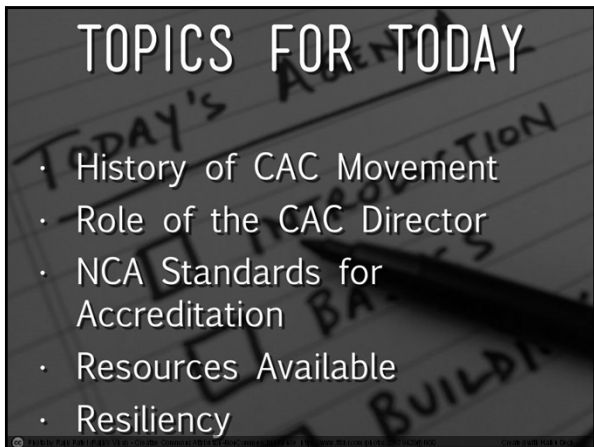




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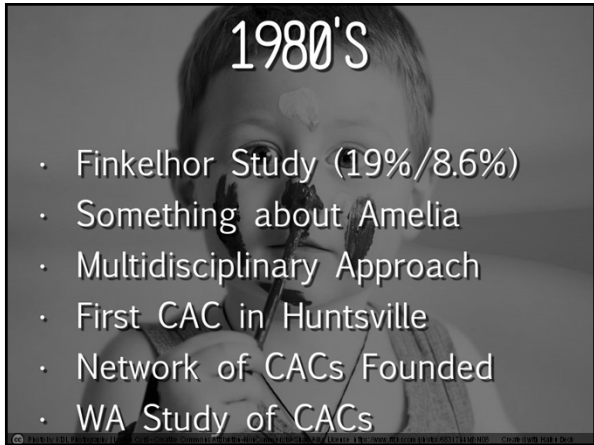
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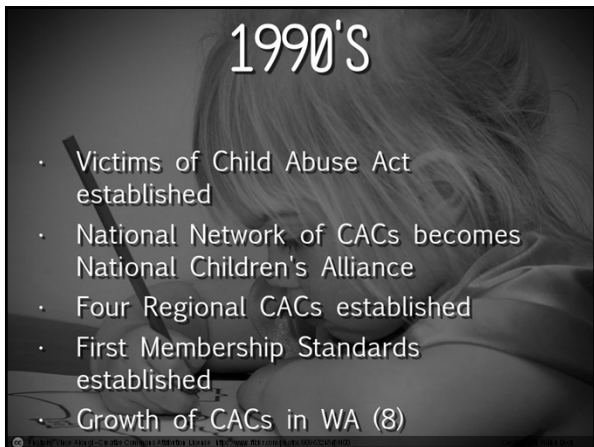
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2000's

- Shift from Membership Standards to Accreditation
- Chapters forming
- WA State Protocols
- More states recognize the CAC model in statute
- State Funding for WA CACs
- NCA funding flows through Chapters

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2010's

- State Protocols Updated
- All state Chapters are accredited
- National Accreditation standards updated
- More centers incorporating other types of abuse
- Over 830 member centers/over 700 accredited
- Model adopted internationally

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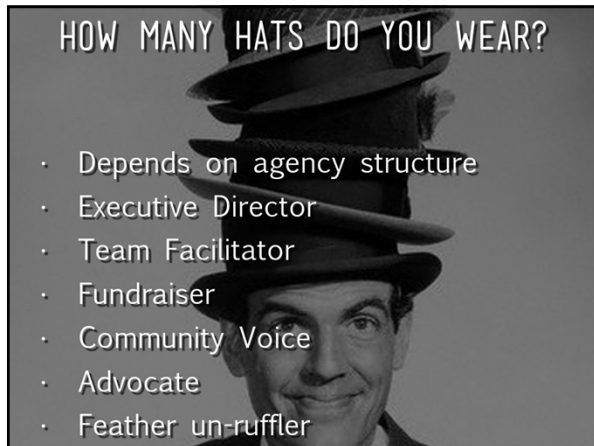
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HOW MANY HATS DO YOU WEAR?

- Depends on agency structure
- Executive Director
- Team Facilitator
- Fundraiser
- Community Voice
- Advocate
- Feather un-ruffler

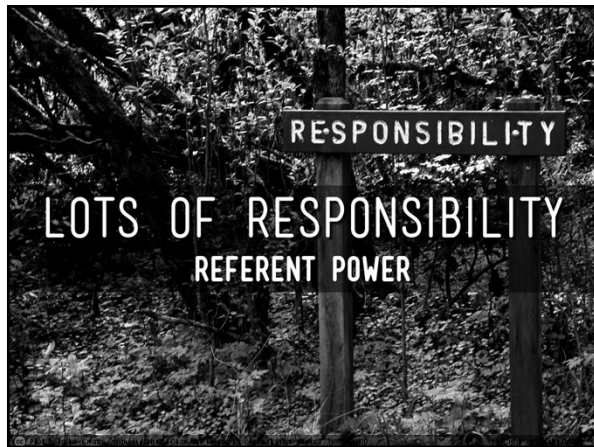


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RESPONSIBILITY

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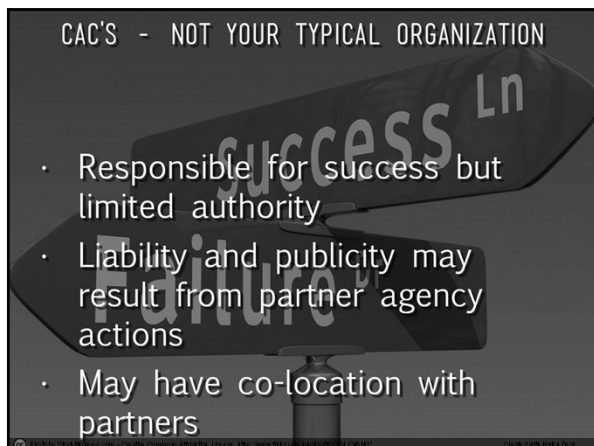
REFERENT POWER



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CAC'S - NOT YOUR TYPICAL ORGANIZATION

- Responsible for success but limited authority
- Liability and publicity may result from partner agency actions
- May have co-location with partners



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CHALLENGES WITH BOARD/PARTNERS

- Understanding of how CACs work
- Understanding Accreditation Standards
- If team members on board - often can't raise money
- Government-based programs have difficulty raising funds (Friends Groups)
- If under an umbrella, have to find balance.

