

FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER



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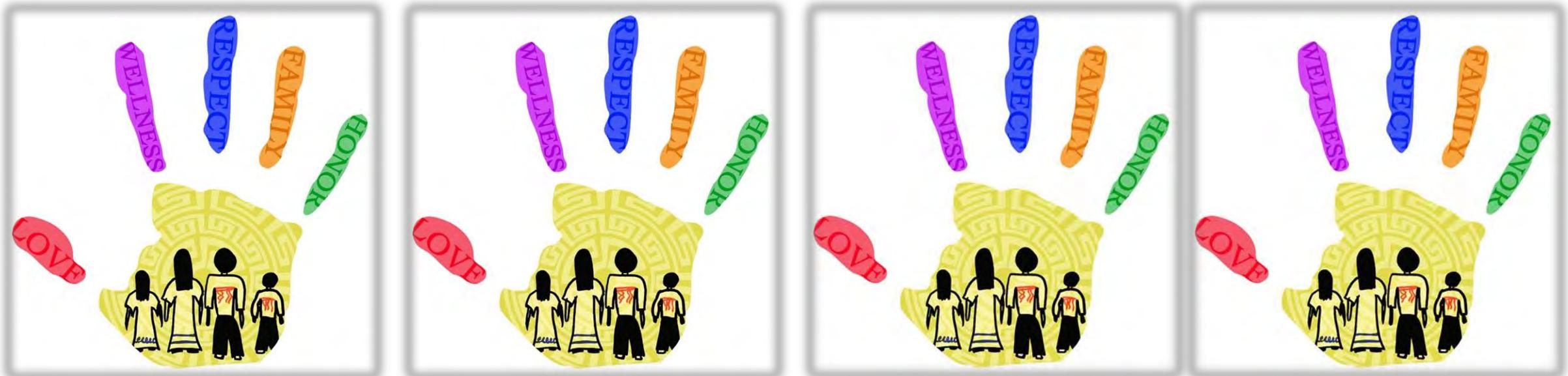


History

- The initial concept of this advocacy center arose in response to a multi-faceted initiative within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) titled “Protecting Community Children Project,” sparked by the tragic death of two young siblings in 2008. The SRPMIC Family Advocacy Center (FAC) is designed to bring different Community departments together to conduct child crime investigations more effectively through mandated collaboration.
- FY2008 there were 90 criminal investigations involving crimes against children – a 31% increase from FY2007 – and 493 child welfare referrals, including 29 reported cases of drug endangered children. These sobering statistics involving children highlighted the need for a multidisciplinary center specifically designed to address the needs of victims.

Mission

The Family Advocacy Center (FAC) provides a safe, secure and healing environment for the investigation of cases involving child abuse and neglect by utilizing a collaborative, multi-disciplinary team to reduce further trauma to children and other vulnerable victims, while honoring the cultural values and traditions of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.



FAC established
October 1, 2009.

