National Children's Alliance®



HISTORY OF THE CAC MOVEMENT

Who we are

National Children's Alliance (NCA) is the national association and accrediting body for Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs). Founded in 1988, NCA serves as a national voice for abused children for more than 30 years.

The first CAC was established in 1985 in Huntsville, Alabama, by then-District Attorney Bud Cramer. The model was later shared nationally and globally through the National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC).

What is a Children's Advocacy Center?

A Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is a child-friendly location where professionals work together to investigate child abuse, support children and families, promote healing, and hold offenders accountable. CACs bring together law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical, and victim advocacy professionals using a coordinated team approach.

Originally focused on child sexual abuse, CACs may also respond to:

- Severe physical abuse
- Exposure to violence
- Commercial sexual exploitation
- Children and adolescents with problematic sexual behaviors

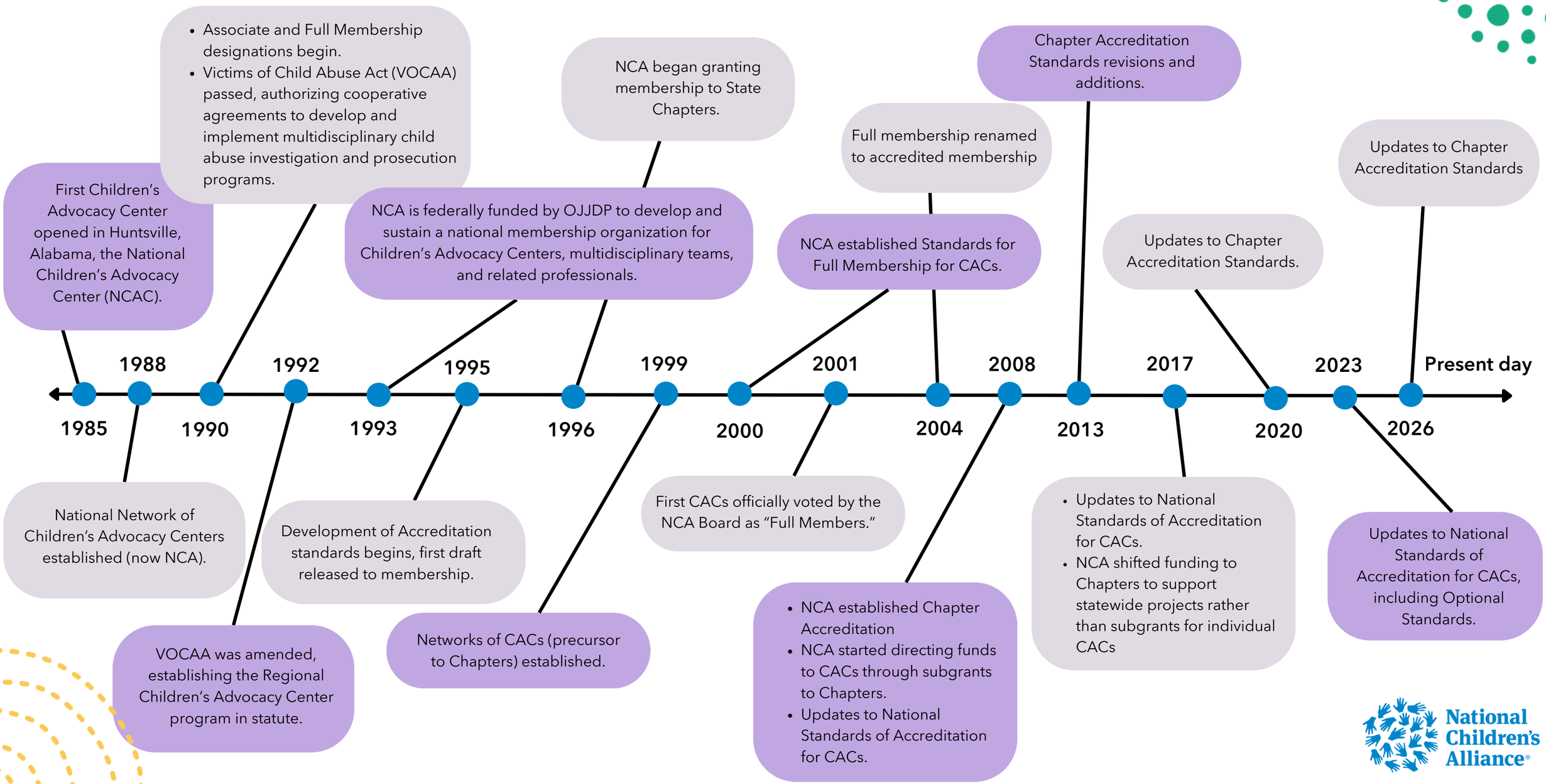
Our reach

- 950+ CACs across the U.S. and abroad
- 50 State Chapters
- Four membership types:
  - Accredited
  - Associate/Developing
  - Affiliate
  - Satellite

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