



**National Children's
Advocacy Center**

Constructing the Foundation for Research Into Practice

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The NCAC models, promotes, and delivers excellence in child abuse response and prevention through service, education, and leadership.

RIP for Practitioners

- Who are those practitioners anyway?
- Information needs of practitioners
- Common strategies for enabling RIP
- Strengths and shortcomings of RIP strategies
- Role of the research literature
- Getting the literature into the hands of practitioners

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Generalization 3: Practice Is Bound by Constraints

They have heavy case loads, limited funding, time constraints and little access to research info.

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Word of Mouth

Pro: Timely, specific to need

Con: Uncertain quality, depends on networking

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Research Literature

Pro: Specificity, currency, timely, expert, context

Con: Expensive, inaccessibility, volume



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Impact Factors

1. Information needed
2. When it is needed
3. Easily acquired
4. At a reasonable cost



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Principle III: Training and Service

Provide users with the ability to find what they are looking for and personalized assistance when needed.

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Cordisco Steele, L. (National Children's Advocacy Center, 2016)

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Klemfuss, J. Z., Cleveland, K. C., Quas, J. A., & Lyon, T. D. (Legal and Criminological Psychology, 2016)
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Digital Libraries

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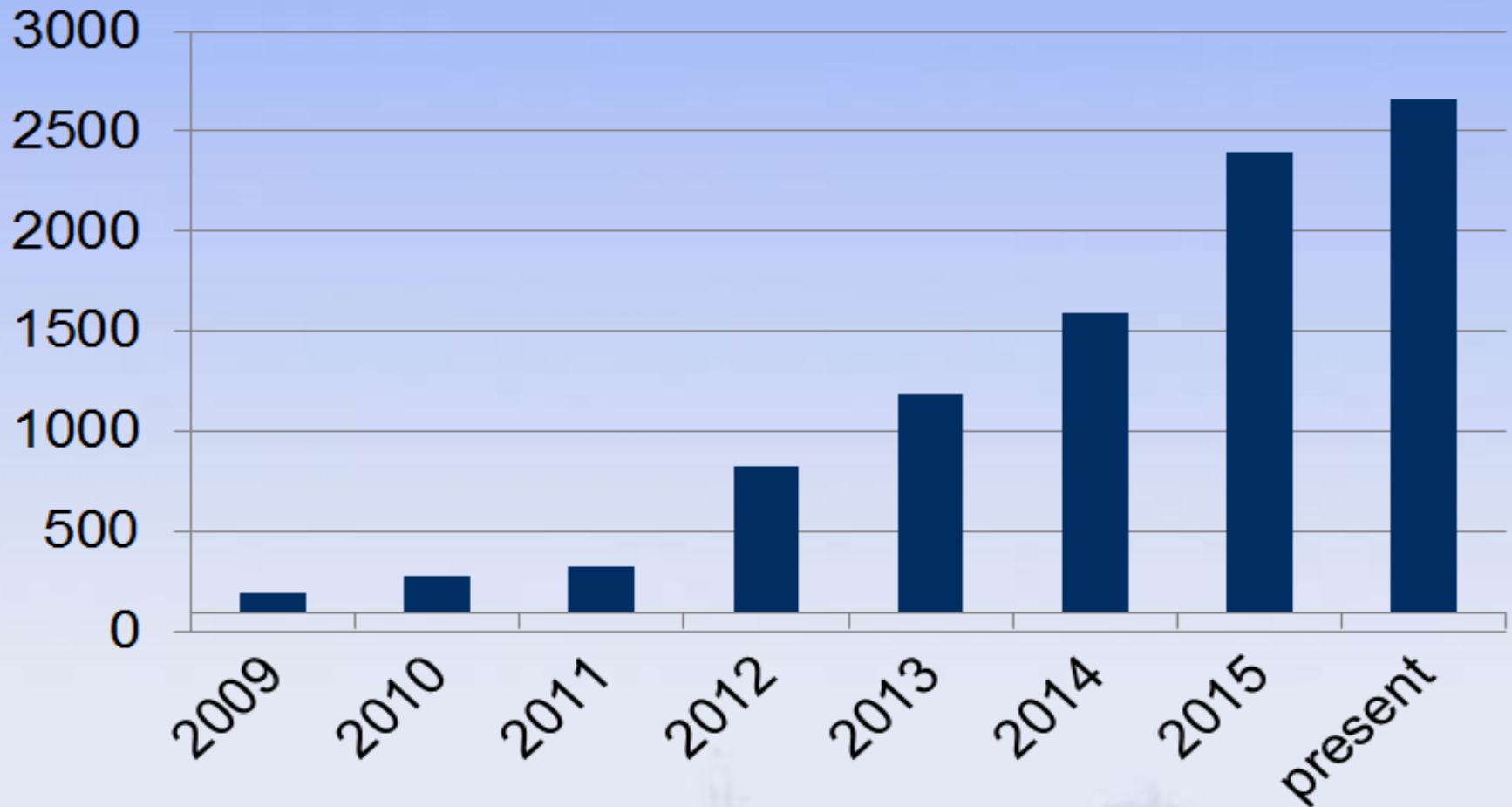
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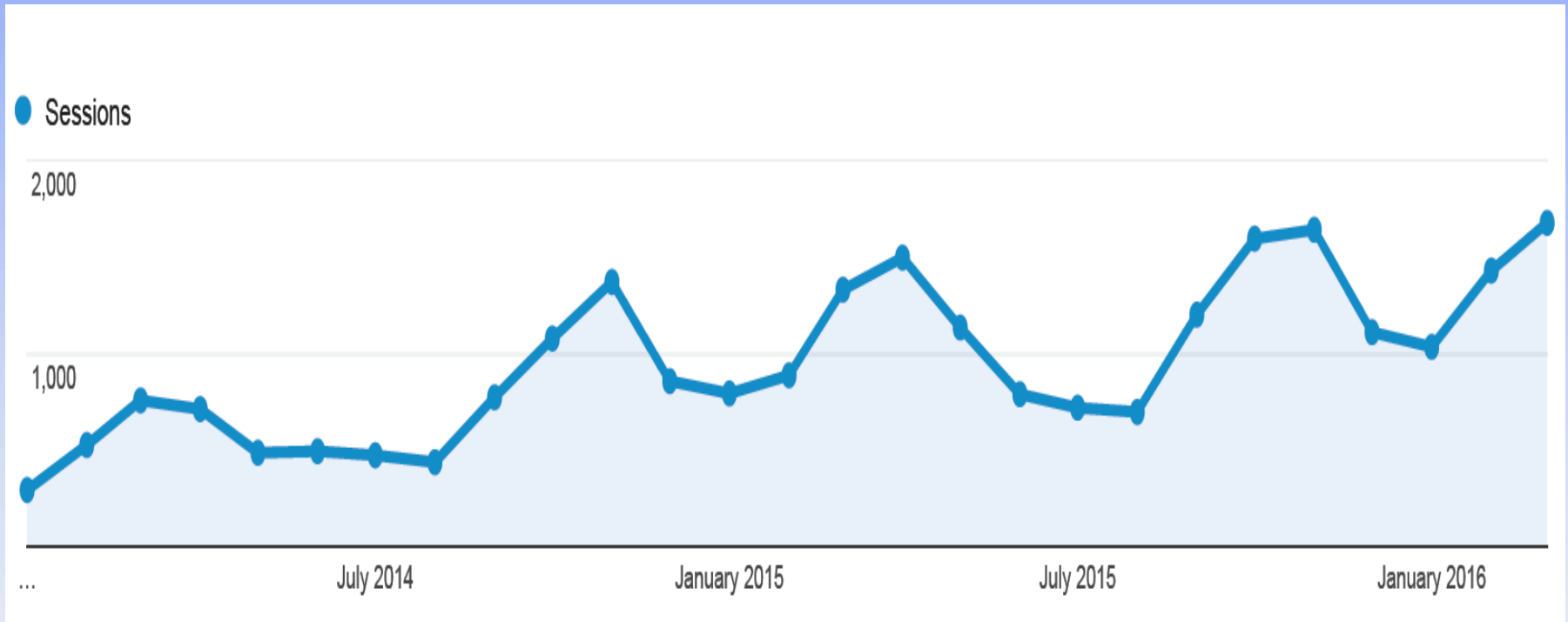
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Growth of CALiO™ Collections



CALiO™ Collections Client Sessions by Month

More than 22,000 unique visitors over the past 18 months

More than 1,500 information seeking sessions per month in the past year

CALiO™ Services for Professionals

- Topical bibliographies with direct links to full text
- CALiO™ training incorporated in NCAC courses
- Workshops on evidence-based information seeking
- Online tutorials
- Quick turnaround reference for all CA professionals
- Online chat and email services
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Cost Considerations

Basic Technology Costs

dSpaceDirect hosting service includes repository software, hosted on their servers, with their IT support. (Separate website is optional.)