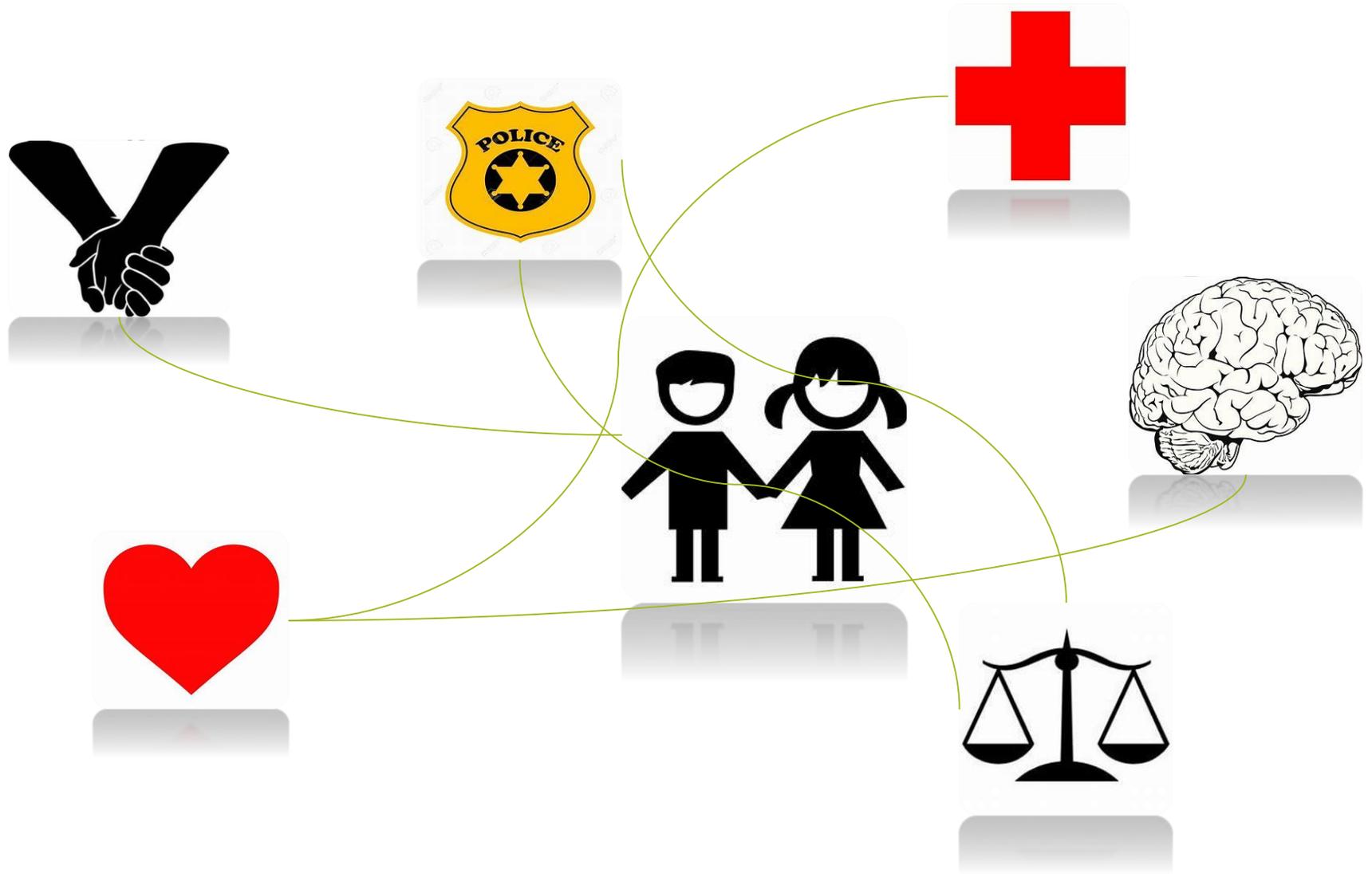


Referrals

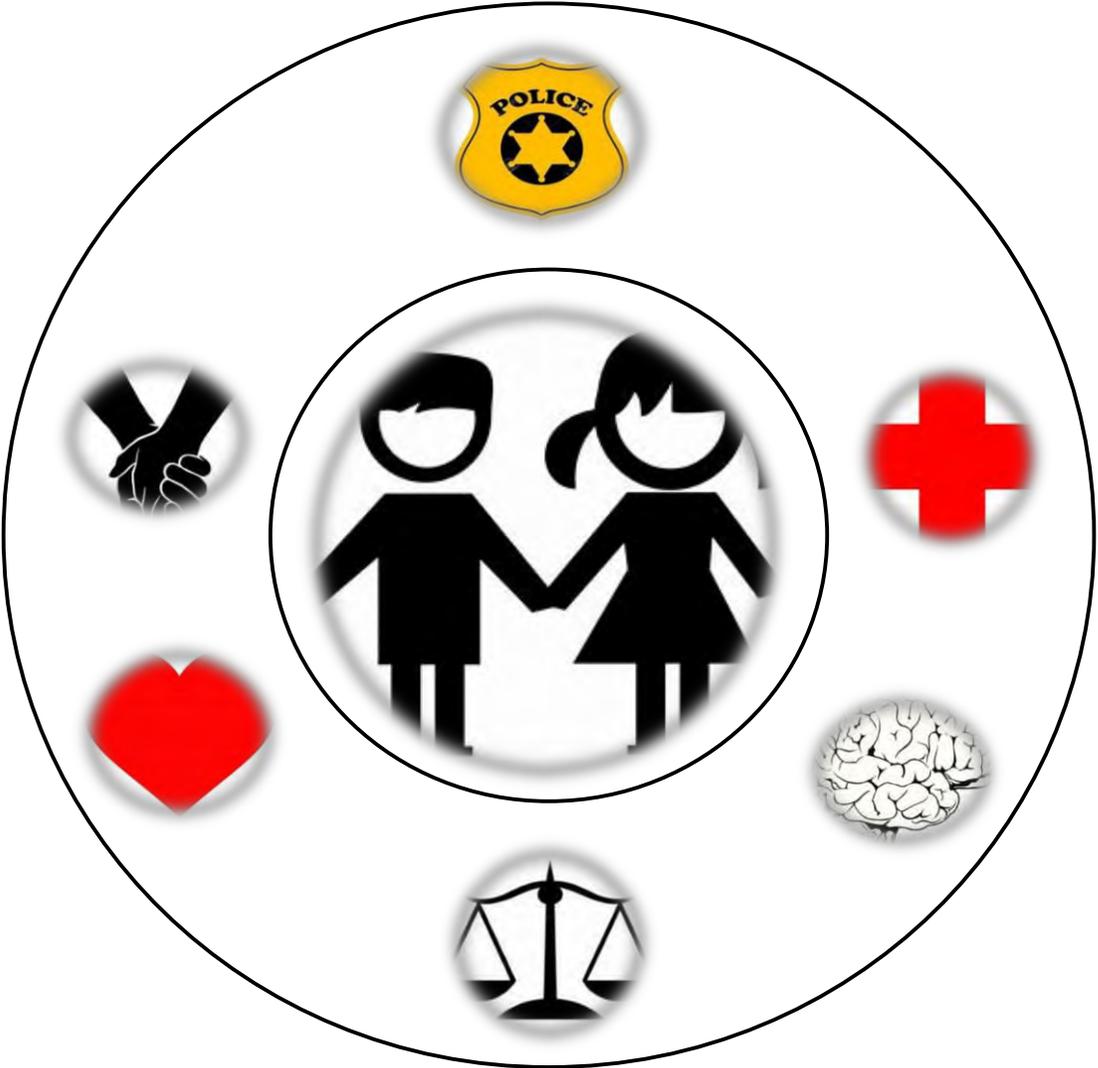
- Submission of a Confidential Report
- SRPMIC Police Department
- Child Protective Services
- Social Services
- Senior Services
- Education
- Legal Services-GALS
- Housing



