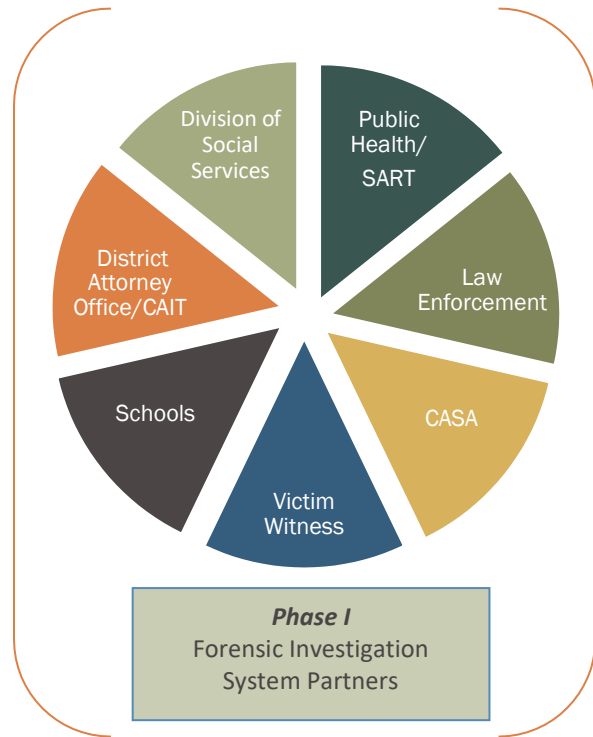
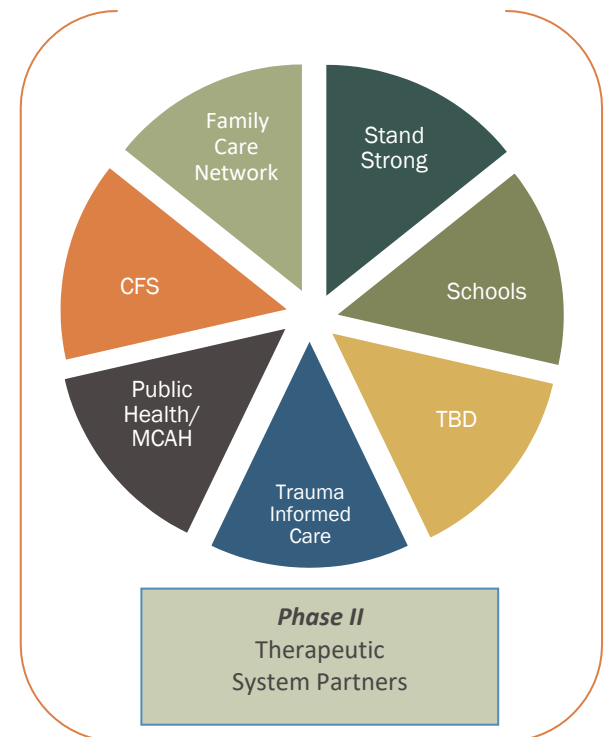


CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

from first disclosure through healing & wellness



A Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) represents a broad range of system partners who establish collaboration, review cases, recommend system improvements and ensure CAC standards are met.



CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER GOALS

- 1) Create a Child Advocacy Center (CAC) from point of first disclosure to healing and wellness for child sexual and physical abuse victims
- 2) Reduce systemic trauma to the child abuse victim
- 3) Increase prosecution and conviction rates
- 4) Provide a therapeutic system for healing and wellness for child abuse victims
- 5) Create a CAC Multidisciplinary Team to improve collaboration and cooperation between multiple systems and meet NCA accreditation standards

PHASE I OBJECTIVES

- Identify forensic system partners
- Map current forensic systems
- Identify role and responsibilities for improved collaboration, communication and information sharing among child abuse forensic system partners objectives
- Develop data collection tools
- Create a CAC Multidisciplinary Team to improve collaboration and cooperation between multiple systems and meet NCA accreditation standards

PHASE II OBJECTIVES

- Identify therapeutic system partners
- Map current therapeutic system
- Identify role and responsibilities for improved communication, collaboration and data sharing among system partners to support the healing and well-being of child abuse victims
- Develop data collection tools
- Onboard CAC Multidisciplinary Team members to create a child-focused wholistic child advocacy systems approach

San Luis Obispo County Child Advocacy Center

National Children's Alliance Standards

1. Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)

- *Law Enforcement*
- *Child Protective Services*
- *Prosecution*
- *Medical*
- *Mental Health*
- *Victim Advocacy*
- *Children's Advocacy Center System*

2. Cultural Competency and Diversity *(Recommendation: establish CAS as the coordinator of Cultural Competency and Diversity)*

3. Forensic Interview (CAIT)

4. Victim Support and Advocacy (Victim Witness)

5. Medical Evaluation (SART)

6. Mental Health-Wellness *(Behavioral Health and Community Based Organizations)*

7. Case Review *(Full MDT representation should be at the Case Review, as well as the forensic interviewer, irrespective of which agency employs him/her)*

8. Case Tracking *(Recommendation: establish CAS as the coordinator of Case tracking)*

9. Organizational Capacity *(Recommendation: establish CAS as the coordinator of Organizational Capacity)*

10. Child Focused System *(Recommendation: establish CAS as the coordinator of Child Focused System)*