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STRENGTHS

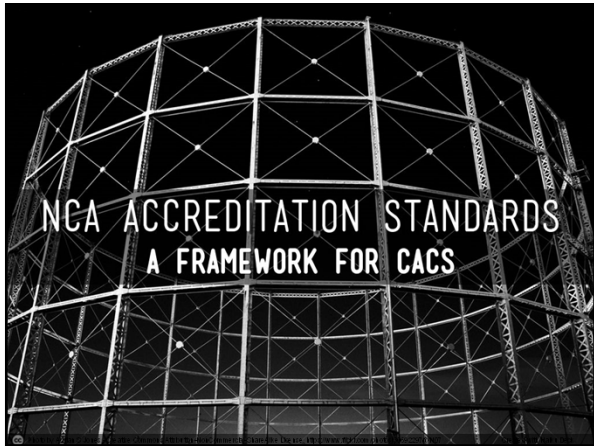
- Broad community support
- National accreditation standards
- Signed Protocols

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KEYS TO SUCCESS

- Clear strategic plan including funding strategies
- Strong leadership to interact with partner leadership
- Clear understanding and agreement of the scope of your influence and responsibilities
- Trauma-informed approach

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CULTURAL COMPETENCY

- Cultural competency plan
- Provision of interpreters
- Culturally appropriate service delivery
- Community outreach
- Board/staff/volunteers reflect community

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FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

1. Specialized training/ongoing training
2. Written process
3. Legally sound
4. Appropriate investigative partners view interview
5. Conducted at CAC
6. Selection of interviewer
7. CAC/MDT coordinates

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VICTIM ADVOCACY

- Crisis intervention and on-going support
- Relevant education for children and families
- Victim made aware of rights and resources
- Designated individuals

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MEDICAL EVALUATION

- Provided by experienced/trained practitioner
- Offered to all children, regardless of ability to pay
- Written plan: criteria, purpose, how available, emergencies, avoid duplication, documentation, coordination, PA if appropriate

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MEDICAL EVALUATION, CONT.

- Peer review and ongoing training
- MDT/CACs members trained re: purpose and nature of exams
- Findings routinely shared with MDT

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MENTAL HEALTH

- Provided by professionals with pediatric and CA expertise
- Trauma-focused approach
- Available to all regardless of ability to pay

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MENTAL HEALTH, CONT.

- Written plan:
- Role of MH on MDT
- Information sharing
- FI separate from MH
- On-going training and peer review
- Services to non-offending family members

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CASE REVIEW

- Written documents include case review criteria and process
- Regularly scheduled meeting
- Regular participation by all members
- Designated coordinator/facilitator
- Follow up provided
- Cross training

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CASE TRACKING

- Written documents include case tracking process
- NCA statistical information
- Individual assigned
- Partners provide information, access to information

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ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

- Non-profit or public
- Appropriate insurance
- Background checks
- Audit or review
- Personnel assigned to project
- Public education and outreach
- Plan for sustainable funding

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CHILD - FOCUSED SETTING

- Designated, appropriate space
- Policy re: separation of victim and AO
- Physically accessible
- Live observation by MDT
- Safe
- Supervision of child and family
- Convenient and accessible

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UPCOMING CHANGES

- Pass/fail - no rated criteria
- Reduced duplication

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UPCOMING CHANGES, CONT

- Victim Advocate training requirements
- Clarity on services to be provided



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UPCOMING CHANGES, CONT.


- Clarification on Medical provider qualifications and training requirements



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UPCOMING CHANGES, CONT

- Organizational Capacity now includes:
- Succession Planning
- Vicarious trauma and resiliency must be addressed



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ACCREDITATION TIPS

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- Note which items require written documentation
- Collect training documentation
- Include accreditation requirements in linkage agreements
- Look at list of case review components
- Involve team members in application

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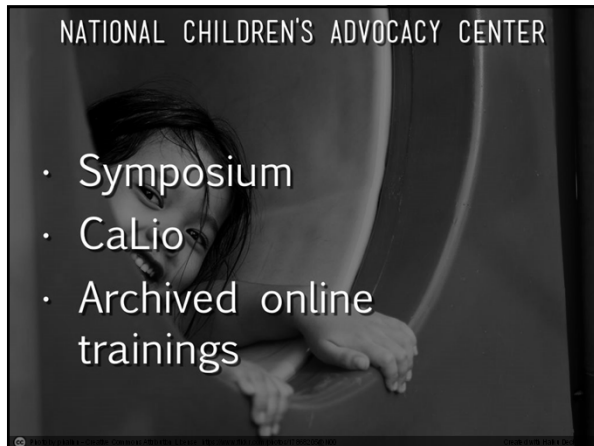
Resources Available

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NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

- Membership Standards
- List serv
- Leadership Conference
- Awareness Campaigns
- OMS

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