Out with the Old

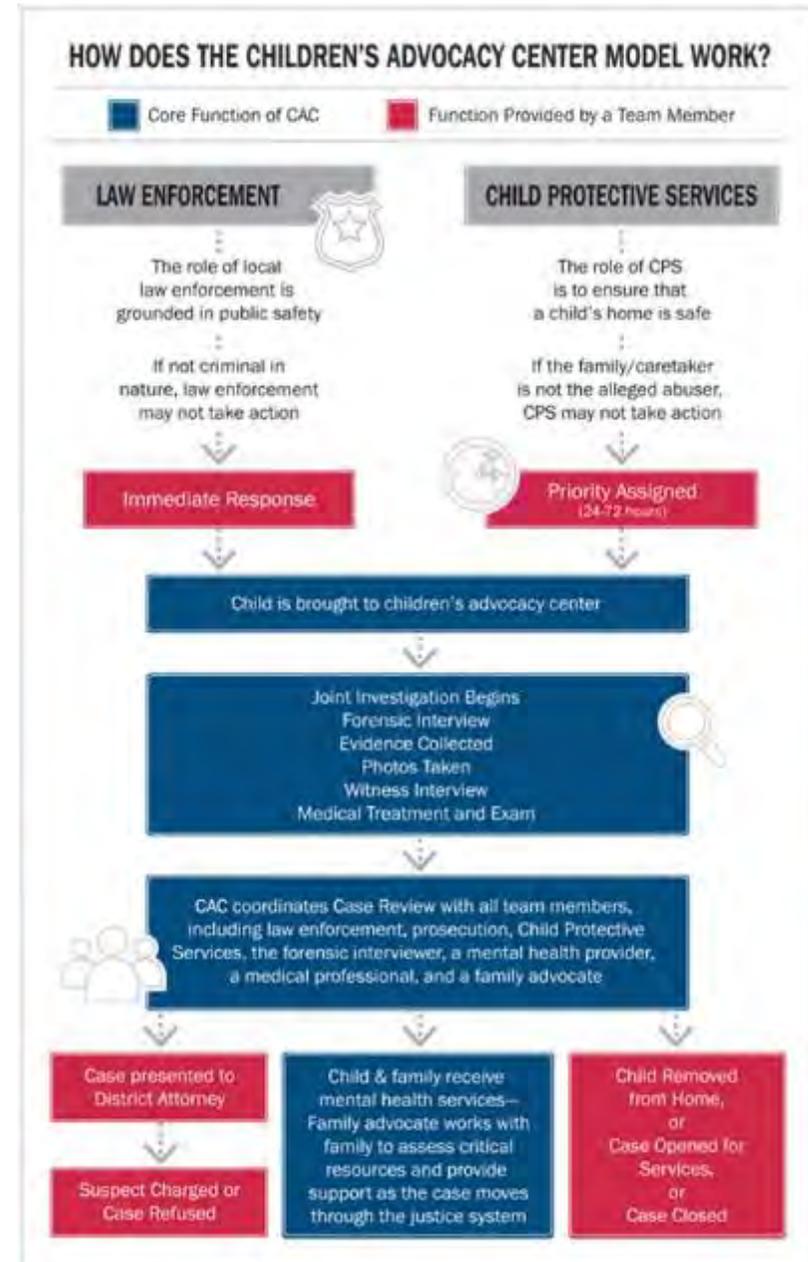


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How the wheels turn

- Based on type of referrals
- Determines the direction of cases
- Hub-SRPMIC Family Advocacy Center
- Joint investigation
- Focus on outcomes



Multidisciplinary team



- **FAC CORE MEMBERS-** Director, Office Manager, Clerk, Trauma Therapist, and Victim Advocate
- **SALT RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT-** Sergeant and Detectives
- **CHILD AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES-** Manager and Child Protective Investigators
- **LEGAL SERVICES-** Director
- **TRIBAL PROSECUTORS-** Director or Assistant Director
- **EDUCATION**
- **Family Preservation-** Manager, 3 Social Worker I, and Therapist
- **SENIOR SERVICES**
- **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-** Pediatrician and Behavioral Health Manager
- **HOUSING**

Services

- Trauma Therapist
 - Early intervention-counseling
 - Trauma Assessments
 - Case Management
 - Immediate home services
 - Team Support
 - Referrals to ongoing services
- Victim Advocate
 - Referrals for services
 - Hand Walking through system
 - Provide information
 - Support visits and calls



Services

- Prevention
- Community Education
- SCAN Meetings- Suspected Child Abuse Neglect
- MDT Meetings- Multi-Disciplinary Meeting
- Forensic Interviews
- Trauma Based Counseling
- Victim Advocacy Services
- Case Management
- SANE (Sexual Assault Nursing) Examine



DATA

2017

Total Children: 132

Male: 61

Female: 71

Types of Abuse

Sexual:

