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Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Awards 17 Counties \$2.7 Million in Grants to Serve Child Victims

Funding distribution assures service provision to children throughout the state

CHICAGO—February 27, 2018: Seventeen counties in Illinois are getting a share of \$2.7 million to serve children who are victims of violence.

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) Executive Director John Maki announced the grant awards today. The money will help fund organizations whose advocates are trained in trauma-informed practices and offer emotional support to those who have been victimized.

“We know that less than 10 percent of children who are victims of violent crimes, such as rape, robbery, or aggravated assault, get the emotional support they need,” Maki said. “These awards will help us engage them more quickly, get them connected with someone who will help them navigate through the court process, and pave the way to more positive outcomes.”

The grants are funded with federal fiscal year 2016 Victim of Crime Act funds and were awarded through a competitive process to the following court-appointed special advocate (CASA) agencies:

Adams County CASA	\$117,317
Champaign County CASA	\$129,247
Child Abuse Council Quad Cities	\$76,745
Cole County CASA	\$88,783
Cook County CASA	\$135,000
DeKalb County CASA	\$98,951
Effingham County CASA	\$50,000

Franklin County CASA	\$41,396
Kane County CASA	\$499,270
Lake County CASA	\$149,918
Macon County CASA	\$130,624
McHenry County CASA	\$67,663
McLean County CASA	\$181,978
Peoria County CASA	\$494,434
St. Clair County CASA	\$212,097
Vermilion County CASA	\$169,781
Williamson County CASA	\$54,187

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