



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

**Department(s):** Justice Advisory Council

**Other Part(ies):**

Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (ChicagoCAC), Chicago, Illinois

Proviso Children's Advocacy Center, Broadview, Illinois

Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County, Hoffman Estates, Illinois

La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center, Park Forest, Illinois

All Our Children's Advocacy Center, Justice, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to negotiate and execute an Interagency Agreement to provide funding to the five Children's Advocacy Centers in Cook County.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Each CAC will utilize the County's grant of funds to (1) facilitate coordinated multidisciplinary investigations into reports of child abuse received; (2) conduct forensic interviews of alleged child victims and witnesses to violence; (3) provide social, mental health, crisis intervention, case management and other support services to children and families; and (4) maintain the space needed to perform its mission and support the work of its partner agencies. Chicago Children's Advocacy Center will act as the lead agency under this agreement. Funds will be disbursed quarterly to ChicagoCAC which will be responsible for distributing the funds equitably among the five CACs.

**Agreement period:** 12/1/2020 - 11/30 2021

**Fiscal Impact:** \$500,000.00

**Accounts:** 11100.1499.33915.521314 - Public Safety Fixed Charges (JAC) Special or Coop Program

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Summary/Notes:** As a result of a statutory changes in the Clerk of the Circuit Court's fee structure, the CACs in Cook County experienced a reduction that was partially shifted to the General Fund.

This request is for authorization to negotiate and enter into an Interagency Agreement with Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (ChicagoCAC), Proviso Children's Advocacy Center, Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County, La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center, and All Our Children's Advocacy Center in the amount of \$500,000.00 to investigate alleged child abuse, conduct forensic interviews, provide family advocacy, reduce trauma and identify resources so that children and families may begin the healing process. This Interagency Agreement would have a duration of twelve months.

Each CAC will utilize the County's grant of funds to (1) facilitate coordinated multidisciplinary investigations into reports of child abuse received; (2) conduct forensic interviews of alleged child victims and witnesses to violence; (3) provide social, mental health, crisis intervention, case management and other support services to children and families; and (4) maintain the space needed to perform its mission and support the work of its partner agencies. Chicago Children's Advocacy Center will act as the lead agency under this agreement. Funds will be disbursed quarterly to ChicagoCAC which will be responsible for distributing the funds equitably among the five CACs.

These services are requested to be delivered beginning 12/1/2020 - 11/30/2021.