**National Children’s Alliance Virtual Hill Day: Talking Points**

Introduce all group attendees and provide an update on your centers:

* Discuss how COVID is impacting the services for kids/families
* Discuss how COVID is impacting the work you do with your MDT partners
* Discuss your current caseload, and the challenges you are facing

 VOCA Fix

* Thank Senators/House Members/Aides for their continued support of CACs and VOCA, and for the increased VOCA funding levels over the past 6 years.
* Point out that six years ago, CACs were receiving $21 million (total across all states), and now that total is close to $200 million and counting. Also, give examples of how this change is impacting your CAC.
* Urge them to pass a “VOCA Fix” that addresses the long-term sustainability of the VOCA Fund, a waiver of the VOCA Match requirement to cover the pandemic, and funding needs for the VOCA Victims Compensation program.
* Urge Congress to continue releasing as much as possible from the Fund – CACs still have unmet needs and this Fund is intended for victim services.

FY21/Annual Funding

Thank Senators/House Members/Aides for their help in fully funding the Victims of Child Abuse Act the past **EIGHT** years (FY13, FY14 and FY15 budgets at $19 million. FY16 at $20 million. FY17 and FY18 at $21 million. FY19 at $22.5 million. FY20 at $27 million.)

* Thank the Senators that signed Senator Coons/Blunt CAC FY21 funding letter. *(Letter is in packet)*
* Thank the House Members that signed Reps. Costa/Olsen/McAdams/Wagner CAC FY21 funding letter. (Letter is in packet.) Also thank House Reps for increasing the dollars when CJS came to the floor in July – now at $30.5 million.
* Urge all offices to continually weigh in with CJS Appropriators and ask for as close as possible to $40 million in funding for the Victims of Child Abuse Act program that both letters requested.

EARN IT: (Eliminating Abusive and Rampant Neglect of Interactive Technologies Act) would create incentives for companies to “earn” liability protection for violations of laws related to online child sexual abuse material (CSAM). Specifically, the bill:

* Creates a strong incentive for the tech industry to take online child sexual exploitation seriously.
* Establishes a National Commission on Online Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention to recommend best practices related to identifying and reporting online child sexual exploitation.
* Allows for Congressional review of best practices.
* Provides Safe harbors for liability.
* Recourse for survivors and tools for enforcement.

NCA is actively supporting passage of this bill.

CAPTA Reauthorization:

Increasing CAPTA funding and specifically include CACs as “eligible uses” of CAPTA funds, among other things.