

KNOW THE NUMBERS

More than **600,000** children are abused or neglected in the U.S. each year

CACs serve over **380,000** children each year, with **2/3** of the cases involving sexual abuse

CACs provide abuse prevention education to **1.5 million** people each year

Michigan CACs provided forensic interviewing services to nearly **11,000** children, and medical services to over **3,000** children in 2023



Support Our Mission!



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Report Suspected Child Abuse

If you suspect child abuse or neglect, make a report by calling MDHHS
+1 (855) 444-3911



• **Chippewa** • **Luce** • **Mackinac** •

REACHING HEALING AND JUSTICE,
TOGETHER, FOR THE SAKE OF THE
CHILDREN WE SERVE.



Who Are We and What Do We Do?

CAC is the acronym for **Child Advocacy Center**. *Mashkawizii CAC* provides a safe and supportive environment for children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect. Our **Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT)** includes law enforcement, forensic interviewers, medical providers, prosecutors, advocates, mental health providers, and more! We work together to ensure each child has access to the services and care they need. MCAC is the first Tribal CAC in Michigan!



Mashkawizii reflects the inner strength and resilience of the children and families overcoming trauma and creating new pathways to live a good life.

CORE SERVICES

Our dedicated team is committed to providing personalized and compassionate care.

Forensic Interviewing

Mashkawizii CAC conducts child-centered interviews used to make informed decisions in the investigation process of abuse allegations. Our interviewers work hard to provide an un-biased environment where children can disclose events that they have experienced in a manner that prevents the need for multiple interviews. These interviews allow for families to continue to move forward in their journeys of healing and justice

Medical Examinations

Our trained medical professionals employ trauma-informed practices to ensure the physical and mental wellbeing of victims of abuse. *Mashkawizii CAC* provides sexual assault examinations including injury and STI assessments, collects forensic evidence, and provides follow-up care. Our nurses play crucial roles in ensuring the safety of the children we serve.

Victim and Family Advocacy

Experiencing abuse, neglect, and trauma can be difficult to process. Our advocates assist families in navigating complex systems and advocate for their needs. We help families develop safety plans, set goals, access resources, and more!

Woof! My name is Sunny and I am the facility dog for Mashkawizii CAC. I work hard to help kids feel comfortable. I can't wait to meet you!



Frequently Asked Questions

HOW DO I RECEIVE CAC SERVICES?

Referrals for CAC services generate through local law enforcement, MDHHS, or tribal CPS. If you do not have an open case, please report the abuse to either entity or contact our facility for further instructions.

HOW MUCH DO CAC SERVICES COST?

CAC services are provided free of charge to families.

WHO DOES THE CAC SERVE?

Mashkawizii CAC provides services to children and families impacted by abuse and/or neglect in Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac counties.

DO I HAVE TO BE TRIBAL TO RECEIVE CAC SERVICES?

No. Our services are available to all child victims of abuse, regardless of tribal affiliation.

