



CAM Newsletter

Children's Alliance of Montana Board Member Glen Fulton receives national recognition from the National Children's Alliance

Glen Fulton, Immediate Past Chair and Retired Flathead County Sheriff's Office Deputy receives Outstanding Individual Volunteer Award from the National Children's Alliance in Washington DC

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At the annual National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference in DC earlier this month, Glen Fulton, immediate past chair and retired Flathead County Sheriff's Office Deputy, received national recognition for his outstanding volunteer service to the Children's Alliance of Montana. Glen received the Outstanding Individual Volunteer Award from the National Children's Alliance for his tireless service and dedication to the CAM Board.



Glen was a Detective in the Flathead County Sheriff's Office assigned to investigate crimes against children. Glen has over 20 years of experience investigating crimes against children and in conducting forensic interviews. Glen was instrumental in the development of the Flathead County MDT and the Flathead County CAC (FCCAC) which is an accredited CAC of NCA. Glen is also a founding member of the Montana Chapter of NCA – the Children's Alliance of Montana.

"We are certainly proud to have Glen as a driving force behind the Children's Alliance of Montana. He has worked tirelessly to develop and sustain this organization. His dedication, expertise and commitment to the Children's Alliance of Montana are exemplary and we congratulate him on his national award" *Brenda George, Executive Director, Children's Alliance of Montana*

"We are delighted to present Glen Fulton with one of our highest forms of recognition for his important work on behalf of the children's advocacy center movement in Montana. Mr. Fulton is truly a champion for the children in his community and his state, and we are grateful for his extraordinary commitment," remarked *Teresa Huizar, Executive Director of National Children's Alliance.*

CAM/MCSART 2014 Events/Trainings

June 16-20	Montana Victim Advocate Academy	Missoula
June 24-25	Corroborating the Forensic Interview (Co-sponsored by MCSART and WRAC)	Missoula
June 26-27	Corroborating the Forensic Interview	Billings
Sept. 15-19	Montana Child Forensic Interview Training Sponsored by MCSART	Helena
Sept. 16-18	Northwest Child Protection Conference Sponsored by Ryan United	Helena
October 7	Crimes Against Children – Team Methodology – CAM & MCSART Pre-Conference CAM Annual Meeting Luncheon	Helena
October 6-9	8th Annual Crime Prevention Conference	Helena
October 20-22	Crimes Against Children – Investigation to Suspect Interrogation	Helena

What's Going on in your Community?



KALISPELL—Flathead County CAC and MDT

The Children's Alliance of Montana and the MCSART Program of the Children's Justice Bureau of the Department of Justice would like to wish the Flathead County CAC good luck on their National Children's Alliance Accreditation Site Visit tomorrow – June 18th, 2014!

HELENA – Helena Police Department

The Helena Police Department is ringing this national training opportunity to Helena this fall. Please check it out and inquire with your CAC to see if scholarships are available!



The Wicklander-Zulawski Seminar on Crimes Against Children: Investigation to Suspect Interrogation

October 20-22, 2014

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Hosted by: **Helena Police Department**
at Fort William Henry Harrison
Regional Training Institute / Ft. Harrison, MT 59636

Register Today!!

- ✓ **Become more efficient and effective in**
- Applying proven investigative techniques
 - Obtaining Admissions and actionable intelligence
 - Eliminating the innocent from the guilty
 - Closing more successful investigations

Prosecute the Abuser. Protect the Child.

The purpose of this 3-day course is to enhance the experience of law enforcement and child protection agency professionals by instructing them in effective investigative techniques and proven methods of interviewing and interrogating child abuse suspects. Seminar attendees will gain a better understanding of the associated issues, proven strategies and available system resources to respond to challenges associated with their investigations.

For new investigators, the course will form the basis for growth by providing a structured format that can be used while they gain experience. The approach of the seminar is one of practical application rather than theory to enable both new and experienced investigators to immediately benefit from what they have learned.

This comprehensive program will provide seminar participants with tools to solve cases of physical abuse, neglect and sexual abuse of children with greater efficiencies and effectiveness.

The WZ Seminar on Crimes Against Children: Investigation to Suspect Interrogation features two renowned Subject Matter Experts. Brian Killackey, a distinguished 37-year law enforcement veteran and child abuse investigator with the Chicago Police Department and Cook County State's Attorney Office, will teach the first 12-hour segment on investigative techniques. Tom McGreal, CPM, WZ veteran speaker and investigator with the Illinois Cook County State's Attorney's Office will present multiple methods of interview and interrogation during the second half of the program.

