

CACInsider

MARCH 2017 EDITION

Greetings!

April is almost here and it is time to celebrate as Spring gets into full swing! In this edition you will find information about upcoming trainings, Legislative Day, new events happening in Illinois CACs and highlights from the 8th Annual Champions of Children Conference.

CACI would like to thank everyone who made our MDT Conference a success. We appreciate the participants' eagerness to take the time to learn about the latest research in their fields, acquire the best evidenced-based practice knowledge and embrace this networking opportunity. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out their conference evaluations. We use your feedback to strengthen the conference and reflect on additional training needs. (If you did not have a chance to complete yours, you may download it [HERE](#) to mail or email in).

This year's conference truly highlighted how important **each and every** member of the MDT is and how **Together Everyone Achieves More**.

Billie, Kim, Cara and Michelle

Champions of Children Conference MDT Enrichment & Development Training



A snowy Hamburger University



Det. Jeff Rich



Dan Powers



Kevin Mulcahy



Jeffrey N. Wherry



Prosecutor Round Table



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With changes to immigration procedures pending, is there a greater likelihood that the needs for bi-lingual services could be on the decline?

What is your CAC policy if a parent or a child presents to the CAC and is undocumented?

Is your policy in print?

Has it been shared with your MDT?

The disturbing reason Los Angeles Latinos are reporting 25% fewer sexual assaults - read the full article [here](#)

[DOWNLOAD A COPY OF OUR NEW BROCHURE HERE](#)

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF ILLINOIS



In FY16
11,646 children
were referred to
Illinois CACs





Did you know that 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday?

CACI Board & Council Monthly Update

Mark Parr and Char Rivette have taken on the Chairperson-ship of the new Legislative Committee of CACI Council. Current committee members include: Johanna Hager, Shirley Johnson, Lisa Las, and Misty Mariner and we are looking for more members. If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Mark at MParr@cachelps.org. The committee will focus on:

- Identifying pending legislation that affects our work,
- Educating the CAC Directors of any such legislation and determining a position
- Getting input and making recommendations for changes in pending legislation
- Creating a policy agenda and garnering support and sponsors

This spring session is a particularly busy one! Legislation we are involved in includes SB189, which calls for eliminating the statute of limitations for ALL child sexual abuse (CACI was SUPPORTING this bill, and it is expected to pass in the Senate), HB3288, which calls for universal mandated reporting (CACI OPPOSED this bill and it is currently being rewritten), and HB3252 which would alter SASETA to allow pediatric exams at Children's Advocacy Centers (we were NEUTRAL, and this bill is still in committee, so with expected changes, CACI may support.) You can go to <http://www.ilga.gov> to review and track pending bills.

IJOA & IDOA Annual State Conference

Continued Professional Training

June 14-16, 2017

For more information click [HERE](#)



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Collect your change & donate to the
Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois!

"CHANGE" THE LIFE OF A CHILD

CACI would like to extend our deepest gratitude to [Erin Merryn](#), Founder and President of Erin's Law & CACI Board Member for coordinating our 2016 #GivingTuesday fundraiser.

"Change the Life of a Child" netted \$888.21



SAVE THE DATE

2017 DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL MARRIOTT

SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2017

SAVE THE DATE
LEGISLATIVE DAY
04/06/17



LEGISLATIVE DAY 2017 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

To bring attention to Child Abuse Prevention Month, CACI will have a table set up in the Rotunda of the Illinois State Capitol building on April 6th from 10am - 2pm.

DCFS Director George H. Sheldon will be joining us at the Press Conference that will be held at 12:30 pm!

CAC Directors, Staff, Board Members and MDT members are invited to join! We are encouraging attendees to take this opportunity to visit their representatives and discuss the importance of CACs in the state of Illinois. More info to come!



**LIGHTS,
CAMERA
CACI TRAINING!!**

2017 CACI Training Calendar

Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois are committed to promoting excellence in Illinois CACs through Leadership, Education, and Collaboration.

GOAL: To provide training opportunities to strengthen CACs and MDT partners, in accordance with the best practice and NCA standards for accreditation which result in better serving Illinois children and their families.

PURPOSE: CACI seeks input from member CACs and MDT members to better create training opportunities for frontline professionals that meet the needs of each MDT member.

PLAN: To provide high quality discipline specific training and serve as a resource and as support to our CACs and MDTs.



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ChildFirst Forensic Interview Training Spring 2017

ChildFirst Forensic Interview Training is being offered in an additional spring session due to several requests!



