671,329	354,301	10,963	3.1%	Yes	Yes
Alpine County	1,129	175	38	21.7%	Yes	No
Amador County	39,752	5,444	564	10.4%	Yes*	No
Butte County	219,186	43,424	2,970	6.8%	Yes	No
Calaveras County	45,905	6,510	685	10.5%	Yes	No**
Colusa County	21,547	5,782	313	5.4%	Yes	No
Contra Costa County	1,153,526	250,901	9,731	3.9%	Yes	Yes
Del Norte County	27,812	5,517	810	14.7%	Yes	No
El Dorado County	192,843	34,252	1,981	5.8%	Yes	No**
Fresno County	999,101	281,014	19,371	6.8%	Yes	Yes
Glenn County	28,393	7,246	624	8.6%	Yes	No
Humboldt County	135,558	27,987	2,533	9.0%	Yes	Yes
Imperial County	181,215	55,110	3,989	7.2%	Yes	No
Inyo County	18,039	3,555	312	8.8%	Yes	No
Kern County	900,202	252,977	15,077	6.0%	Yes	No
Kings County	152,940	43,977	2,657	6.0%	Yes	No
Lake County	64,386	14,264	1,187	8.3%	Yes	Yes
Lassen County	30,573	5,209	592	11.3%	Yes	No
Los Angeles County	10,039,107	2,231,467	116,031	5.2%	Yes	Yes
Madera County	157,327	41,235	3,935	9.5%	Yes	Yes
Marin County	258,826	49,636	1,201	2.4%	Yes	No
Mariposa County	17,203	2,507	228	9.1%	Yes	No
Mendocino County	86,749	20,083	2,032	10.1%	Yes	No
Merced County	277,680	79,847	5,255	6.6%	Yes	No
Modoc County	8,841	1,691	294	17.4%	Yes	No
Mono County	14,444	2,510	147	5.9%	Yes	No
Monterey County	434,061	114,912	4,971	4.3%	Yes	Yes
Napa County	137,744	27,975	1,731	6.2%	Yes	Yes
Nevada County	99,755	15,540	1,349	8.7%	Yes	No
Orange County	3,175,692	717,003	30,694	4.3%	Yes	Yes
Placer County	398,329	81,792	3,336	4.1%	Yes	Yes
Plumas County	18,807	3,057	190	6.2%	Yes	No
Riverside County	2,470,546	592,047	41,240	7.0%	Yes	Yes

*County does not have a CAC but uses the CAC of a neighboring county.

**County has Associate/Developing status with NCA.

1. Self-Identified as having a CAC

California Child Abuse Statistics by County

Reports from California Child Welfare Indicators Project

County	Total County Population In 2019	Child Population In 2019	Abuse Cases In 2019	Percent by Population	Child Advocacy Center ¹	Accredited
Sacramento County	1,552,058	367,322	21,166	5.8%	Yes	Yes
San Benito County	62,808	13,775	716	5.2%	Yes	No
San Bernardino County	2,180,085	557,643	30,584	5.5%	Yes	Yes
San Diego County	3,338,330	758,196	49,666	6.5%	Yes	Yes
San Francisco County	881,549	133,134	5,511	4.1%	Yes	Yes
San Joaquin County	762,148	195,068	10,145	5.2%	Yes	Yes
San Luis Obispo County	283,111	49,559	3,471	7.0%	Yes	No
San Mateo County	766,573	160,174	5,072	3.2%	Yes	Yes
Santa Barbara County	446,499	99,782	6,065	6.1%	Yes	No
Santa Clara County	1,927,852	445,263	13,614	3.1%	Yes	No**
Santa Cruz County	273,213	53,106	2,410	4.5%	Yes	No
Shasta County	180,080	38,121	3,515	9.2%	Yes	No**
Sierra County	3,005	425	41	9.6%	Yes	No
Siskiyou County	43,539	8,167	919	11.3%	Yes	No
Solano County	447,643	99,071	5,453	5.5%	Yes	Yes
Sonoma County	494,336	94,462	5,554	5.9%	Yes	Yes
Stanislaus County	550,660	149,638	9,425	6.3%	Yes	Yes
Sutter County	96,971	25,116	1,158	4.6%	Yes	No
Tehama County	65,084	15,216	1,373	9.0%	Yes	No
Trinity County	12,285	2,204	218	9.9%	Yes	No
Tulare County	466,195	141,302	10,156	7.2%	Yes	No
Tuolumne County	54,478	8,163	846	10.4%	Yes	No
Ventura County	846,006	197,106	10,779	5.5%	Yes	Yes
Yolo County	220,500	48,055	2,499	5.7%	Yes	No
Yuba County	78,668	22,636	1,296	5.2%	Yes	No

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*County does not have a CAC but uses the CAC of a neighboring county.