Physical: 38

Neglect: 42

Witness to Violence: 6

Drug Endangerment: 4

Other: 7

2018

Total Children: 300

Male: 155

Female: 145

Types of Abuse

Sexual: 106

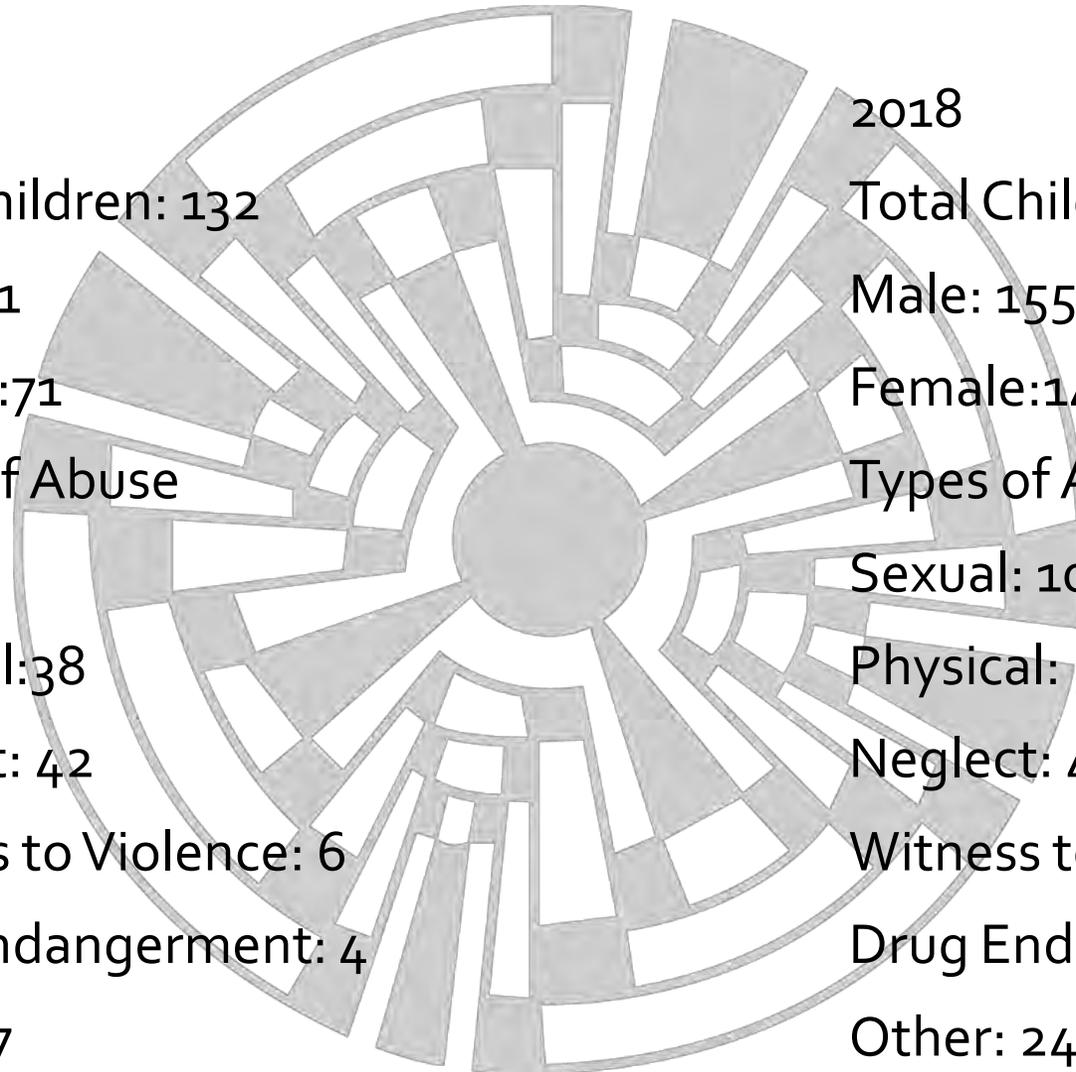
Physical: 50

Neglect: 42

Witness to Violence: 14

Drug Endangerment: 7

Other: 24



DATA

2019

Total Children: 224

Male: 92

Female: 133

Types of Abuse

Sexual: 53

Physical: 47

Neglect: 14

Witness to Violence: 22

Drug Endangerment: 8

Other: 26



Partnerships and projects

- National Children's Alliance
- Arizona Child & Family Advocacy Network
- Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV)
- Scottsdale Advocacy Center
- Mesa Advocacy Center
- Adverse Childhood Experience Survey-Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Centers
- Trauma Informed Organizational Study
- Accreditation with the National Children's Alliance



