



Washington Association of Child Advocate Programs

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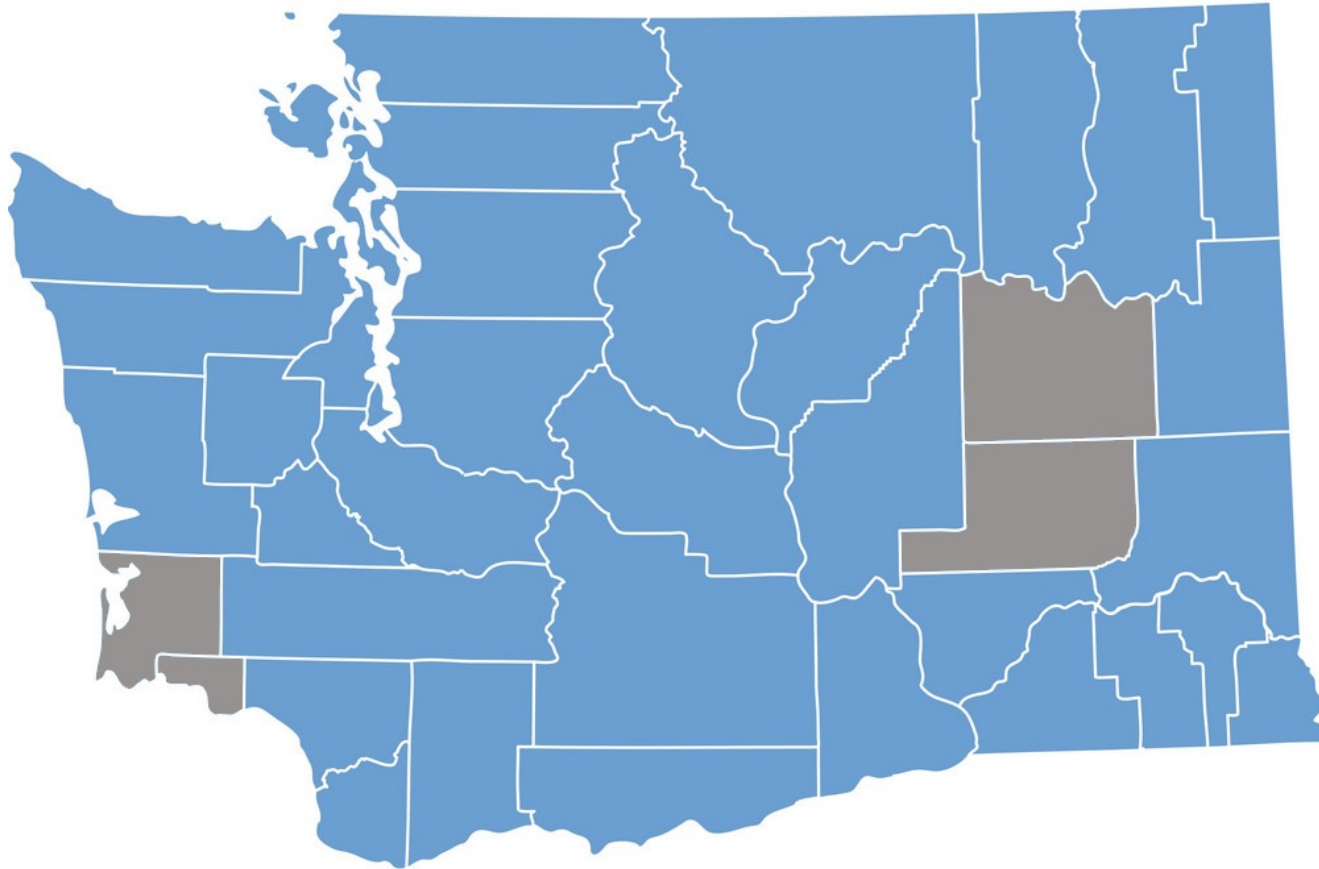
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Member Programs



Court Based

- Asotin-Garfield
- Benton-Franklin
- Clallam
- Ferry
- Grant
- Island
- Jefferson
- King
- Kitsap
- Klickitat
- Lewis
- Mason
- Okanogan
- Pierce
- San Juan
- Skagit
- Skamania
- Snohomish*
- Spokane
- Stevens
- Thurston
- Walla Walla- Columbia
- Whatcom
- Whitman

Non-Profit

- Chelan-Douglas
- Clark
- Cowlitz
- Grays Harbor
- Kittitas

Tribal

- Kalispel/Pend Oreille
- Port Gamble S'Klallam
- Quileute
- Spokane
- Yakama

About WACAP

- Founded in 1988; first employee in 1992
- Board consists of 8 program managers/staff; 2 Juvenile Court Administrators; 2 Judges; 1 volunteer
- Board Chair must be a program manager
- Annual Budget is around \$200,000/year
- Current executive director has served in this capacity since 2013.
- Memoranda of understanding with DCYF, AOC, Courts and Juvenile Court Administrators Association
- Serve all programs regardless of external membership per our Bylaws