Preference will be given to those who apply to attend the training as a multidisciplinary team (MDT) member.

Payment is required upon registration.



Training will be held at the Chateau Hotel & Conference Center in Bloomington, IL on April 10-14, 2017

Registration fee is \$450 and includes a plated lunch.

The Chateau Hotel has complimentary breakfast for those staying. Please mention "Children's Advocacy Centers of IL" to receive our special \$79 rate for the training.

To register click [here](#)

UPCOMING ADVOCATE ROUND TABLES

**May 1st Northern/Cook Regions
Advocate Round Table
@ Shining Star CAC**

**May 17th Central Region Advocate
Round Table
@Tazewell CAC**

**May 22nd Southern Region Advocate
Round Table
@ Amy Center**

MORE INFO TO COME

NORTHERN REGION MDT TRAINING

June 27-30 2017
Rockford, Illinois

FIVE TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED INTO THE TRAINING AT THE COST OF
\$2500 PER MDT.
COST INCLUDES SLEEPING ROOMS FOR 4 NIGHTS, LIGHT BREAKFAST &
LUNCH TUESDAY-THURSDAY & BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY.

This is an important opportunity, for not only your team today but as we look down the road for your team in the coming months as we get into new sources of funding streams. This is a unique opportunity and an excellent training as the state moves to a different look with the report from the CJTF on MDT's in Illinois.

You can find the application [here](#) and please know that it is a bit time consuming so please don't wait to apply!

Statewide MDT Coordinator, [Kim Mangiaracino](#)

SAVE THE DATE

NCA Standards Training
May 24, 2017
CACI Office

ChildFirst
Oct. 2-6, 2017
President Abraham Lincoln Hotel
Springfield, IL

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Illinois CACs



Make all the difference

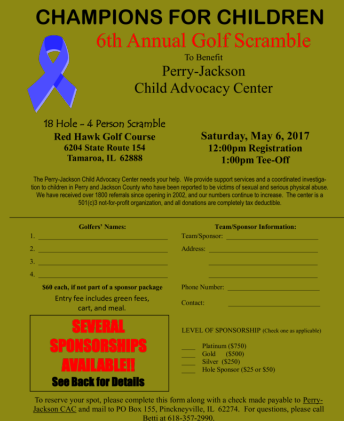


WELCOME
TO THE CAC WORLD

KARI MAY, Executive Director, CHAMPAIGN CO CAC
and
CHRISTINA LANDRE, Part time Bilingual Child/Family Advocate, MCHENRY CO CAC

PERRY-JACKSON CAC HAS SEVERAL EVENTS COMING UP.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW/DOWNLOAD THE FLYERS.



The Amy Center held its 9th Annual Celebrity Waiter Dinner fund raiser. Thanks to the co-chairpersons on our board, Janet Seagraves, Angie Wilson and Tina Suarez, this year was a resounding success! Table themes included Carnivals, Farm Hands, Mardi Gras, Nascar, the Roaring Twenties, The Sixties, St Patrick's Day and of course The Cardinals and Cubs. Entertainment was provided by The Presswoods; a father son duo that performs music from almost every genre imaginable. Games ranged from pin the tail on the donkey to taking an actual breathalyzer provided by law enforcement. In addition to all the fun of this event, the proceeds came to over \$16,000! This event keeps us going throughout the year. Now we turn our attention to our Golf outing in June.

- Ladonna Richards, Executive Director





TYLER'S JUSTICE CENTER FOR CHILDREN

We have an exciting fundraiser coming up! On April 1st, we are having our 3rd annual Men Who Cook event at the Freeport Masonic Temple in Freeport Illinois from 5-8pm. It is \$20 per ticket ahead of time, or \$25 at the door, children 12 and under are free! Come hungry, because there will be LOTS to eat thanks to our cooks! We will have entertainment throughout the event, as well as a cash bar and a silent auction. It should be a fun time! Click [HERE](#) for more information!

Also, we moved our event to April, instead of March like previous years, to help kick off Child Abuse Awareness Month, so we are hoping to do a little community education the night of our fundraiser, as well. We have also been working with Riverview Center in making ribbons in support of BOTH Child Abuse Awareness Month AND Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This has been fun to do, although time consuming! However, with one ribbon, our community will be able to support both causes.



