

# 2017 Affidavit of Standards Compliance for

## National Children's Alliance

Please complete and return to your chapter with your final grant report.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a duly authorized agency representative, do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of CAC) is in compliance with the following standards for accredited membership with National Children's Alliance.

In order to be in compliance, an agency must demonstrate:

1. **Multidisciplinary Team (MDT):** A multidisciplinary team for response to child abuse allegations includes representation from the following: law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, medical, mental health, victim advocacy and Children's Advocacy Center.
2. **Cultural Competency and Diversity:** The Children's Advocacy Center provides culturally competent services for all CAC clients throughout the duration of the case.
3. **Forensic Interviews:** Forensic interviews are coordinated to avoid duplicative interviewing and are conducted in a manner that is legally sound and of a neutral, fact finding nature.
4. **Victim Support/Advocacy:** Victim support and advocacy services are provided to all CAC clients and their caregivers as part of the Multidisciplinary Team response.
5. **Medical Evaluation:** Specialized medical evaluation and treatment services are available to all CAC clients and are coordinated as part of the Multidisciplinary Team response.
6. **Mental Health:** Evidence-based, trauma-focused mental health services, designed to meet the unique needs of the children and caregivers, are consistently available as part of the Multidisciplinary Team response.
7. **Case Review:** A formal process in which multidisciplinary discussion and information sharing regarding the investigation, case status, and services needed by the child and family must occur on a routine basis.
8. **Case Tracking:** Children's Advocacy Centers must develop and implement a system for monitoring case progress and tracking case outcomes for all Multidisciplinary Team components.
9. **Organizational Capacity:** A designated legal entity responsible for program and fiscal operations has been established and implements basic sound administrative policies and procedures.
10. **Child-Focused Setting:** The child-focused setting is comfortable, private, and both physically and psychologically safe for diverse populations of children and their family members.
11. **Medical Evaluation Standard Appendices:** The sample resources in the appendix are intended for resource and example only and are not intended to "prescribe" how an individual CAC would address specific issues in the medical standard.

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Authorized Agency Representative Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Agency Representative Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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