**County has Associate/Developing status with NCA.

1. Self-Identified as having a CAC

CACC Member Centers

38
COUNTIES

22,000+
VICTIMS SERVED

47
CENTERS



In 2020, CACC member centers and teams provided over 11,900 forensic interviews throughout California.

Orange CACC Members
White CACC Non Members

Counties with No CACs:

- **Mendocino County;** Population in 2019: 86,749 in 2019. From January 2019-December 2019, a total of 2,032 child allegations were reported.
- **Plumas County;** Population in 2019: 18,660. From January 2019-December 2019, a total of 190 child allegations were reported.
- **Siskiyou County;** Population in 2019: 43,468. From January 2019-December 2019, a total of 919 child allegations were reported, compared to January 2018-December 2018 where a total of 820 child allegations were reported, increasing the 2019 allegations by 99 cases.
- **Trinity County;** Population in 2019: 12,700. From January 2019-December 2019, a total of 218 child allegations were reported.

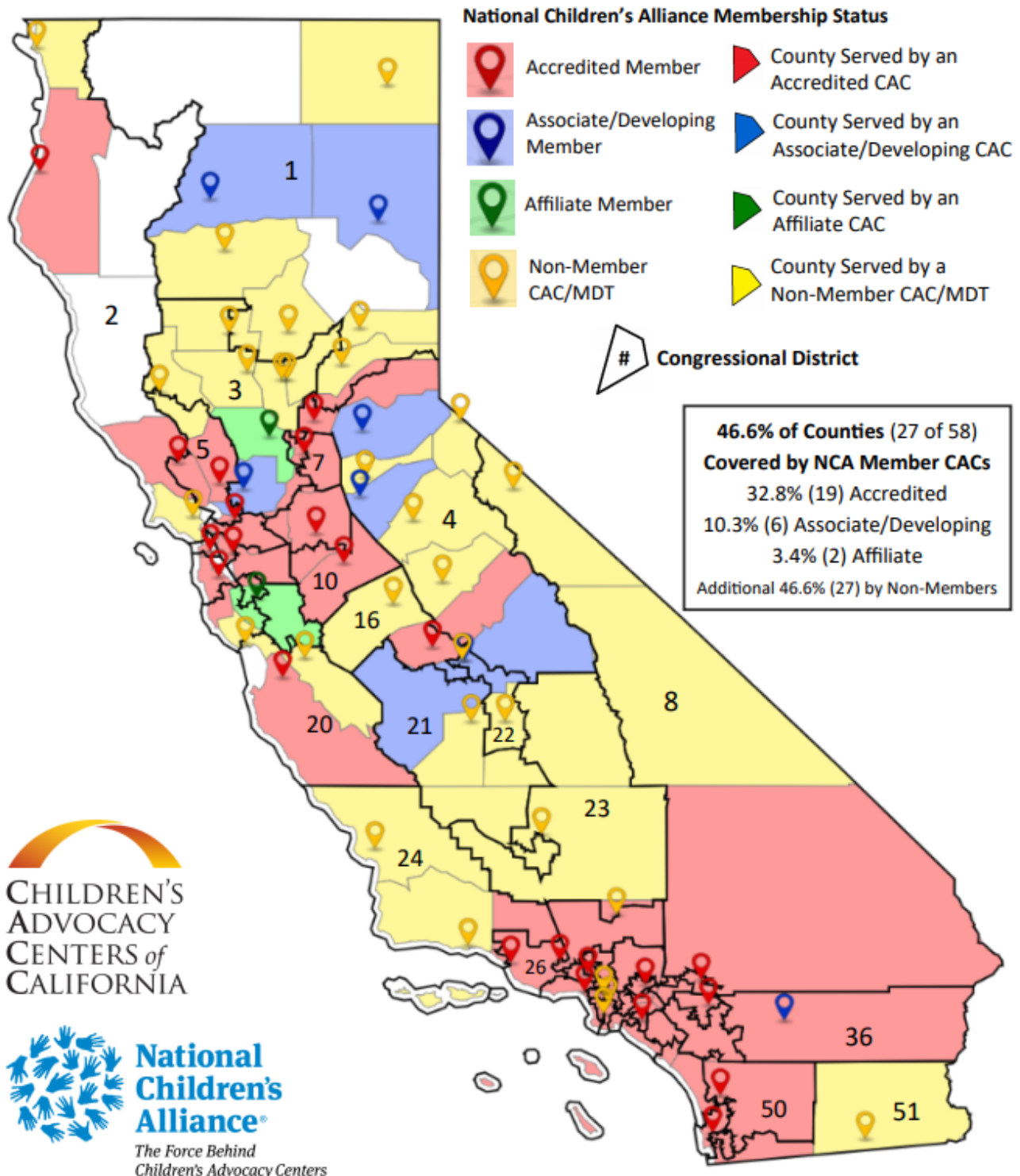
Counties That are Not NCA Accredited:

- Alpine County
- Amador County
- Butte County
- Calaveras County
- Colusa County
- Del Norte County
- El Dorado County
- Glenn County
- Imperial County
- Inyo County
- Kern County
- Kings County
- Lassen County
- Marin County
- Mariposa County
- Merced County
- Modoc County
- Mono County
- Nevada County
- San Benito County
- San Luis Obispo County
- Santa Barbara County
- Santa Cruz County
- Shasta County
- Sierra County
- Sutter County
- Tehama County
- Tulare County
- Tuolumne County
- Yolo County
- Yuba County

NCA Gap Maps

California Children's Advocacy Centers (2021)

CAC Locations, Coverage Areas by NCA Membership Status Level, Congressional Districts



NCA Gap Maps

Sacramento, San Francisco & San Jose Areas



NCA Membership Status



Accredited Member



Associate/Developing Member



Affiliate Member



Non-Member CAC/MDT



County Served by an Accredited CAC



County Served by an Associate/Developing CAC

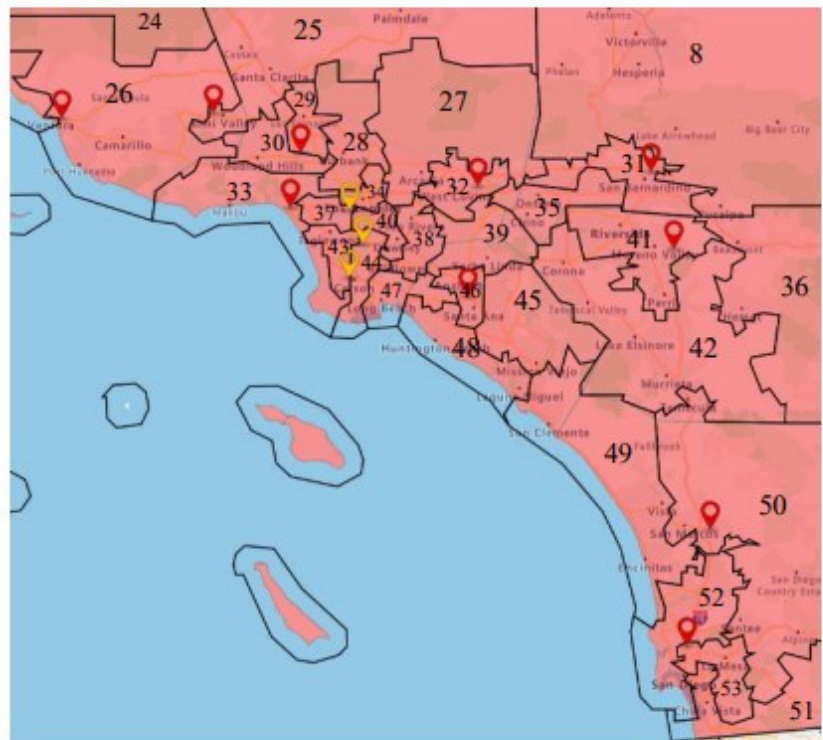


County Served by an Affiliate CAC



County Served by a Non-Member CAC/MDT

Los Angeles & San Diego Areas



Congressional District



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NCA Gap Maps

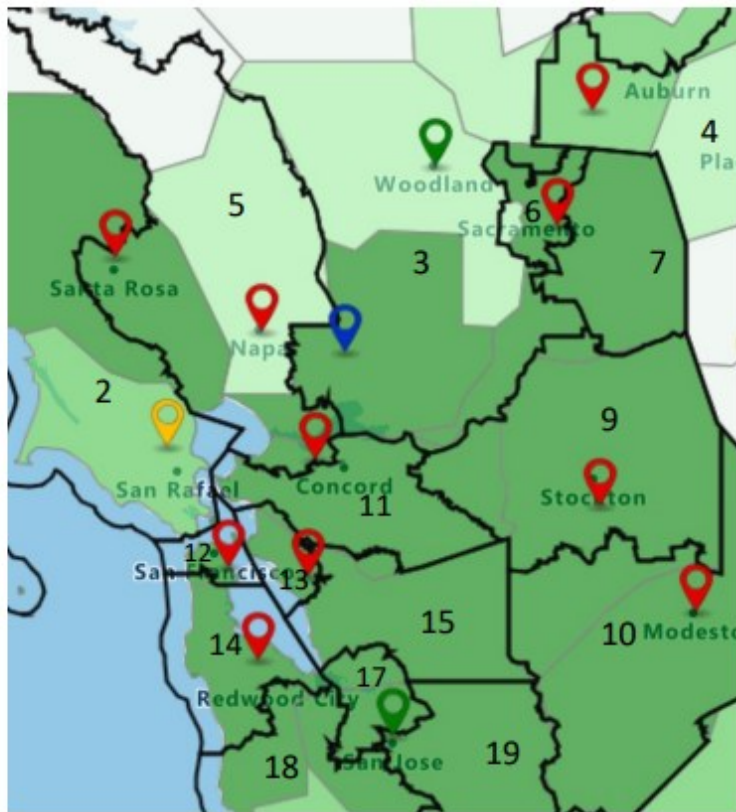
California Children's Advocacy Centers (2021)

