

The Advocacy News

Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County

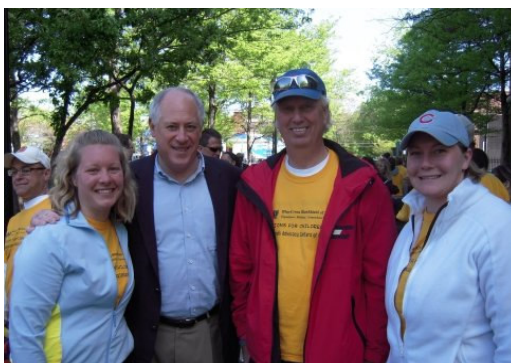
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Update: Champions 4 Children Walk

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The Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County completed the Champions 4 Children Walk Sunday May 17th. And what an experience it was...

Day one started out in Quincy, where Director Jim Wiegand completed his first 8 miles through Washington Park. On day two, all 3 staff members joined 150 other walkers on the steps of the State Capital where the choir from Lincoln Magnet School in Springfield and DCFS Director, Erwin McEwen kicked us off with words of encouragement and songs of support. Day



three took us to Dixon, where we walked our 8 miles in beautiful Lowell Park along with 500 other walkers, the largest day by far and such an inspiration to Child Advocacy Centers of Illinois to see a large turn out in support of the children we work with. Sunday was our fourth and final day, Gov. Pat Quinn joined us in Chicago at the DePaul Campus to show his support of Child Advocacy Centers of Illinois.

The Child Advocacy Centers of Illinois raised a total of \$116,000. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

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Finding Words Training: October 19-23, 2009

The Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois will be hosting a Finding Words Forensic interviewer training. The training is set for October 19th through the 23rd in Springfield, IL.

Finding Words is a five day intensive course developed by collaboration between the American Prosecution Research Institute and CornerHouse. The course is designed to train multidisciplinary team members in the best approach for interviewing sexually abused children. Finding Words follows the CornerHouse interview protocol, RATAAC. Each student will practice 2 interviews during the course and will

receive certificates upon completion of all coursework and final test. This training fulfills the Child Advocacy Center's protocol requirement for an individual to conduct an interview.

The Child Advocacy Center strongly promotes sending available team members to this very vital trainings. The CAC will be sending their own representative and hopes to send a full team (4) members. If you would like more information regarding registration, lodging, and/or scholarships please contact the CAC.

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Future Case Reviews

Monthly case reviews are currently held at 10 a.m. on the last Friday of the month at the DCFS Field Offices in Woodstock. The next case review will be Aug. 21st as a July and August combination review. A reminder is sent out a week in advance to all Multidisciplinary team members, if you would like more information please contact Anna Krause at the CAC. Tentative future dates are set for:

August 21

September 25

October 30

November 27



NCA Site visit

The National Children's Alliance will be visiting the Child Advocacy Center on a date to be determined in October of 2009. They will request to sit in on a Case Review and speak with MDT members. Please let us know if you are interested in helping us out that very busy and critical day.

Midwest Conference on Child Sexual Abuse

The 25th annual Midwest Conference on Child Sexual Abuse is set for October 19-22, 2009 in Middleton, WI. Plenary speaker this year will be Dr. Bruce Perry the author of *The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog*. For more information you can log onto:

www.dcs.wisc.edu/pda/midwesteregister.htm

From the Director's Desk:

James Wiegand, Director of the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County

*** IMPORTANT DATES!!!

August 14, 2009: The States Attorney's Office and the CAC will host a **training featuring Victor Vieth**, Director of the National Child Protection Training Center, a training program for NAPSAC. Watch for flyers coming out soon.

October 14, 2009: This is the tentative date for the CAC **site review for reaccreditation** by the Natl. Children's Alliance. More information will be given to team members as it becomes available.

October 19-23: Finding Words Training, (see info on page one).

CAC Improvements: The CAC will be having a **new recording system** installed in approximately 30 days. After researching different systems at other Advocacy Centers, we have signed a contract with "Word Systems, Inc." to purchase the **iRecord** system designed for CACs and law enforcement. This "state of the art" equipment will enhance the entire interview process.

Also coming soon is a new security system at the CAC for more effective access control.

In our previous issue, **NCA standards for CACs**, I listed 1 through 5 of a total of 10 standards. Standards 6 through 10 are listed below:

6. Med. Evaluation: Specialized medical evaluations and treatment are to be made available to CAC clients as part of the team response.

7. Therapeutic Intervention: Specialized mental health services are to be made available as part of the team response, at CAC or through referral.

8. Victim Support/Advocacy: Victim support and advocacy are to be made available as part of the team response....throughout the investigation and subsequent legal proceedings.

9. Case Review: Team discussion and information sharing regarding investigation, case status and services needed by the child and family are to occur on a regular basis.

10. Case Tracking: CACs must develop and implement a system for monitoring case progress and tracking case outcomes for team components.