



June 2017 CAC Insider

Greetings!

Summer is upon us and we hope that you are enjoying yours! This month has been busy here at CACI. The staff traveled to Washington DC for the NCA Leadership Conference and the rest of the time has been all VOCA - VOCA - VOCA!!!

35 Illinois CACs applied for the competitive **7.1 MILLION DOLLAR** VOCA grant funding! Award letters were sent out from CACI (VOCA Lead Entity) the 2nd week of June and new position hirings are in the works (see below for job openings), relative trainings are being planned and updated equipment are being purchased!!!! What this money will mean for the direct services that Illinois CACs provide, is limitless!

Wishing you a bright and beautiful day,
Billie, Kim, Cara and Michelle

NCA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

"One Path - One Voice"

WASHINGTON DC
JUNE 4-7, 2017

*We are strongest when we
travel one path and
speak with one voice,
together as a united movement
for children, families,
and communities.*



Char Rivette, Michelle Hammitt, Kim Mangiaracino, and Cruz Arzuaga enjoy the Awards Banquet



Char Rivette, Lisa Morel Las, Kim Mangiaracino, Cruze Arzuaga, Kristin Jackson and Cara Vock sharing breakfast on day one



A NOTE FROM

THE TRAINING COORDINATOR...

June kicked off with a meeting on the 1st day with the Peer Review Facilitators. Carrie Cohan-Southwest Region Facilitator, Lynn Aladeen- Northeast Region Facilitator, Michelle Hawley- Northern Region Facilitator, Brooke Baldwin- Central Region Facilitator, Sheryl Woodham- Southern Region, Mark Parr- Cook Co. Region Facilitator, Mary Whitaker- North Central Region Facilitator, and Pam Riddle- Northeast Central Region Facilitator who represent their respected regions in coordinating quarterly peer reviews. Peer Review is a supportive structure for trained forensic interviewers to improve their skills in a constructive way.

With the new fiscal year starting July 1st the facilitators prepared for the upcoming year, by discussing what areas are working best with their groups, and what areas their regions can improve on. Adhering with the NCA Standards, at peer review forensic interviewers discuss scholarly articles and this year's focus will be digging further into these articles and application. Also on the meeting's agenda was inclusion of all trained forensic interviewers to local peer reviews- look for your regions' dates in the newsletter and on CACI's website. If you are not connected to a peer review, don't hesitate to contact your local CAC director to be added to this quarterly meeting. A change that FY18 will hold is to only allow trained forensic

interviewers at peer review, to make this a strictly discipline focused environment for this meeting. We expect a fantastic upcoming year!

I would like to thank all the Peer Review Facilitators for coordinating these quarterly meetings across the state, that improve the quality of interviews provided to Illinois children. They are the ones that make this program a success, and provide a fantastic environment to build good interviewers.

With gratitude,
Cara

Did you catch this from NCA?

We like to make sure you are kept up to date on everything!



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE®

OMS reports to help you benchmark your CAC to new heights

This month, we're highlighting our suite of 2016 Outcome Measurement System (OMS) resources. In addition to three versions of this year's Healing, Justice, & Trust reports for members, supporters, and decision-makers, we have customizable templates, training videos, and more just for our members.

The key piece you need to benchmark your CAC, identify areas for improvement, and highlight your successes, is the dark-blue 2016 Member Edition of the Healing, Justice, & Trust OMS National Report. Inside, you'll see national averages from satisfaction surveys given to caregivers and MDT partners to help you find where you're ahead of-or behind-the curve. You'll also find specific advice on how to overcome common movement-wide challenges, like getting caregivers to access needed care for themselves and their children, or on how to ensure we're hearing feedback from all the families we serve, regardless of background.

You can also use the light-blue 2016 National Report version to demonstrate the effectiveness and value of the CAC movement to your supporters. Finally, there's the short & sweet 2016 Brief version to use with decision-makers like policymakers and funders, to explain the CAC model, highlight its successes and benefits to kids, and make the case for the support we need. There's even a customizable template where you can add your own logo and data and instructions on how to do it.

[Access Members-Only OMS Resources Now](#) (Login required. Resources for NCA member staff, board, and partners only.)

What Teens Need Most From Their Parents

By Sue Shellenbarger, Wall Street Journal



The teenage years can be mystifying for parents. Sensible children turn scatter-brained or start having wild mood swings. Formerly level-headed adolescents ride in cars with dangerous drivers or take other foolish risks.

