

The Advocacy News

Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County

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Did You Know....?

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- * **That the CAC has purchased new recording equipment?** New state of the art equipment from iRecord burns interviews right to the DVD and finalizes the disc in no more than 7 minutes. It has proved to be a new favorite with the Team.
- * **That the CAC will provide medical advocacy?** The CAC staff is available 24 hours, 7 days a week to help provide advocacy to previous or new clients who present in the any medical facility including Emergency Rooms.
- * **That the CAC holds a monthly case review?** Monthly case reviews are a scheduled meeting in which team members are able to come together to discuss intricate cases and share ideas and concerns with the team as a whole. Any team member may request that a case be added to a monthly case review or request that a special one time review be held regarding a case.
- * **That the CAC has installed new security?** You may have noticed on your last visit that the front door is now locked at all times and a new buzzer and camera system allows CAC staff monitor visitors from a safe distance for clients, team members and staff.
- * **That the CAC will interview any child ages 17 and under?** The CAC will interview child victims or witnesses 17 years of age or younger or adults of limited mental capacity.
- * **That the CAC will be having a fundraising walk in May 2010?** This year the CAC will be participating in the Champions 4 Children walk in our own backyard. Please mark your calendars and come out in support of the McHenry County CAC.

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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.

The Child Advocacy Center thanks all of those who have registered and will be attending this very important and valuable training. You should have received your pre registration and training materials. If you have any questions please contact Jim Wiegand at 815-334-9597. See you in Springfield!

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Mark your calendars

Case Reviews

We are trying something new at the Child Advocacy Center. We are going to try hosting monthly Case reviews at 12 p.m. noon. We will continue with the last Friday of the month with one exception of Octobers review. In consideration of our team's time will be combining September and Octobers' reviews on the 14th for our NCA Reaccreditation site visit. Tentative future dates are set for:

October 14

November 27

December 18

January 29



NCA Site visit

The National Children's Alliance will be visiting the Child Advocacy Center on October 14, 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. And a special thank you to those who have agreed to attend various functions of the day, we wouldn't be us without you!

Northern Region Child Abuse Conference

There has been talk that the CAC may be involved in Northern Regional Child Abuse Conference in March. Please keep your eyes and ears open as we will be sending out more information as it becomes available.

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.