NEW: Changing our Understanding of Youth with Sexually Problematic Behaviors

Monday, April 10 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Keeping My Family Safe hosted at Fosco Park

Thursday, April 13 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

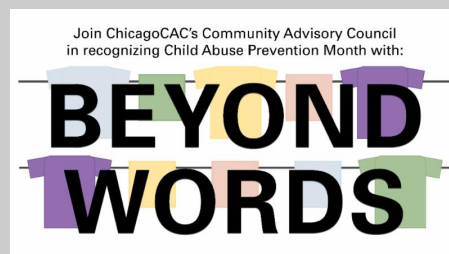
NEW: Supporting Non-offending Caregivers after Child Sexual Abuse

Friday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to noon

Keeping Children Safe

Wednesday, April 26 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Learn more about all of our trainings and schedule one for your workplace or community site [HERE](#)



On April 2, ChicagoCAC's Community Advisory Council is BEYOND WORDS, an event focusing on survivors of child sexual abuse and how their experiences equip adults to protect children and help families heal. Guests are invited to create artwork as part of our interactive wall display, and we will enjoy live music, a poetry reading and light refreshments. Families and community members of all ages are welcome. This event will include discussion of child sexual abuse and survivorship.

The display will also be moving throughout Chicago during the month of April. View complete locations on their website: <http://www.chicagocac.org/get-involved/events/beyond-words/>

Robert D. Hart, MD
Endowed Lectureship Series
presents

COMMUNITY NIGHT

The First Signs of Abuse: Minor Trauma, Major Concern



featuring
Jonathan Thackeray, MD

The first signs of abuse are often so minor they are easily missed. Join Dr. Thackeray as he reviews common "sentinel injuries" and provides strategies to the community in identifying and responding to them with the goal of preventing recurrent injuries to children. Dr. Thackeray is a child abuse pediatrician and is the Chief Medical Community Health Officer at Dayton Children's Hospital and Vice-Chair of Pediatrics at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine.

**Wednesday, April 26
6:30 p.m.**

**Jump Simulation
1306 N Berkeley Ave**

**Parking available in
the deck at OSF**

FREE Register online at
go.uic.edu/hart
or by contacting Stephanie at 309.655.4242 or
smaho3@uic.edu

The Robert D. Hart, MD Endowed Lectureship was established in 2002 to honor the late Dr. Hart for his distinguished medical career. Income from this fund enables prominent scholars to enhance training and education of medical students, residents and practicing physicians in our community.



Robert D. Hart, MD Endowed Lectureship Series

Pediatric Grand Rounds: Abusive Head Trauma in the era of #FakeNews



featuring
Jonathan Thackeray, MD

Dr. Thackeray is the Chief Medical Community Health Officer at Dayton Children's Hospital and Vice-Chair of Pediatrics at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. In these roles, he leads the hospital's Community Health Institute working to improve the health and wellness of families in the region. Dr. Thackeray is a child abuse pediatrician and serves as the Sub-Board Chair for Child Abuse Pediatrics for the American Board of Pediatrics. He has been in clinical practice over ten years and recently served as Assistant Medical Director for the Ohio Department of Medicaid from 2015-2017.

**Thursday, April 27
8 - 9 am**

Jump Simulation Auditorium A & B



The Family Service Agency in Dekalb, IL is having their "Walk to End Child Abuse" coming up on April 22nd. We will be walking from Sycamore High School to the Courthouse and back.

When we return, we have our very popular "Throw a Pie at a Cop". Four Police Chiefs and our State's Attorney make the sacrifice of being pied in the face (several times) for a great cause!

Registration starts at 8:30am and breakfast will be provided. Registration is \$25. We have a ton of great raffle prizes!!

For more information click [here](#)

WALK TO END CHILD ABUSE

April 22nd

8:30am

Sycamore High
School Field House



Help wanted!



JOB OPENING: Trauma Therapist position.
More info available [here](#)



Remember the last trip you made and felt like you hated living out of a suitcase? Imagine what it would be like to be a foster child, moving your things from home to home in a trash bag.....

It is not a myth that this happens....even here in McLean, Livingston and Dewitt Counties. You can help us change that! If you can donate a new duffel bag or suitcase, we will make certain it makes its way to a child who needs it.

Just drop off the new piece at our center, and we will make certain your donation finds a home.

Children's Advocacy Center and CASA Program
Serving McLean, Livingston and Dewitt County Children
200 W. Front Street, Suite 500-B or E


JAMES W. GLASGOW
Will County State's Attorney




WILL COUNTY
Children's
ADVOCACY CENTER
MORE TRAINING AND JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN


EDWARD
HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES

Will County Child Sexual Abuse Conference

...from disclosure to healing!

