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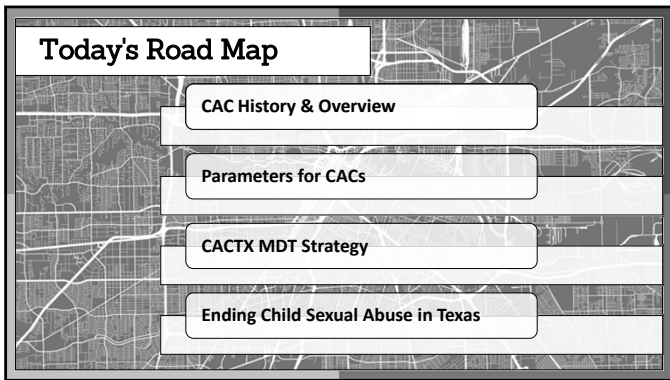
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### History & Overview of Texas CACs

In FY22, **68,018** children received critical services at a Texas CAC.

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### Child Abuse Investigations: Before & After

**Before CACs existed...**

- How were child abuse investigations conducted?
- Barriers for victims and families to access services?
- Barriers to achieving case resolutions for investigative partners?

**With the CAC model in place...**

- How are child abuse investigations conducted?
- Examples of collaboration and progress?
- Indicators of a functioning MDT?

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### Serving Texas' Children

The CAC Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) approach provides six core services:

- Joint Investigation Coordination
- Forensic Interviews
- Family Advocacy & Victim Support
- Trauma-Focused Therapy
- Medical Evaluations
- Multi-Disciplinary Case Review

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### Shared Goals for ALL CACs

- ✓ Need for increased collaboration amongst partners
- ✓ Achieving an effective coordinated response to child abuse
- ✓ Clear understanding of agency protocols, mandates, and policies

Facilitate successful outcomes in both the child protection and criminal justice systems through effective, collaborative fact finding and coordinated case development

Minimize re-victimization of child victims and protective family members throughout the investigation and prosecution processes

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### Parameters for Texas CACs

Texas Family Code Chapter 264 Statute

Texas Standards for Children's Advocacy Centers

Partner Agency Memorandum of Understanding

Multidisciplinary Team Working Protocols

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### Statutory Authorization for CACs

Chapter 264, Texas Family Code

**Section 264.402**

- Establishment of a CAC

**Sections 264.403 & 264.4031**

- Provides direction for MOUs and Working Protocols

**Section 264.406**

- Defines membership & scope of MDTs
- Allows for information sharing amongst investigative MDT partners

**Section 264.4061**

- Mandates when an MDT response must occur
- Establishes requirement & procedures for the forensic interview

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### CAC MOUs & Working Protocols




NECESSARY TO GUIDE THE WORK



SETS CLEAR EXPECTATIONS & UNDERSTANDING AMONGST PARTNERS



PARTNER INCLUSION DURING DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW OF GUIDELINES



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### Recalibrating the MDT Approach Strategy

**MDT Strategy: Individual**


CAC MDT Staff

**MDT Strategy: Teams**

CAC MDT (Mid-Level) Leadership

**MDT Strategy: Systems**

DFPS, OOG, Texas Police Chiefs Association, Sheriff's Association of Texas, and TDCOA



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Evolving our Mission:

