



VERMONT CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Every Child, Every Time

Providing Support and Advocacy to Vermont's Child Advocacy Centers

CAC

(Child Advocacy Center)

- 13 Centers in Vermont provide services to children and adults that report sexual and/or physical violence
- Services can include professional interviews, advocacy, referrals, and a thorough, team-based approach/investigation
- Prevention education to children and professionals statewide



TRAINING

- National Child Advocacy Standards for best practices and policies
- All interviewers attend Basic Forensic Interview from National Children's Advocacy Center
- Ongoing education and training required for each discipline related to the scope of case work annually and bi-annually



TEAM

- Police
- Medical
- Mental Health
- DCF
- States Attorney
- Victim Advocate
- Forensic Interviewer
- Dept. of Corrections
- Respond to alleged crimes in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 1940
- must be empaneled through 33 V.S.A. § 4917



OUTCOMES

- This process reduces trauma and improves outcome for victims
- If schools (Title 9) defer to the CAC first, students receive the support they need from trained professionals
- Communities rely on these grant and state funded programs for their knowledge and services.

THE CAC APPROACH IS BEST PRACTICE.