A flood of new research offers explanations for some of these mysteries. Brain imaging adds another kind of data that can help test hypotheses and corroborate teens' own accounts of their behavior and emotions. Dozens of recent multiyear studies have traced adolescent development through time, rather than comparing sets of adolescents at a single point. [Continue...](#)

Safety over the Summer

Know how to protect your child from abuse by asking the right questions of camps, coaches and clubs.



As parents, caregivers and adults in our community, we are responsible for keeping children safe and identifying when they need help - especially during the summer months.

Over the summer, children are away from the prevention procedures of schools, and they have less contact with mandated reporters - such as school staff - who can recognize warning signs of abuse and take action before abuse occurs. Plus, families may rely on informal activities and childcare. Remember, most abuse is perpetrated by someone the child knows and has permission to be around, such as older youth, babysitters, neighbors or coaches.

Read more [here](#)





“CELEBRATE WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED BUT RAISE
THE BAR A LITTLE HIGHER EACH TIME YOU SUCCEED.”

— MIA HAMM

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 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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11 PM - 2 PM
CACI OFFICE
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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 cara@cacionline.org

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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

Facilitator Training for MDT Coordinators

SAVE THE DATE

October 17 & 18, 2017 in Springfield

\$40-Includes two nights hotel (16th & 17th), training, materials, afternoon snack both days and breakfast on the 18th. Lunch on your own both days.

Complete details, application, and registration information will be distributed on August 4



HOO'S AMAZING????
OUR CAC'S, THAT'S
HOO!

University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria
PEDIATRIC RESOURCE CENTER
Presents

MEDICAL ASPECTS OF CHILD MALTREATMENT

July 14 2017

9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

(Registration from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.)

Spoon River Outreach Center
2500 E. Jackson
Macomb, IL 61455

"Medical Aspects of Child Physical Abuse"

Bruises, Burns, Fractures, Abusive Head Trauma, Abdominal Trauma, Medical Mimics, Collaborating with Medical Professionals, Sentinel Injuries and their Importance

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Channing Petrak, MD, Pediatric Resource Center, University of Illinois College of Medicine-Peoria

LUNCH (on your own)

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

"Medical Aspects of Child Sexual Abuse"

Disclosure and Recantation, Behavioral Norms, Review of the Medical Exam, Importance of the Exam, Finding Classifications, Forensic Evidence Collection, Sexually Transmitted Infections

1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Channing Petrak, MD, Pediatric Resource Center, University of Illinois College of Medicine-Peoria

"Medical Aspects of Neglect, Medical Neglect & The Drug Endangered Child"

Neglect; Medical Neglect; Management of Diabetes, Asthma, and Seizures
Common Drugs, Signs and Symptoms, Exposure Protocol, Testing and Result Interpretation

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Channing Petrak, MD, Pediatric Resource Center, University of Illinois College of Medicine-Peoria

This conference is being presented to you free-of-charge due to funding from the Children's Justice Grant of DCFS

DCFS employees please call the Office of Training at 1.877.800.3393 by

July 10, 2017 to register for the training. DCFS employees will receive 6.5 clock hours for attending.

Non-DCFS employees should RSVP to Amanda Franklin, Pediatric Resource Center, at 309.624.9595 or aerwin@uic.edu by July 10, 2017.

6.0 MCLE Credit Hours for Legal Professionals!

Please call the Pediatric Resource Center at 309.624.9595 for additional information.

Additional support provided by McDonough District Hospital





Advocacy center expansion means healing, justice for more children

A children's advocacy center serving the south suburbs has expanded its operations this year to help provide healing and justice for an increased number of youngsters.

The Park Forest-based La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center says it has increased its caseload by more than 200 percent and is treating nearly 40 children each month instead of 15. [Continue reading...](#)

Christina Ayala, program director of the La Rabida Children's Advocacy Center, is shown in a room where audio/visual equipment records interviews with children who are victims or sexual abuse or witnesses of violent crimes. The center shares a building with the Park Forest Police Department. (Ted Slowik/Daily Southtown)



Our 2017 Champions for Children Walk was a huge success. Superheroes from all over Lee and Ogle Counties united to raise over \$9,000 to help us to continue to provide services to children and families in our area. One of the highlights of the day, was the kids villain chase, where all of the kids chased down a "villain" and turned him over to law enforcement to restore justice. (FYI: The "villain" is actually our State's Attorney.)

*Shelly K. Brantley
Executive Director*





CONGRATULATIONS TO MISTY MARINIER!!!!

