

# VOCA FUNDING IN NORTH CAROLINA



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north carolina



**VOCA = VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT**

**VOCA FUNDS ARE FEDERAL DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED TO EACH STATE THAT SUPPORT VICTIMS OF CRIME AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS.**

**IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, CACS IN NC HAVE GROWN BY 83%, FROM 30 AGENCIES TO 55. PROVIDING SERVICES TO CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ABUSED.**

**WHILE FUNDING CONTINUES TO DECREASE, THE DEMAND FOR SERVICES CONTINUES TO INCREASE. CACS IN NC HAVE SEEN A 74% INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED. WITH AN AVERAGE OF 12,000 NEW CHILDREN PER YEAR.**

**SEXUAL ABUSE REPRESENTS OVER 65% OF THE CASELOAD IN NORTH CAROLINA.**

**CACS TREAT SEXUAL ABUSE, PHYSICAL ABUSE, NEGLECT, TRAFFICKING, WITNESS TO VIOLENCE, AND OTHER CASES AS REFERRED.**

## AVERAGE COST OF SERVICE ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA PER CHILD

VICTIM ADVOCACY	\$582.06
FORENSIC INTERVIEW	\$771.31
MEDICAL EVALUATION	\$2,142.58
MENTAL HEALTH	\$3,283.32
PREVENTION	\$233.38
TOTAL	\$7,012.65

**ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE RELATED ILLNESS ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT \$748 BILLION IN NORTH AMERICA EACH YEAR.**

**CACS TREAT ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES, POSITIVELY IMPACTING THE ECONOMY IN ADDITION TO THE WELL BEING AND LONG TERM HEALTH OF CHILDREN.**

**10% REDUCTION IN ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES COULD EQUATE TO AN ANNUAL SAVINGS OF \$56 BILLION, 44% REDUCTION IN DEPRESSION, 33% REDUCTION IN ADULTS WHO SMOKE, 16% REDUCTION IN KIDNEY DISEASE.**

**North Carolina VOCA Funding**