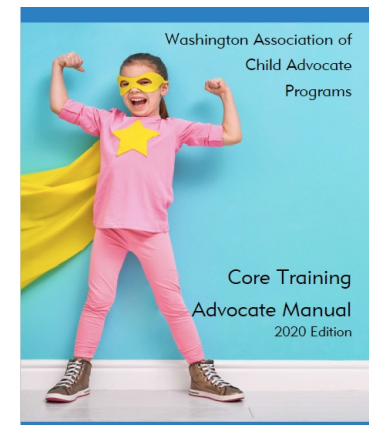
2021 Activities

- Legislative Advocacy
 - Weekly “legislative partners” meetings
 - Testified on Kids attorney bill, HB 1194, School Building liaison
 - Unsuccessful in our request for additional funding for the State program to support training (parent ally stipends and DV curriculum)
- Days of Data Survey - End of March and September
 - Survey of volunteers regarding outcomes for the children they serve
 - Survey we run every Spring and Fall (except Fall 2019)
 - Approximately 800 responses; Reports delayed
 - Previous reports available on our website



Core Trainings

- New Advocate Core training approved
 - 30 hours of in class instruction
 - Accompanying Facilitator's Guide and YouTube Facilitator's Guide
 - Volunteer Manual organized by topic with accompanying research articles and video links
- WACAP has started online training May 2020 and has since conducted 8 more
- Over 500 trained over past two years
- Next training starts Jan 10!



Curriculum

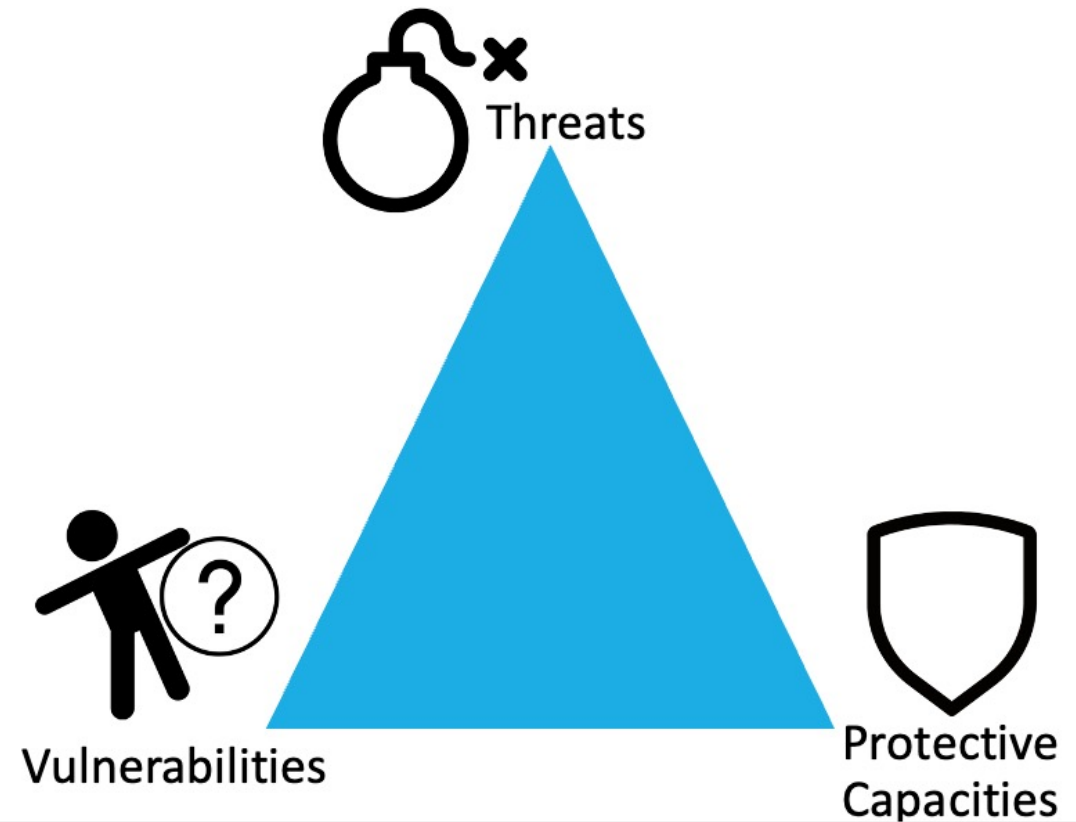
- Focuses heavily on reunification during first year of process
- Parent Ally introduced on first day
- Incorporates Washington specific materials -- GALR rules, Safety Guide, Family Time Guidelines, “In her shoes” DV training
- 30 day checklist and “Best Interests” decision making guide
- Trauma Informed, Adult Learning Centered and developed with program staff from across the state; edited and reviewed by AOC staff

Included research articles and YouTube videos:

- “A Cure worse than the disease? The Impact of Removal on Children and Their Families”
- “However Kindly Intentioned: Structural Racism and Volunteer CASA Programs
- “Addressing Bias” card adapted from NCJFCJ Benchcard
- “Rethinking Foster Care” Molly McGrath Tierney

Safety Framework

- HB 1194 (visitation bill) led to many conversations about implementation
- Coincides with court/DCYF federal “Program Improvement Plan” roll out of ABA’s Safety Framework
- Conducted 10 + trainings for advocates and staff since July 25



Funding Support

- VOCA Grants
- IV-E Training Reimbursements
- State Funding Requests
 - AmeriCorps Volunteers
 - Regional Program Attorneys