On June 16th McHenry County CAC Executive Director Misty Marinier was elected and sworn in to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Juvenile Officers Association. Misty is the first CAC director elected to the IJOA Board of Directors



Sgt. Anthony Jacobson, Wauconda Police Dept. & current Executive Director of the IJOA, congratulates Misty Marinier.



Swearing in ceremony



New Funding for Arts Programs

ChicagoCAC was recently awarded a grant from Chicago Cotillion Charities Foundation to fund a new Expressive Art Program! This program will incorporate group art programming and provide creative, healthy ways to help children decrease anxiety, resolve conflicts and regulate emotions and behavior.

We are thrilled to be able to continue expanding our programs to increase trauma resilience, restore hope, build our children's self-esteem and enhance family relationships at the center!

Illinois CAC Job Openings
Click [HERE](#) for more information & how to apply

KANE COUNTY CAC IS HIRING A *FORENSIC INTERVIEWER*

Application and Resume accepted by:
Debra Bree, Child Advocacy Director
Email to: Breedebra@co.kane.il.us



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Bilingual Advocate/Forensic Interviewer: The role of the bilingual advocate is to provide support to children and their families who are receiving services from the CAC, including but not limited to: crisis counseling, needs assessments, referrals and connecting families to needed services, court advocacy, and follow-up services. This position will also be responsible for conducting forensic interviews of children. A forensic interviewer conducts trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, legal sound investigative interviews with alleged victims of child abuse. Bilingual (Spanish/English) required. Master's degree in the field of psychology, social work, criminal justice, or similar field required.

Trauma Therapist: The trauma therapist provides and coordinates a continuum of evidence-based, trauma-informed treatment services for child victims of abuse, ages 3-17, and their non-offending caregivers, including individual, group, and family therapy. The trauma therapist participates on the multidisciplinary case review committee to serve as a clinical consultant, enhance case coordination, and improve outcomes for clients. Master's degree in the field of psychology, social work, counseling, or similar field required. One to three years of experience working with children, trauma, and/or sexual abuse preferred.

Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator: The Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Coordinator facilitates a coordinated approach in the investigation of child abuse and neglect. The primary role of the MDT Coordinator is to coordinate and schedule forensic interviews of child abuse victims as well as promote the utilization of the Child Advocacy Center in accordance with team protocol. This position works closely with law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, medical and mental health professionals, and others who may be involved during the course of child abuse/neglect investigations to promote communication, coordination, and accountability across agency lines. Bilingual (Spanish/English) strongly preferred. Master's degree in the field of psychology, social work, criminal justice, or similar field required.

**Please send your cover letters and resumes to Amy Apostal at
amy.sylwestrzak@presencehealth.org**



McLean County CAC

WE ARE HIRING



The Children's Advocacy Center serving McLean, Livingston and Dewitt Counties will be hiring for a Child and Family Advocate and a Therapist. Both positions are full time with benefits. The job posting will soon become available on the McLean County, IL website.

Interested applicants should watch for the posting, but are welcome to mail a letter of interest and resume to McLean County Children's Advocacy Center, attention: Judy Brucker, Executive Director, 200 W. Front St., Suite 500-B, Bloomington, IL, 61701.



Forensic Interviewer/MDT Coordinator

Advocate/Case Manager



Crisis Interventionist to provide assessment & brief trauma informed services to child victims/ witnesses of sexual or physical abuse and caregivers. Masters Degree in social work, mental health, counseling or related field & 4 years experience with children/families required, licensure preferred. Send resume and credentials to Child 1st Center 800 E. Clay St. Decatur IL 62521 by 7/1/17.

Advocate/Admin Assistant w/ knowledge of child development, child abuse dynamics, court systems, excellent communication and phone skills, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, data entry, and ability to manage multiple office tasks independently. Bachelor's degree or 4 years experience required in social service, criminal justice or related field. Resume to Child 1st Center, 800 E. Clay St., Decatur IL 62521 by 7/1/17.

Forensic Interviewer for child abuse investigations, Bachelor's degree required in child development, education, criminal justice or related field, completed 32 hour training or willing to train.

LA RABIDA'S CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER JOB OPENINGS

- *Full time Family Advocate
- *Full time MDT Coordinator
- *Part time Forensic Interviewer

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who provide hope, healing and justice
for abused children.*



NEW employment opportunities! Be part of a dynamic culture of professionals who provide hope, healing and justice for abused children. Culturally diverse and bilingual (English-Spanish) individuals are strongly encouraged to apply.

www.willcountycac.org/about/employment/

"There can be no keener



revelation of a society's
soul than the way in which
it treats its children"

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

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