

CACInsider

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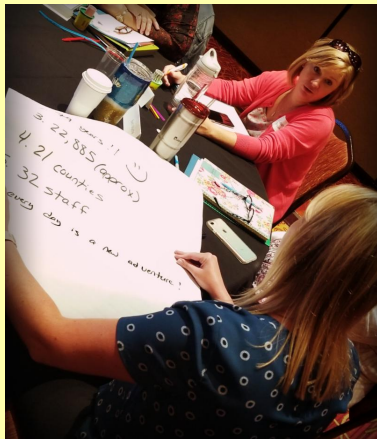
Executive Director, Kim Mangiaracino, kicked off the 2018 Director's Conference on September 12th at the **Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center**!

This year's theme was "The Many Hats of a CAC Director" and the agenda was packed full. Learning, networking, catching up, celebrating the past years successes all while sharing common goals and challenges.

Speakers included:

1. Andrew Agatston, CEO and General Legal Counsel, Child Advocacy Centers of Georgia, Inc.
2. Jerri Sites, MA, Regional Training Specialist, Southern Regional Child Advocacy Centers
3. George C. Wood, Attorney, Hartweg, Turner, Wood & DeVary, P.C.
4. Paola Baldo & Amanda Vasquez, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA)
5. Jessica Rodriguez & Jessica O'Leary, Illinois Attorney General's Office
6. **CAC Spotlight Speakers:**
 - Carrie Flanigan & Carrie Wings, Lake County CAC
 - Carolyn Hubler, St. Clair CAC
 - Todd Shackelford, Advocacy Network
 - Trevor Peterson, ChicagoCAC
 - Danielle Butts, All Our Children Advocacy Center

CACI staff are appreciative of the sponsorship of the **NCA** Statewide Project Funds, the grant funding support of **DCFS** , **V2**, who once again took care of the cost of our morning breakfast and to **Sugar Mama Bakery** for donating a beautiful (and delicious) CACI cake along with chocolate chip cookies!



Have you ever wondered where the Illinois CACs are? Wonder no more! Click on the map to



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Child Network
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Jeanine Nicarico
Kane County
Lake County
McHenry County
Mercer County
Rock Island County
Shining Star
Tyler's Justice
Will County

Cook County Region

All Our Children's
ChicagoCAC
La Rabida
North & Northwest
Cook County
Proviso

Central Region

Advocacy Network
Champaign County
Child 1st
East Central
Knox County
McLean County
Peoria County
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Tazewell County
Unified Child
Advocacy Network

Southern Region

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The Guardian Center
Madison County
Perry-Jackson
St. Clair County
Two Rivers
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Springfield, Illinois 62701
www.childrensadvocacycentersofillinois.org

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MARCH 11-12, 2019

10th Annual CHAMPIONS OF CHILDREN

MDT ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE



*More information
coming soon!*

This two day MDT enrichment conference features highly regarded speakers in their fields representing each discipline, with separate tracks for participants to choose from that will best meet their professional development needs.

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#GIVINGTUESDAY

"I am trying to raise \$20,000 for Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois by Giving Tuesday which is November 27th"

- Erin Merryn
CACI Board Member, Author, Activist, Speaker,
wife, mother, & force behind Erin's Law



We are honored to announce that childhood sexual abuse survivor turned author, speaker, child advocate and activist [Erin Merryn](#) is on a mission to raise **\$20,000** for CACI by [#GivingTuesday](#), November 27th. Erin is also the founder and president of [Erin's Law](#) and a longtime CACI Board Member.

[#GivingTuesday](#) is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Your donation is tax deductible and you will receive an emailed receipt after donating.

The mission of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI), a chapter of the National Children's Alliance, supports and promotes Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) through leadership, education and collaboration.

In Illinois, our vision is simple: to ensure every child in the state of Illinois has access to the services offered through a CAC. While we cannot stop abuse, we can make a significant impact through prevention education and multidisciplinary services provided to the children who have suffered the horrors of abuse.

Illinois remains one of the top states in the nation in the number of operating children's advocacy centers, serving child victims of sexual and physical abuse and non-offending family members. There are **37** CACs in Illinois serving **98** out of **102** counties.

In FY18, **12,424** child victims walked through the doors of a CAC in Illinois to receive a forensic interview & follow up services for them AND their family. During that time CACI continued to increase services and its ability to support CACs. We also provided 28 trainings to 951 participants and coordinated 42 peer reviews!

