



Greetings!

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has" - Margaret Mead*

This last month has brought a lot of changes (all good) to your Illinois CACs. Starting with the release of a new VOCA (Victim's of Crime Act) grant that will have CACI as the lead entity. And if that isn't enough, three of those Illinois CACs welcomed new Executive Directors! Please join us in wishing the best to Brooke Chesney, Knox County CAC, Carrie Flanigan, Lake County CAC and Martha Cassel, Two Rivers CAC!

Wishing you a safe and fun Memorial Day,  
Billie, Kim, Cara and Michelle

## JOB OPENING

Full Time Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant monitor needed for oversight of CAC VOCA goals and objectives.

This position, beginning on July 1st and based in Springfield, will work both closely with the Illinois CACs as well as the fiscal monitor and the CACI Executive Director. Some travel is included for monitoring. Experience with grants and more specifically with the work of Children's Advocacy Centers, knowledge of grant reporting and experience with responsibilities and awareness of grant requirements..



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**Poshard Foundation donates \$100,000 to child care agencies**





**CACI Board Member Jo Poshard**

Child Abuse Prevention month will soon come to an end, and the Poshard Foundation marked the event by donating more than \$100,000 to local child care organizations.

Every year the foundation holds a fundraiser to support the grant. Friday, dozens filled the John A. Logan Board room to receive part of a 100-thousand dollar donation.

The individuals represent 30 agencies that work on behalf of abused children.

Read the full article [here](#)

Unified Children's Advocacy Centers (UCAN) Executive Director, Sharon Clagg displayed work from local high school artists at the Council Meeting on May 18th.

UCAN held a logo contest for their new CAC!



**CACs don't just help kids recover from trauma.**

**They help kids help investigators solve crimes.**

As Baltimore endures record violence, city police and prosecutors are turning to an unlikely source to unlock crime scene clues: children.

The Police Department and state's attorney's office will announce Monday that they are partnering with trained interviewers at the Baltimore Child Abuse Center to question children who have witnessed violence or other crimes. The idea is both to help children deal with the trauma and to solve the crimes.

"Children witnesses oftentimes suffer first-hand violence," said Baltimore State's Attorney [Marilyn J. Mosby](#). "The post-traumatic stress, the depression, attachment issues ... If we don't try to channel this in a productive way, it can be detrimental."

But the children are also potentially valuable witnesses in a city where 130 people have been killed this year and violent crime is surging, officials say. Continue reading [here](#)

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**THANK YOU** to the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield - a Doubletree by Hilton Hotel and Malinda Beagles for the very generous donation and for making CACI your chosen charity for the month of April. This kind act will help many many kids!



**Illinois to Change Sex-Abuse Law With Help of Hastert Victim**



Illinois is set to eliminate the statute of limitations in child abuse cases through legislation passed with support from a victim of imprisoned former U.S. Rep. Dennis Hastert.

Lisa Madigan said that child victims can spend their whole lives "trying to recover and heal." "There should be no limitation on the pursuit of justice for felony sex crimes committed against children," she said Thursday in an emailed statement. "We must ensure survivors are able to come forward in their own time and receive the support they need and deserve." Continue reading [here](#)



Former House Speaker Dennis Hastert is currently serving a 15-month prison term in a sexual abuse case

**Advocates from the Northern and Cook Regions gathered on May 11th at Shining Star CAC to strengthen communication tools for best possible outcomes for the children they work with.**



**The names listed below are of the fantastic advocates who help children and families in some of their greatest times of need. Thank you to the Southern Region Advocates who gathered for fantastic collaboration about how to best serve their clients. Also, thank you to the Amy Center for hosting us all, and allowing us to tour your adorable child friendly center!**

Nicole Bradfield

Katie Klaas

Shelby Westbrook

Rene Robinette

Katrina Evers

Marilyn Westbrook

Wendi Zobrist

Krystal Hicks

Noelle Lamachia

Tracie Griffith

**On May 17th the Central Region Advocates gathered for the Advocate Round Table Training. The dedication to children, families, and MDTs displayed by this group is phenomenal. We would like to say a huge "Thank You" to Tazewell Co. CAC for hosting!**



# IJOA & IDOA Annual State Conference

Continued Professional Training

June 14-16, 2017

For more information click [HERE](#)



## MEDICAL ASPECTS OF CHILD MALTREATMENT

June 13, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Registration begins at 8:30.  
Lunch will not be provided.

