



MASSACHUSETTS CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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## **Massachusetts Children's Alliance Warns Looming Funding Cuts to Services for Victims of Child Abuse**

*Organizations Serving Child Survivors Face Reductions of at Least 30% Without Victim Service Funding*

**May 19, 2026 (Boston, MA)** – [Massachusetts Children's Alliance](#) is warning that looming victim service funding cuts could significantly disrupt services for children, youth, and families impacted by abuse, exploitation, violence, and trauma unless the Massachusetts Senate restores the funding in its version of the FY 27 budget.

Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) across Massachusetts are facing projected cuts of at least 30 percent in FY 27 tied to the continued decline in federal Victims of Crime Act funding, a major source of support for victim service providers. In addition to those reductions, many CACs are experiencing cuts to their direct grant awards through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance, compounding the funding cuts to these organizations.

"These budget cuts to victim services threaten the infrastructure that supports children and youth in Massachusetts recovering from abuse, exploitation, violence, and trauma," said Thomas King, executive director of the Massachusetts Children's

Alliance. "We cannot allow critical services to erode at the exact time children need them the most. We call on the Senate to fully and fairly fund these services."

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has identified combating commercial sexual exploitation of children as a major component of the state's [five-year plan to address sex trafficking](#). Yet, the administration's budget included a \$13.8 million gap in funding these services. A budget amendment filed in the Senate will restore the funds and preserve trauma-informed services for child survivors.

The proposed funding cuts come at a time when state revenue exceeded projections by nearly a billion dollars in April.

"No child should have to experience abuse or exploitation," added King. "Those who do, however, deserve stability, support, and access to coordinated care. We can and must meet the moment."

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### **ABOUT MASSACHUSETTS CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE**

The Massachusetts Children's Alliance drives the innovative work to help child abuse victims get the best care possible. We do that by promoting interventions that work, delivering effective educational programming, galvanizing legislative support, and mobilizing communities to have tough, but necessary, conversations about child abuse.

Our mission is to ensure that all children and families affected by sexual and physical violence have access to the high quality, comprehensive, specialized, and culturally sensitive services of one of our member programs. This nationally recognized, empirically supported approach is the best way to put child victims and their families on a path of healing, hope and justice. To learn more visit [machildrensalliance.org](http://machildrensalliance.org)

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