**End Child Sexual Abuse Texas**

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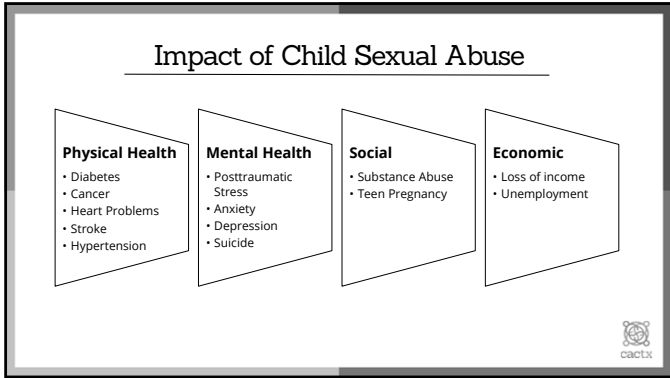
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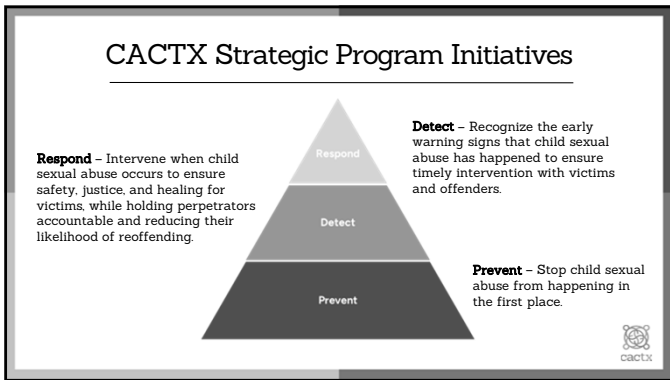
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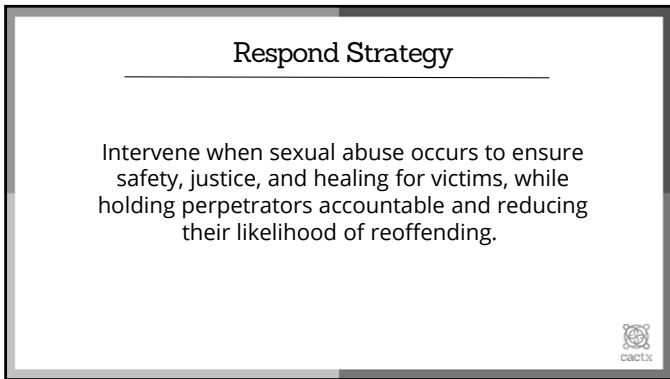
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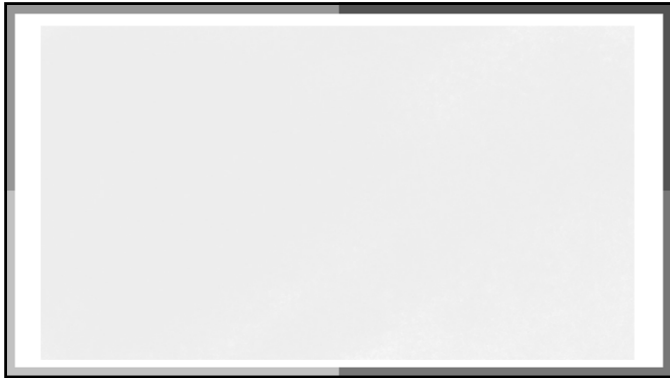
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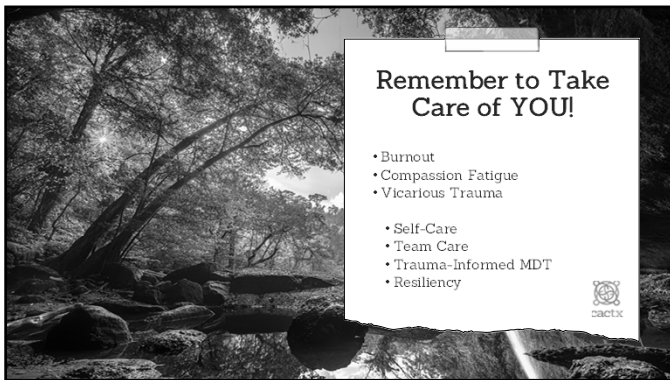
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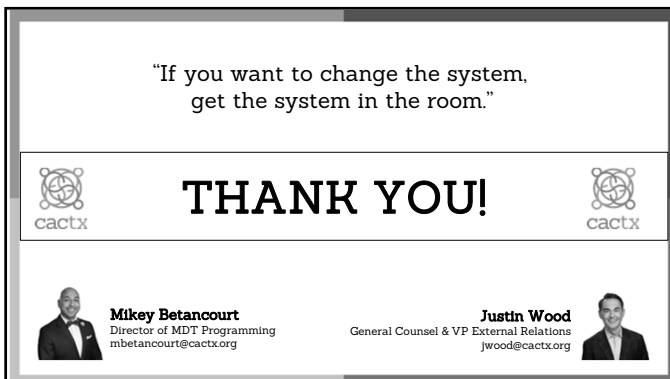
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