Freeport Public Library-Rm. A  
100 E. Douglas St  
Freeport, IL. 61032

The Medical Evaluation Response Initiative Team (MERIT) are offering a free, full-day training seminar to share valuable medical information with DCFS Investigators, Child Protection Supervisors, Child Protection Managers, Child Welfare Specialists, Intact workers, Children's Advocacy Center staff, law enforcement professionals, prosecutors, and other multidisciplinary team members.

Dr. Ray Davis will cover:

- Child abuse reporting and statistics
- Injuries and medical conditions, such as burns, bruises, fractures, abusive head trauma, blunt abdominal trauma, bleeding disorders, & metabolic disorders
- Untrue defenses and what to look for in your investigation
- Collaborating with medical professionals
- Sexual abuse examinations and findings
- Failure to thrive and child neglect



To Register:  
DCFS employees: Please contact the  
Office of Training at 877.800.3393.  
All others: Please call or email  
Cara Vock at 217-528-2224 or  
[cara@cacionline.org](mailto:cara@cacionline.org).

[Contact Cara to register](#)



## Support SB 189

### No Time Limit to Prosecute Child Sex Abuse

Status: Passed Senate 54 – 0; House Rules Committee

Sponsors: (Sen. Bennett (D-52)), Rep. Mussman (D-56), Chapa LaVia (D-83), Gordon-Booth (D-92), Costello (D-116), Andersson (R-65), Walsh (D-86), Flowers (D-31), Hoffman (D-113), Stuart (D-112), Moylan (D-55), McDermed (R-37)

#### What Does the Bill Do?

SB 189 gives victims who were under age 18 at the time of the crime an unlimited amount of time to seek justice for

- criminal sexual assault and aggravated criminal sexual assault,
- predatory criminal sexual assault of a child,
- aggravated criminal sexual abuse, and
- felony criminal sexual abuse.

#### There is already an unlimited SOL for these crimes,\* but only when

- there is corroborating physical evidence, or
- a mandated reporter failed to report to DCFS.

#### Victims of sexual crimes should not be denied the chance to seek justice

- Making these crimes known to the public protects children.
- Prosecutors still decide whether there is enough evidence to prosecute the case.
- Evidence of child sexual abuse may still exist many years after the crime. Evidence may come in forms beyond physical evidence such as victim's testimony, eyewitness accounts, recordings, letters, emails and journals.
- *These changes are not retroactive and do not revive cases that cannot currently be prosecuted.*

#### Why Do Victims of these Crimes Need More Time to Come Forward?

- Most child victims are abused by people they know.
- Offenders often use coercion/guilt tactics to prevent the reporting of abuse.
- Some of the effects of childhood sexual abuse are not obvious until the victim is an adult with post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, low self-esteem, substance abuse problems, and/or mental health disorders.

\*The criminal statute of limitations was removed for these sex crimes against minors by P.A. 98-379, eff. Jan. 1, 2014, but the two qualifiers were included in the Public Act.

For more information, contact Polly Poskin at ICASA (217.741.3264) or Char Rivette at ChicagoCAC (312.492.3720)

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MDT  
NEWS





- Save the dates for MDT Facilitator Training October 17-18 - Stay tuned for more information
- Excited for our final session of our 3 year MDT team trainings. The upcoming June 26-30 training will be held in Rockford and will host; Sangamon, Shining Star, and two teams from Chicago CAC. Proud of the commitment these teams have made to further develop their teams and looking forward to working with them all.
- If your team is in need of training for a specific topic, please contact us. We can come to you and either present or find a presenter that will meet your needs. Some examples of customized trainings that CACI has assisted with, "The Role of Advocacy" and "Interviewing and Investigations with Adolescent victims", "Patrols Response to Sex Abuse Allegations", "Working as an MDT, Protocol Training".