Once again, we are humbled and thankful to have Erin take on such an awesome task and from the very bottom of our hearts, we ask that you join her!

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Greetings,

Right now, CACI is excited for 21st ChildFirst Illinois session to take place October 1-5, 2018 in Springfield, Illinois. Witnessing new forensic interviewers dive into this new skill always makes for such a positive and supportive week.

Several upcoming training registrations to open next week, so please make sure that you are watching your emails for those.

These will include:

- ChildFirst Extended, Springfield, IL - Nov. 27, 28, & 29th
- Team Facilitator Follow Up Training, Effingham, IL- Dec. 4th & 5th
- Team Facilitator Follow Up Training, Warrenville, IL- Dec. 11th & 12th

Registration for the Annual Advocate Training is now open, find further details and registration information below.

A reminder as we wrap up the first quarter in FY19, make sure that if you are conducting forensic interviews that you are attending peer review. It is required by the NCA Standards that forensic interviewers are attending at least 2 peer reviews. Please contact your CAC's director if you are needing more information on dates, locations, and times of these quarterly meetings.

-Cara

This year's Annual Advocate Training will cover the following topics:

- Working with Parents of Abused Children Who Were Abused Themselves
- Working with Parents Who Do Not Believe Their Child
- Using Motivational Interviewing Techniques to Engage Caregivers & Promote Team Buy In

Participants must complete a webinar module on motivational training webinar by November 9th as well as completing a pre-course survey before attending the conference. These will be emailed following registration.

President Abraham
Lincoln Hotel
701 E. Adams St.
Springfield, IL

\$50

(fee covers the cost
of breakfast &
snacks)

**NCA Statewide Project Funds
have paid for 2 nights hotel
stay for all registrants**

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF ILLINOIS

2018 Annual Advocate Training

ADVOCACY - ENGAGING TEAM MEMBERS
AND CAREGIVERS IN THIS VITAL ROLE

November 15-16, 2018

Any registration changes made after October 25 for any reason will result in fine to the participants' agency, for the cost (if any) assumed by CACI. This can include hotel and food expenses.



This training is great opportunity to
learn about advocate specific
topics, network with peers & have
fun!

REGISTER FOR 2018 ANNUAL ADVOCATE TRAINING

MEDICAL ASPECTS OF CHILD MALTREATMENT MALTREATMENT

October 30, 2018

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

DCFS Auditorium-Lower Level
200 S. Wyman St.
Rockford, IL 61101

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 Cece Powell at
815-971-2726 or cecepow@uic.edu

2018 Annual Report



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The use of data has never been more prevalent in our society. Child Advocacy Centers across the country can and are utilizing the benefits of this. While data can be used to track case information from cradle to grave – (intake to conviction), data analytics can be used as a tool to forecast potential outcomes, support decision making and improve collaboration among family, care-

givers, case workers, service providers, and law enforcement. Analytics and a can improve how your organization listens, learns, and makes decisions.

It is also important to note that data analytics are an invaluable tool for obtaining and potentially increasing grant funding. As you know, obtaining grant funding is a competitive process. The use of predictive analytics can easily provide an edge to your organization. Data allows you to tell your story, visually showing your strengths and where your needs are within the agency, and when asking for additional resources data will allow you to “prove the need.” For the grant reviewer data provides relevant qualitative data and context for the numbers provided.

In the future it will become ever more crucial to bridge the gap between data and strategy.

The future of data is very exciting.

Jean



Men Who Cook was held on September 22, 2018 at Chicagoland Speedway!

A fun and casual tasting event featuring 50+ local men serving up bite-sized samples of their favorite dishes for public judging to support the Will County

10TH ANNUAL

MEN WHO COOK

SATURDAY, SEPT 22ND
6PM-9PM

A FUN & CASUAL COOK-OFF COMPETITION
FEATURING LOCAL MEN SERVING
SAMPLES OF THEIR FAVORITE DISH FOR
PUBLIC JUDGING, TO SUPPORT THE

Will County
Children's
ADVOCACY CENTER
HOPE, HEALING AND JUSTICE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

@ **CHICAGO LAND SPEEDWAY**
Event held in the infield, NASCAR garage area.

\$40/PERSON
\$75/COUPLE
\$10/KIDS 6 - 12
FREE/KIDS 5 & UNDER

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WILL COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY
FOUNDER & CHAIR, WILL COUNTY
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Chief Glasgow

United Way

Children's Advocacy Center's programs providing hope, healing and justice for abused children.

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