



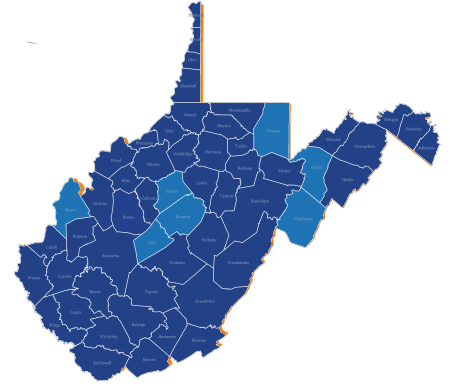
WV CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK

2025 CHILD ABUSE STATISTICS

What we do:

WVCAN is the statewide leader in the fight against child abuse. We bring together 21 child advocacy centers across the state, officially serving 48 of 55 counties.

A CAC provides a safe, child-friendly facility where child protection, criminal justice, and child treatment professionals work together to investigate abuse, hold offenders accountable, and help children heal.



Drug endangerment:

17% of the children served at WV CACs were there because of allegations of drug endangerment.



4%

17%

■ National

■ West Virginia

That's **FOUR TIMES HIGHER** than the national average.

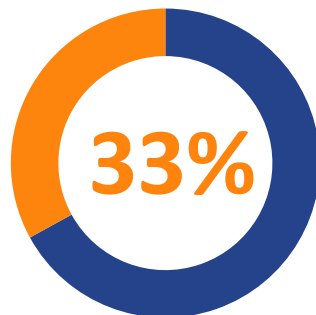
Last year, WV CACs served:

4,734
CHILDREN



A **7.5% increase** over the last 5 years

Children with
*reported or
suspected*
disabilities:



Top 4 types of *reported* abuse:



46%

Sexual

29%

Physical

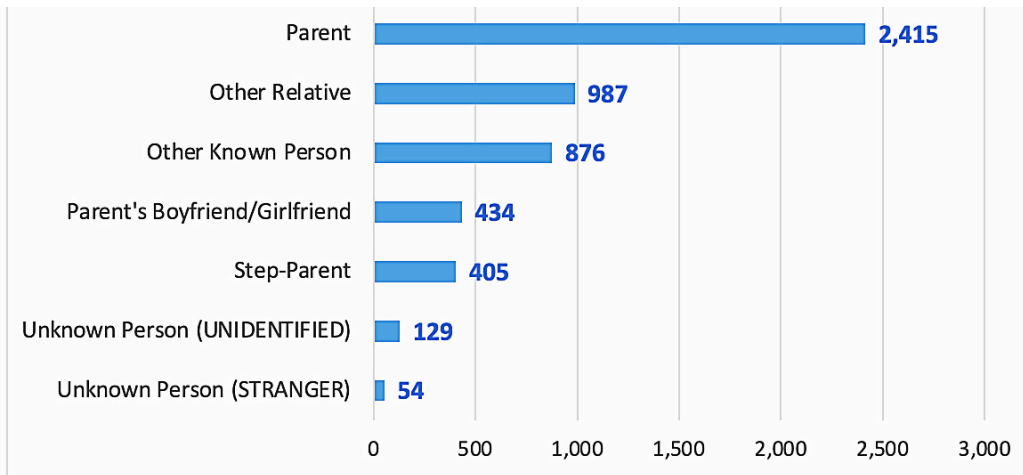
22%

Witness violence

17%

Neglect

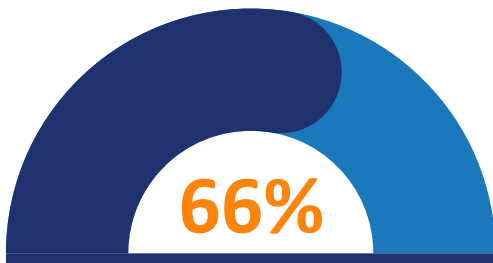
Alleged offender breakdown:



of alleged offenders were **someone the child knew**

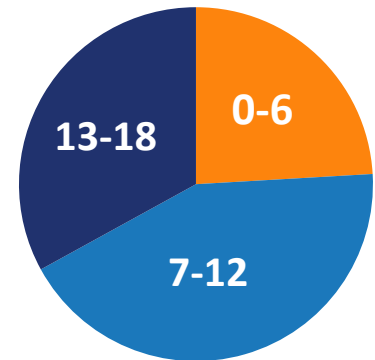
Forensic interviews + disclosure of abuse:

4,603 forensic interviews were conducted. Of those interviews, **66%** disclosed abuse.

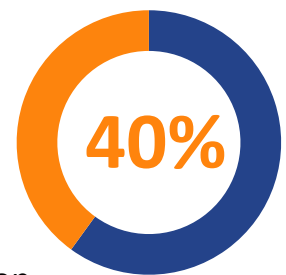


Ages of child victims:

67% of children served were **under the age of 12.**



Percentage of children referred to **therapy or counseling:**



That's **4% MORE** than the national average.

94%



392,107 children (94% of the state's population) **live in a county officially served by a CAC.**

Justice for children:

833 cases had criminal charges *filed*.
413 individuals were *convicted* for crimes against children.

CHARGES
FILED:
833



INDIVIDUAL
CONVICTIONS:
413