



Western Regional

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Strengths and Challenges for CAC Boards

What Boards Need To Know

Children's Advocacy Centers – not your typical organization

- Responsible for success of MDT process – but limited authority
- Liability and publicity that may be the result of partner actions
- May have co-location with other agencies



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Challenges

- Understanding how CACs work
- Understanding accreditation standards
- If Partners are board members, they may not be raising money
- If governmental, having the ability to fundraise
- If an umbrella, remaining visible and balancing with other programs



Strengths

- Broad-based community support
- National accreditation standards
- Signed protocols



Key Components of Success

- Clear strategic plan, including funding strategies
- Strong leadership that can interact with partner agency leadership when appropriate
- Clear understanding of roles and responsibilities
- Clear understanding and agreement on the scope of your influence and responsibilities
- Trauma-informed approach

