



Largest Illinois CAC Service Goes Digital to Advance Forensic Interviewing

In 2016, Advocacy Network for Children (ANC) traveling Forensic Interviewers were using different analog forensic interview recording systems in each of its nine Western Illinois county CACs. This technology hodge-podge made keeping track of how to use each site's system unsustainable. As ANC's new Executive Director, Todd Shackelford knew ANC had to not only improve their interview recording but also standardize systems.

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Advocacy Network for Children**

V2 Advocate Interview Room Recording for Child Advocacy Centers (V2) was chosen because it would not only build continuity across the centers and be easy to use, but also give interviewers the latest digital technology. With some budget adjustments and the help of VOCA grants, seven systems have been installed since 2018. In these centers, V2 is the only system Forensic Interviewers need to know to record and manage interviews. According to Todd, “It's obvious that V2 was developed for our industry. It is very easy to use and the recordings are fantastic!”

In addition, to the seven centers, there are two mobile V2 units ready to travel with interviewers to victims at hospitals, schools or even rural county areas – wherever is most convenient for victims and their non-offending caregivers.



Headquartered in Quincy, IL, Advocacy Network for Children serves a rural and urban population of 200,000 across 5,000 sq. mi. in Western Illinois. Its nine CACs are accredited by National Children's Alliance and provide Forensic Interviewing and MDT services.

Learn more at advonet.org.

Testimonial



Why V2 Advocate:

- 1** Interviews are recorded in MP4 which downloads fast to flash drives –getting videos into the chain of evidence quicker, saving attorneys and Law Enforcement valuable time.
- 2** Organizing the videos is easy. This especially helpful when you have several recordings from victims who need several sessions to open up and share their full stories
- 3** Capability to securely send live interview feed to an alternate observation room. When severe cases require an MDT with more than three observers, the CACs' conference rooms can become temporary observation rooms which gives the expanded team room to spread out their paperwork as they watch via secured WIFI.
- 4** Superior recording clarity provides stronger case evidence because the interviews are recorded in HD video with crystal-clear audio.
- 5** Two Mobile units are a seamless addition:
 - ▶ Post interview, recordings can be securely downloaded to the system at the center assigned to case.
 - ▶ Temporary interview and observation rooms are easily set up with wireless technology.

So, their voices can be heard.

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