Seminar Topics Include:

- Understanding Unreported Statistics
- Understanding the Child Victim
- Crime Scene Related Issues
- Multi-Disciplinary Investigative Approach
- Physical Abuse Investigation
- Sexual Abuse Investigation
- Profile of a Successful Interviewer & Interrogator
- Interpretation of Verbal & Physical Behavior
- Interrogation Themes & Rationalizations
- Alternative & Assumptive Questions
- Non-Confrontational Interview & Interrogation
- Handling Denials and Overcoming Objections

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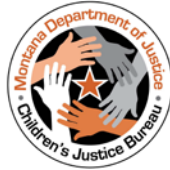
Five (5) or more attendees save 10%

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Children's Justice Bureau News

A Message from Dana Toole, Bureau Chief, Children's Justice Bureau, Montana Department of Justice



The Children's Justice Bureau, MCSART Program offered a 2-day Advanced Forensic Interview Training for 12 participants. The training is one of the only statewide advanced forensic interview trainings in the country. The training was very well-received and we will consider plans to hold it again in 2015.

MCSART in conjunction with CAM will be holding a pre-conference training on October 7th, 2014 in conjunction with the 8th Annual Crime Prevention Conference entitled **Crimes Against Children – Team Methodology**. MCSART and CAM will be providing a limited number of scholarships; more information will be available soon.

MCSART is also providing a limited number of scholarships through CACs and MDTs for the Crimes Against Children: Investigation to Suspect Interrogation Training being brought to Helena in October by the Helena Police Department



On-Site Forensic Interview Peer Review

Forensic interviewing is a core service of a CAC and an important component for every MDT. Much research has been done in the field of child interviewing. Research tells us that interview protocols and intense forensic interview training are essential for professionals conducting forensic interviews. The research also tells us that while both are essential and important neither change an interviewer's behaviors. Peer Review is necessary to maintain optimal interviewer practice

Lamb, M.E., Sternberg, K., Orbach, Y., Esplin, P. & Mitchell, S. (2002) Is Ongoing Feedback Necessary to Maintain The Quality of Investigative Interviews With Allegedly Abused Children? *Applied Developmental Science* 2002, Vol. 6, No. 1, 35–41

Results indicate that appropriately trained interviewers can help children of all ages to provide the specific details often necessary to ensure successful prosecution.

Brubacher, S. P., Malloy, L. C., Lamb, M. E., & Roberts, K. P. (2013). How do interviewers and children discuss individual occurrences of alleged repeated abuse in Forensic Interviews? *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 27(4), 443-450.

On-Site Peer Review for your MDT is available– MCSART has funding to send an experienced Forensic Interviewer to your community to conduct forensic interview peer review with your forensic interviewers and MDT members. **Contact me for a request form.**



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Malloy, et. al.**

National and Online Training Opportunities



INVESTIGATION and PROSECUTION

- June 18 Commercial Exploitation of Children -- 101
- June 23-27 Investigation and Prosecution of Child Fatalities and Physical Abuse -- NDAA
- Oct. 6-10 Strategies for Justice – Phoenix, AZ
- Online Training Series on Child Sex Trafficking

FORENSIC INTERVIEWING/MDT

- Fridays Tom Lyon's 2014- Forensic Interview Webinar Series
- July 14-18 Seattle, Washington - APSAC Child Forensic Interview Clinics
- August 5-6 Adapting the NICHD Forensic Interview Model to Special Populations Training Sessions – National CAC

NOTE:

NDAA's Strategies for Justice Conference is in Phoenix, AZ this year. It is usually held in the South or on the East Coast.

Research

- **2013 Key Survey Findings -- National Multi-Site Survey of Children's Advocacy Centers**—Thank you to those CACs in Montana that participated – look at the stats and trends for forensic interviews, medical exams and victim advocacy. Email me if you need a copy of the full report.
- **Sexting: When are state prosecutors deciding to prosecute?** The Third National Juvenile Online Victimization Study (NJOV3)- Walsh, W., Wolak, J., & Finkelhor, D. (2013)
- New to CALiO -- the Prevention Fact Sheet, "**As a Matter of Fact: Maltreated Children: The High Risk of Poly-victimization**
- CALiO Bibliography Series – Three New Bibliographies: **Medical Evaluation of Children When Abuse is Suspected, Toolkit for Court Performance Measures in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases and A Roadmap for Collaborative and Effective Evaluation in Tribal Communities**
- **Annotated Bibliography of Evidence Supporting the National Standards for Accreditation** – National Children's Alliance and the National Children's Advocacy Center