Open Access Collections Costs

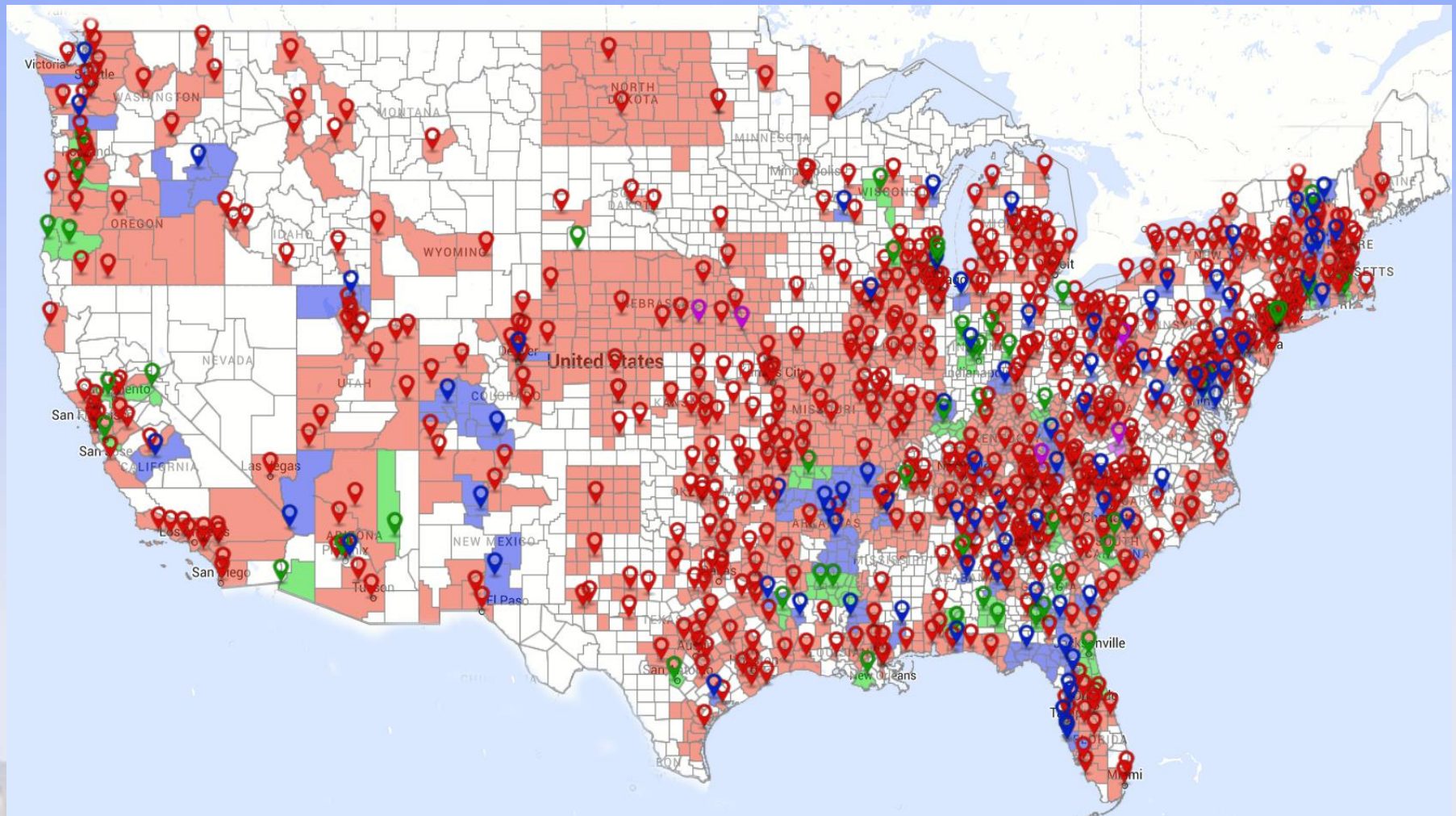
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Services

Online help and personal support, if offered.

Origins of NCAC

- The scourge of child abuse
- A coordinated plan to address child abuse
- The first Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)
- CAC multi-disciplinary teams
- Proliferation of the CAC model
- Role of the National Children's Advocacy Center
- Establishment of the National Children's Alliance



National Distribution of Children's Advocacy Centers

Origins of CALiO™

- A digital library for CAC multi-disciplinary teams
- Professions represented in multi-disciplinary teams
- Basic assumptions about our digital library clientele
- Guiding principles for the digital library

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Conclusions and the Future of RIP

- CALiO™ as a model for field professionals
- Translating research into practice
- Lifelong learning and evidence-based practice
- Evaluation research as a guide to future development
- Becoming a space for interactive information sharing
- The global battle against child abuse and trafficking

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