



Children's Advocacy
Centers of Georgia

Full Membership Standards

A Child Advocacy Center may apply for Full Membership after at least 12 months as an Associate Member and believes the organization has met Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia Full Membership Standards.

Organizations seeking full membership status must:

- Be a private non-profit 501(c)3 organization or government-based agency and have the specifically stated purpose of providing services for children in cases of suspected child abuse
- Have a signed Interagency Agreement among Law Enforcement, Department of Family and Children Services, and District Attorney, or be included in the child abuse protocol in the county in which it is located
- Have a Multidisciplinary Team coordinated systems approach to the investigative process of child abuse cases with on-site interviews
- Provide a safe, designated, child-friendly facility where involved agencies can conduct investigative interviews and evaluations
- Have designated, accessible staff assigned solely to the operation of the program for a minimum of 20 hours per week
- Provide mental health services and medical exams either on-site or through community referrals
- Participate in Multidisciplinary Team case staffing at least monthly with consistent representation from Children's Advocacy Center, Law Enforcement, Department of Family and Children Services, and Prosecution
- Provide opportunities for specialized training for Multidisciplinary Team members
- Collect and report statistical data required by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia for the Children's Trust Fund and other sources
- Maintain active involvement of Center director or representative in Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia meetings and assigned committees.
- Assure all professionals conducting forensic interviews at a CAC Member Center, will have training in a nationally recognized forensic interview technique, (i.e., Corner House, Finding Words, NCAC, APSAC) prior to conducting forensic interviews with children.