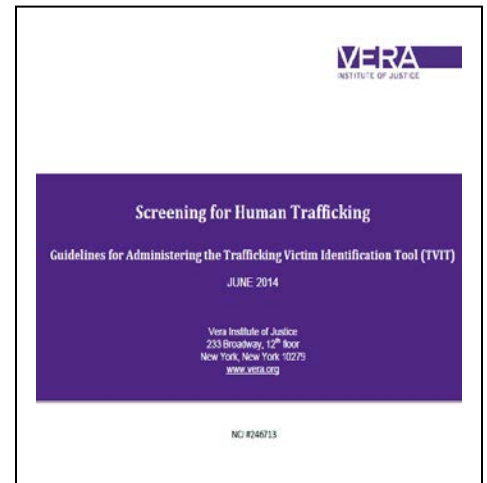
"The average number of interviews conducted at a CAC = 356"

2013 Multi-Site CAC Evaluation Project



Resources

- **NIJ-funded Researchers Create Validated Tool to Identify Victims of Human Trafficking**
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- **Trends in Unwanted Online Experiences and Sexting -- Crimes Against Children Resource Center**
- **Protective Factors Approaches in Child Welfare Issue Brief – Child Welfare Information Gateway**
- **APSAC Released Practice Guidelines for Medical Providers -- “CSEC: The Medical Provider’s Role in Identification, Assessment and Treatment.”**
- **Guidance to States and Services on Addressing Human Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States -- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF)**
- **APSAC Interviewing Guidelines 2012**
- **Handbook on Questioning Children by Anne Graffam Walker and Julie Kenniston, July 2013**



Training

Don't miss this FREE Webinar!

Title: [Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children 101](#)

Presenter: Sandy Skelaney, MA

Date of Presentation: Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Time: 1:00 p.m. CT / 2:00 p.m. ET

Duration: Approximately 1 hour

Description: Many of us encounter child victims of sex trafficking every day, but without proper tools and information, we lack the ability to identify and intervene in their lives in positive ways. This workshop provides a basic overview of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of children from risk factors and recruitment to identification and sets the foundation for learning more advanced intervention skills.

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn proper language and sensitivity around the issue of sex trafficking.
2. Understand the situation of child sex trafficking; including risk factors, pathways into exploitation and the impact trafficking has on victims.
3. Learn how to identify victims, challenges to providing assistance, and resources available to help.

June 23-27, 2014, Baltimore, Maryland

Investigation and Prosecution of Child Fatalities and Physical Abuse

This course is designed to specifically meet the needs of front-line child protection professionals who investigate and prosecute child death cases. Presentations will cover pediatric autopsies, abdominal injuries, abrasions, contusions, burns, bite marks, strangulation, Battered Child Syndrome, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, and serial child torture.

Attendance Fee = \$450 (with a price reduction for additional team members)

Registration closes on June 15th!

Adapting the NICHD Forensic Interview Model to Special Populations

The National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) are collaborating to discuss the important elements of the NICHD Forensic Interview Protocol and adaptations of the NICHD Protocol made within the NCAC's Child Forensic Interview cognitively or linguistically challenged children.

Learn how these adaptations may be useful for interviewers using the NICHD or NCAC protocol or another narrative interview approach.

Trainers:

Linda Cordisco Steele, M.Ed, LPC, Senior Trainer, National Children's Advocacy Center

Heather Stewart, NICHD Trainer, MA, Assistant Program Manager,
Salt Lake County Children's Justice Center, West Jordan, UT

Training Location
Huntsville, AL

Training Dates
August 5-6, 2014

Free Online Training Series on Child Sex Trafficking

We have completely redesigned our webinar series on child sex trafficking.

Please join us for one or all of the 6 webinars in the series!

Webinar Series Description: This **FREE** web-based training series is presented by The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children and the Governor's Office for Children and Families. It aims to educate Georgia professionals on sex trafficking of children and teens. The series includes six individual modules which will be presented via live webinars. Interested professionals may attend any of the webinars and do not need to complete all six. **The modules do not need to be completed in order; however we recommend that learners with limited knowledge of this topic complete the Introduction module prior to others in the series.**

Continuing education credit has been approved for the following disciplines: Georgia medical providers, nurses, emergency medical service personnel and social workers (SW credit will not be available for the Medical Evaluation module presentations and the February 11 Intro module). At this time, no other CEUs are available. Participants must complete the post-training evaluation for each webinar they attend in order to receive continuing education credit.

