



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Cook County Justice Advisory Council

**Other Part(ies):** Chicago Child Advocacy Center, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to enter into the Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement

**Goods or Services:** The Chicago Child Advocacy Center (ChicagoCAC) is responsible for responding to reports of child abuse in Chicago and/or Cook County and shall maintain appropriate space and staff qualified to provide advocacy services, forensic interviews and investigative services.

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

**Agreement Period:** October 20, 2022 - November 30, 2023

**Fiscal Impact:** \$500,000

**Accounts:** 11287.1205.39001.521314

**Summary:** The ChicagoCAC, an Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation and the Advocacy Centers Centers partner with government agencies and, collectively, are responsible for responding to reports of child abuse in Chicago and/or Cook County. As a result of statutory changes in the Clerk of the Circuit Court's fee structure, the Advocacy Centers lost in excess of \$500,000.00 per fiscal year in funding, and Cook County through the JAC seeks to provide a grant of funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 to the ChicagoCAC, which will be equally distributed among the Advocacy Centers by the ChicagoCAC for operational costs and to investigate alleged child abuse, conduct forensic interviews, and provide family advocacy, so that children and families may begin the healing process. Through this Intergovernmental Agreement, the ChicagoCAC and Advocacy Centers shall maintain appropriate space and staff who are qualified and prepared to provide advocacy services, forensic interviews and investigative services. The ChicagoCAC shall serve as the fiscal agent under this Agreement and will coordinate a work plan and reporting among the Advocacy Centers to JAC in order to facilitate multidisciplinary investigation, conduct forensic interviews of alleged child victims and witnesses to violence, providing social, mental health, crisis intervention, case management and other advocacy services to children and families and maintain the physical space needed to perform their various missions and support the work of its partner agencies. Full proposed agreement attached.