

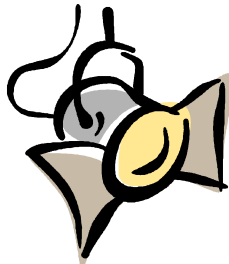


# The Advocacy News

## Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County

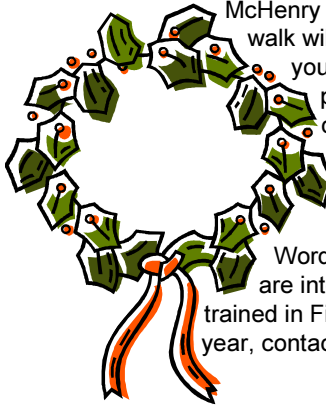
The mission of the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County is to reduce secondary trauma to child victims through coordinating a timely, comprehensive, and multidisciplinary response in reported cases of child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse.

*Happy Holidays  
from the CAC*



Happy Holidays to you, your agencies and families this 2010 season. There have been many happenings at the CAC this past year.

- \* There were two baby boys born this year, Lane and Max! Don't drink the water at the CAC!
- \* In March, CAC staff and several MDT members attended the Northern Region Child Advocacy Center's Champions of Children conference. Look for details in the next newsletter for 2011's conference co-hosted by the CAC of McHenry County.
- \* On May 15th, we hosted our first Annual Champions 4 Children walk. Thanks to all our volunteers and walkers, it was so successful that we will continue to host our very own McHenry County walk. 2011's walk will be on May 14th, if you would like to participate this year, please contact the CAC.
- \* In October, the CAC sent a full team down to Finding Words in Springfield. If you are interested in being trained in Finding Words next year, contact Jim Wiegand.



*Winter*

**When it snows, you have two choices: shovel or make snow angels.**

**- Unknown**

### MDT SPOTLIGHT:

This month the CAC would like to extend a very special thank you to Sgt. Linda Hooten of Huntley PD and Sue Blechschmidt from Lake in the Hills PD. These two MDT members conducted numerous forensic interviews while Lindsay and Anna were on maternity leave. Thanks to Sue and Linda, those child victims were able to receive the full benefit of visiting the CAC. The children and their families received much needed resources. Thank you to Linda and Sue for being true Multidisciplinary TEAM Members and thank you to Huntley and LITH Police Departments for making accommodations for Sue and Linda to help us out.

Look in future newsletters for other MDT Spotlight members.

It just might be you!

### Welcome

**Maxwell Krause!**

Born on October 17,  
2010

9 pounds 4 ounces and 21  
inches

Anna, baby and family  
are doing well as they

adjust to her new "working mom" schedule!



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## Mark your calendars

### Case Reviews

Monthly Case Reviews are scheduled for the last Friday of the month and are held at the DCFS Field Offices in Woodstock. Lunch is provided for all those who attend. Please inform the CAC if you would like a specific case staffing scheduled.

Tentative future dates are set for:

**January 28**

**February 25**

**March 25**

\*Future Case Reviews may begin to look a little different as we tweak the format to meet MDT member's schedules and CAC requirements.

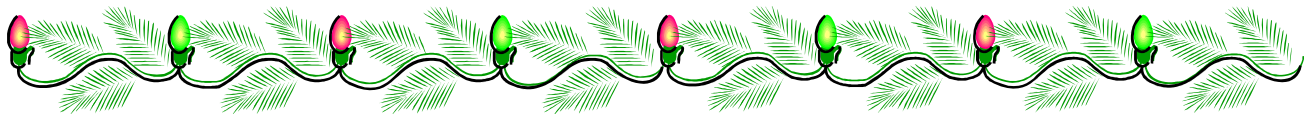


**March  
14 & 15  
2011**

2011's Champions of Children Conference will be held on March 14th & 15th of next year at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. This conference is hosted by CACI and the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County for the Northern Region Child Advocacy Centers and their MDT members.

### Announcements

If you would like an announcement to be added to the newsletter for all MDT members to see please contact, Anna Krause at the CAC.



## From the Director's Desk:

Jim Wiegand, Director

We had a very busy October and November with a significant increase over last year of forensic interviews conducted at the CAC. We are glad that Anna & Lindsay have returned from maternity leave and we are back to full strength. I appreciate the patience of the MDT members during this time and for those that helped out in the interview process.

Thanks also to those that attended the child abuse symposium that we co-sponsored with the Family Violence Coordinating Council. The evaluations regarding the presentation of the speakers from the National Child Protection Training Center were very positive.

Five MDT members attended Finding Words IL and received 40 hours training in the forensic interview protocol used at the CAC. Please note the above "Mark your Calendars" section for upcoming training opportunities, conferences and events.

As we head in to the final days of December and the beginning of 2011, I sincerely wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday season.

Jim