Tuesday, April 18, 2017
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Jacob Henry Mansion Estate
15 S. Richards Street, Joliet

\$15/Person
Lunch Provided


LIVE UNITED
United Way
Joliet Area of Will County

For Law Enforcement, Health Care, Mental Health, & School Professionals

CEU Credits Available:

- LPC/LCPC
- LSW/LCSW
- CNU

TOPICS COVERED: What Should You Do If A Child Discloses Abuse? • Victim Sensitive Interviews: What Are They & Why Are They Utilized? • Prosecution of Child Sexual Abuse • Medical Care After Child Sexual Abuse • Impact & Mental Health Treatment of Trauma • High Tech Crimes Against Children


Shining Star
Champions for Children
Walk - 2017
Saturday June 3rd

Lowell Park, 2114 Lowell Park Road, Dixon, IL
Check in will begin at 8:30 am; walk will begin at 9:00 am

Run, Walk or Fly to the 2017 Champions for Children Walk!

Name: _____ Address/City/State: _____
Phone: () _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: F M
Email Address: _____
(Communication will come through email, so providing a valid email address is crucial.)
EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name & phone #): _____
Team Name (if applicable): _____


Shining Star
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eliminating racism
empowering women
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The 8th Annual Multi-Disciplinary Team Conference on Crimes Against Children

April 18th & 19th, 2017

The Conference will be held at the Elks Lodge
1279 Franklin Grove Rd, Dixon, IL 61021
The Conference is FREE to all attendees.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017
8:30-9:00 Registration
9:00-12:00 Investigating Child Sex Crimes and Why Your Involvement Matters
Kathy Kiesel, Special Victims Detective, educator, and motivational

* Registrations MUST be received by May 15th to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Early Registration Fee: \$20 Adults (\$25 after May 15th) _____ (Total Due)

T-shirt size: S M L XL 2XL _____

\$10 Youth (17 and under) _____

Youth shirt size: XS S M L XL 2XL _____

Some day registration \$25 adults; \$10 Youth

***NEW 2017 YEAR: Youth registrations can choose between a t-shirt or a cap.**
Additional caps can be purchased for \$10 each.

I wish to purchase _____ additional caps. \$ \$10 = _____ Total

Mail registration form and payment (check) payable to: Shining Star CAC, 801 Shining Star CAC • 218 E. W. Street, Suite 110 • O'Fallon, IL 60221
Or you can register online at <https://2017championsforchildrenwalk.speakeasy.com/>

Signature of participant _____ (Print or provide a signature if less than 18 years of age)
When I agree to participate in this conference, I agree to be photographed by the organizers for promotional purposes. I understand that my image may be used in various media, including but not limited to, websites, brochures, and other promotional materials. I understand that my image may be used in various media, including but not limited to, websites, brochures, and other promotional materials. I understand that my image may be used in various media, including but not limited to, websites, brochures, and other promotional materials.

speaker

This workshop is for multi-disciplinary teams. It is designed to show why every investigation should be done as a team and not just by a lone investigator. It will also highlight evidence some investigators do not consider.

12:00-1:00 **Lunch (provided)**

1:00-4:00 **Collecting Evidence in Child Abuse Investigations: Going Beyond the Allegation**
 Karen Thibault, Special Victims Detective, author, educator, and motivational speaker

Over the past decade reports of child abuse in child sex crimes have increased dramatically. Due to the nature of the crime and the fact some victims delay in reporting, proving these cases can be challenging. In most cases, there are no objective references to the crime, only the victim. Often times, the only source the investigator is able to rely on is the victim. This workshop will provide the investigator with the tools to gather evidence beyond the victim's statement. It will discuss how to build a case around the allegation to search for other things to support the allegation. Detective Thibault will also discuss why it is important to gather information outside of the child victim's home. The purpose of this workshop is to help investigator and child welfare providers build stronger cases that involve only allegations.

Champions for Children Walk
 For more information click [HERE](#)

MDT CONFERENCE
 For more information click [HERE](#)

25th Annual
Downstate
Conference
On
CHILD ABUSE

Save The Date
 April 25th - 26th, 2017

Hilton Garden Inn, 360 Regency Park, O'Fallon, Illinois

Please continue to check our website at www.downstateconference.com for more details and changes.

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Check out our
 website for up to
 date information