NCA Membership Status, Congressional Districts, Child (Under Age 18) Population by County



NCA Gap Maps

Sacramento, San Francisco & San Jose Areas



National Children's Alliance Membership Status



Accredited Member



Associate/Developing Member



Affiliate Member



Non-Member CAC/MDT



Congressional District

Child Population by County, Age 0 to 17

≤ 25,000

≤ 50,000

≤ 100,000

> 100,000

Los Angeles & San Diego Areas




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Federally Recognized Tribal Communities

At a Glance:

- El Dorado, Humboldt, Kings, Madera, Riverside, San Bernardino and Sonoma provide child advocacy services to local tribes
- Two counties contract with neighboring states (Oregon and Arizona) to provide the services.
- 29 of the state-recognized California Tribal communities are served by a CAC. Only 9 have formal agreements (MOUs) with the CACs

Next Steps:

- Identify stakeholder organizations working with or consisting of tribal communities to assist with the development of tribal CAC services

Of Note:

California is home to over 109 federally recognized Tribes, more people of Native American/ Alaska Native heritage than any other state in the Country. Most tribal communities are not served by a CAC. Child welfare issues are compounded by the diverse cultural, social, economic and specific social service needs of each tribe. The Tribes, ranging from 5 to 5000 people each, currently have nearly 100 separate reservations or Rancherias. It is unclear how many Native American children are underserved.

CA Tribal Entities Served by a CAC	Served by a CAC	Signed MOU
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation	Yes	No
Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria	Yes	Yes
Big Lagoon Rancheria	Yes	Yes
Blue Lake Rancheria	Yes	Yes
Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria	Yes**	Yes – CA No - OR
Cloverdale Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California	Yes	No
Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation (Arizona and California)	Yes*	No
Dry Creek Rancheria of Pomo Indians	Yes	No
Elk Valley Rancheria	Yes*	No
Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria	Yes	No
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (Arizona, California and Nevada)	Yes	No
Hoopla Valley Tribe	Yes	Yes
Karuk Tribe	Yes	Yes
Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewart's Point Rancheria	Yes	No
Koi Nation of Northern California	Yes	No
Lytton Rancheria of California	Yes	No
Northfork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California	Yes	No
Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians of California	Yes	No
Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation (Arizona and California)	Yes*	Yes
San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation	Yes	No
Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria	Yes	No
Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract)	Yes	No
Smith River Rancheria	Yes*	No
Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Yes	No
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians of California	Yes	No
United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California	Yes	No
Wiyot Tribe (formerly the Table Bluff Reservation-Wiyot Tribe)	Yes	Yes
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Yes	No
Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation	Yes	Yes

*Tribal community served by a CAC outside of California.

**Tribal community serviced by CACs inside and outside of California

Military Installations

At a Glance:

- Kings, Ventura, and San Bernardino child advocacy services to military installations.
- 3 military installations are served by a CAC. Only 1 has a formal agreement (MOU) with the CAC.

Next Steps:

- Create contacts within the military to better inform outreach.

Branch	Installation	CAC Providing Services	Signed MOU
Navy Active	NAS Lemoore CA	Kings County MDIC - Hanford, CA	No
Navy Active	NAVBASE Ventura City Point Mugu CA	Ventura County Safe Harbor - Ventura, CA	Yes
MC Active	Twentynine Palms	Barbara Sinatra Children's Center - Rancho Mirage, CA	No

Of Note:

There are 34 military installations operating in California. It is unclear how many children live on those installations or the rates of child abuse.

Final Thoughts & Recommendations

This Gap Analysis calls attention to two high-level themes CACC must consider to move forward with effectively helping the children in California:

Increased Need for Accurate and Comprehensive Data. CACC shall strive to improve data collection and become genuinely data-driven for competent decision-making and accurate planning. A comprehensive study (or studies) must be done to understand better the barriers to development and service delivery in areas challenged by distance, physical geographical barriers, and lack of resources.

Increased Contact with Community Leaders and Stakeholders. CACC must reach each served, under-served, and non-served counties, its Military Installations, and Tribal Communities. This outreach will not only help us to gather accurate information on child population, child abuse rates, investigating agencies, relevant stakeholders, but will also allow CACC to understand better cultural norms and considerations and current systems in place for child abuse intervention in those areas.