# 2017 DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE

5:30 PM SEPTEMBER 6TH -  
12:00 PM SEPTEMBER 8TH

# BLOOMINGTON NORMAL MARRIOTT

An Evening with Juan Ortiz will kick off our time together on Wednesday night with a cash bar & appetizers beginning at 5:30 PM



## 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 practices and NCA standards.



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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## NCA 2017 Standards Training

All are welcome to attend including those who are going through reaccreditation this year & those who want practical application information on the 2017 Standards

CACI OFFICE  
400 S. 9TH  
SUITE 203, SPFLD



Monday  
July 31, 2017  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

**RSVP HERE**

Marcia Milliken from the Minnesota Children's Alliance will present on the updated standards & Billie will present on how to prepare for the site visit.  
Lunch provided



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JULY

11 PM - 2 PM  
CACI OFFICE  
400 S 9th St., Ste 203  
Springfield, IL 62701

# NEW DIRECTOR TRAINING

Training is designed for directors who have been in their position for 2 years or less.

Lunch is provided, cost is free.

RSVP to [caracaciaconline.org](mailto:caracaciaconline.org)

Your success is our goal!



**JUNE 10, 2017**  
RICHMOND, IL

**Fundraiser to Benefit**  
Child Network

Children's Advocacy Center & Court Appointed Children's Advocates (CASA) of Kankakee County

**WHAT IS A SPARTAN RACE?**  
A leader in the sport of obstacle racing, the Reebok Spartan Super is as much mental as it is physical, spanning over 8 miles that are just as unforgiving as the 25+ obstacles that litter the distance.

**STRENGTH COMES IN NUMBERS**  
Child Network is putting a team together under the direction of Dr. Jim Simone, a licensed clinical psychologist with Riverside HealthCare. Dr. Simone is an experienced Spartan Race participant and will guide Child Network's team through the training process and each obstacle as we dominate the finish line and receive our medals!

**SUPPORT OUR TEAM**  
With each step in the race and each obstacle our team members overcome, "The Protectors" will be raising financial support for Child Network, a non-profit agency working in Kankakee County to improve the response to child sexual and physical abuse and to advocate for the best interest of

## AMA's Charity Golf Classic

Please join us  
at our Annual  
Child Network  
Women's Charity Golf Classic

**18 Hole Scramble**  
**Friday, June 9, 2017**  
(Rain or Shine)

Kankakee Elks Country Club  
2293 Silverwood Drive  
St. Anna, IL 60984

**\$85.00 per person**  
Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and beverages.

**All proceeds will help fund programs for Child Network.**  
Child Network is a non-profit.

## CHILD NETWORK

### SPARTAN RACE

As gruelling as the 25+ Spartan obstacles may be to overcome, they are nothing compared to the obstacles abused and neglected children must overcome. Please support our team "The Protectors" by visiting [www.childnetwork.org](http://www.childnetwork.org)

### WOMEN'S CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC



*Kapow! Bam! Zap! Get ready for the most exciting event of the year! On Saturday, June 3rd Superheroes of all shapes, sizes, and strengths will be descending upon Lowell Park in Dixon for the 9th Annual Champions for Children Walk! This is a battle to support Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center and the race to the finish line will be one of epic proportions.*

*So, bring your family and friends, because when we help our community, there is a superhero in all of us!*

To register, please go to <https://2017championsforchildrenwalk.racedirector.com>.

Or visit [www.shiningstarcac.org](http://www.shiningstarcac.org) for more information.



## Mural brightens up what can be a dark place

CHAMPAIGN - A colorful and calming painting has been added to a place where children go to tell adults about horrible dark secrets.

Thanks to a generous donation from the family of the late Brandon Markel of Homer, the Children's Advocacy Center of Champaign County now has a painting designed specifically for its space by Urbana artist Glen Davies. [Continue reading here](#)