Webinar Topics: ✓ **Introduction to Child Sex Trafficking for Healthcare Professionals**

- ✓ **Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation: A Global Perspective, and... Boys are Victims Too**
- ✓ **Special Topics on Child Sex Trafficking: Victims, Pornography and the Legal Response**
- ✓ **The Demand Side: Traffickers, Buyers & Gangs**
- ✓ **Child Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation: The Medical Evaluation of Victims**
- ✓ **Using a Victim-/Survivor-Centered Approach When Working with Trafficked Youth**

To Register: Please click on the links in the attached flyer for the sessions you would like to register to attend. **We will continuously update our website as additional dates and registration information becomes available.** www.choa.org/csecwebinars

After registering you will receive an invitation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

Please feel free to share the information about this series with your colleagues.

Continuing Education

Nursing:

This continuing nursing education activity was provided by Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Georgia Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Approval as a provider refers to recognition of educational activities only and does not imply ANCC Commission on Accreditation or Georgia Nurses Association approval or endorsement of any product.

Physicians:

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*

Other Disciplines:

Continuing education credit has been approved for the following disciplines: emergency medical service personnel, law enforcement (POST), and social workers (SW credit will not be available for the Medical Evaluation module). At this time, no other CEUs are available.

Contact Angie Boy at 404.785.7429 or Angela.Boy@choa.org for more information.

October 6-10, 2014, Phoenix, AZ

Strategies for Justice: Advanced Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse and Exploitation

Strategies for Justice is an advanced multidisciplinary national training conference for prosecutors, law enforcement, medical and mental health professionals, forensic interviewers, child advocates and allied professionals. Just a few topics to be addressed include:

1. Abusive Head Trauma
2. High-Tech Crimes Against Children
3. Working with Male Victims
4. Working with Autistic Children
5. Religious-based crimes
6. Human Trafficking
7. Linguistics
8. And specialized tracks for prosecutors, law enforcement and forensic interviewers/social workers

We will also be hosting the National Link Coalition for their bi-annual Link Summit where the group focuses on the co-occurrence of child abuse, domestic violence and elder abuse with animal abuse and multi-agency collaboration. Multi-disciplinary teams are encouraged to register as a team.

Attendance fee:

Individual: \$250 (until August 1)

Team of 3 or more: \$200 each person (until August 1)

After August 1:

Individual: \$450

Team of 3 or more: \$400 each person

Resources

Trends in Unwanted Online Experiences and Sexting Crimes Against Children Resource Center

This bulletin summarizes findings from the Third Youth Internet Safety Survey (YISS-3).

The YISS-3 asked about three types of unwanted online experiences that have been at the forefront of concerns regarding youth Internet use - unwanted sexual solicitations, harassment, and unwanted exposure to sexual material.

- **Sexual solicitations:** Requests to engage in sexual activities or sexual talk, or give personal sexual information that were unwanted or, whether wanted or not, made by an adult.
- **Harassment:** Threats or other offensive behavior (not sexual solicitation), sent online to the youth or posted online about the youth for others to see.
- **Unwanted exposure to sexual material:** Without seeking or expecting sexual material, being exposed to pictures of naked people or people having sex when doing online searches, surfing the web, opening email or links in email.

The full review is located in CALiO™ under *Practitioner's Reference and Resource Center* in the [Full-Text Open-Access Publications](#) section under the heading of *Internet Victimization*

Protective Factors Approaches in Child Welfare

This issue brief provides a succinct overview of protective factors approaches to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. It is designed to help policymakers, administrators, child welfare and related professionals, service providers, advocates, and other interested individuals understand the concepts of risk and protective factors in families and communities and learn ways in which building protective factors can help to lessen risks for child abuse and neglect. This full commentary is located in CALiO™ under the *Practitioners Reference and Resource Center* in the [Full-Text Open-Access Publications](#) section under the heading of *Child Welfare*.

Essentials for Childhood: Steps to Create Safe, Stable, and Nurturing Relationships and Environments for all Children

Child maltreatment is a serious problem that can have lasting effects on victims. This type of violence can and must be stopped before it starts. Healthy child development is essential for lifelong health. We all benefit when all children have safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments.

Safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments are essential to prevent child maltreatment and to assure children reach their full potential. The *Essentials for Childhood* technical package proposes evidence-based strategies communities can consider to promote relationships and environments that help children grow up to be healthy and productive citizens so that they, in turn, can build stronger and safer families and communities for their children.

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, help to positively influence individuals, support healthy relationships among family members and neighbors, and encourage community involvement. This publication is located in CALiO in the *Practitioners Reference and Resource Center* in the section [Full-Text Open-Access Publications](#) under the heading of *Parenting*.

Research

APSAC Practice Guidelines -- "CSEC: The Medical Provider's Role in Identification, Assessment and Treatment."

- ✓ APSAC (American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children) recently released a practice guideline for medical providers entitled, "CSEC: The Medical Provider's Role in Identification, Assessment and Treatment." It is free to APSAC members through their website and available for \$10 to non-members as an electronic publication.

FORENSIC INTERVIEWER MUST HAVES!

If you do forensic interviews, you should have these two resources. You can order the Practice Guidelines by clicking on the website links below each resource!

2012 APSAC Practice Guidelines on Forensic Interviewing in Cases of Suspected Child Abuse. These guidelines include updated guidelines on the use of Anatomical Drawings and Dolls.

<http://www.apsac.org/practice-guidelines>

Handbook on Questioning Children by Anne Graffam Walker and Julie Kenniston, July 2013 <http://apps.americanbar.org/abastore/index.cfm?section=main&fm=Product.AddToCart&pid=3490008>

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2014 NCAC Trainings

Forensic Interviewing of Children

Huntsville, AL

July 28 - August 1

September 29 - October 3

December 8 - 12

Advanced Forensic Interviewing

Kansas City, MO

October 7 - 9

Extended Forensic Interviewing

Salt Lake City, UT

September 9 - 11

Victim Advocacy Huntsville, AL

November 4-6, 2014

Forensic Interviews at Trial: Preparation and Presentation Training

Huntsville, AL

July 8-9

October 28-29

Customized, On-Location Training and International Training

Available upon Request.

Adapting the NICHD Forensic Interview Model to Special Populations Training Sessions

The National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) are collaborating to discuss the important elements of the NICHD Forensic Interview Protocol and adaptations of the NICHD Protocol made within the NCAC's Child Forensic Interview Structure for reluctant, young, and/or cognitively or linguistically challenged children.

The first day of this two-day training will introduce the trainee to the important elements of the NICHD Forensic Interview Structure. This day of the training will be provided by Heather Stewart who has worked with and trained nationally and internationally on the NICHD protocol for 15 years.

The second day of training will present adaptations of the NCAC Child Forensic Interview Structure for use with extremely reluctant, young, and/or cognitively/linguistically challenged children. Linda Cordisco Steele, NCAC Senior Trainer, will discuss how these adaptations may be useful for interviewers using the NICHD or NCAC protocol or another narrative interview approach.

Learn how these adaptations may be useful for interviewers using the NICHD or NCAC protocol or another narrative interview approach.

Training Location
Huntsville, AL

Training Dates
August 5-6, 2014

Don't miss the rare training opportunity,



The National Children's Advocacy Center enables, promotes, and delivers leadership in child abuse response and prevention through research, education, and advocacy.



Sexting: When are state prosecutors deciding to prosecute? The Third National Juvenile Online Victimization Study (NJOV3)

Walsh, W., Wolak, J., & Finkelhor, D. (2013)

Crimes Against Children Research Center

Circumstances in which prosecutors would file charges

In order to better understand when prosecutors would file charges, prosecutors were asked an open ended question about the types of circumstances in which they would file charges in these cases. Most prosecutors mentioned that they would need some type of additional offense, such as harassment, unruly behavior, or stalking, in order to file charges and that the circumstance would have to move beyond the boyfriend/girlfriend situation.

There were four main themes that described when prosecutors would file charges against a minor.

Malicious intent/bullying/coercion or harassment (36%)

- If pictures were taken by a boyfriend or girlfriend who then started distributing pictures widely with the motive to get even or to harm the other person's reputation.
- If a juvenile gave a photo to someone with the expectation that privacy be maintained, but then the images were distributed as a way to bully the juvenile.

Distribution (25%)

- If a youth were sending images of herself to many people and there had already been an intervention, but she would not stop sending images, might charge to get her in the system.
- If the images were forwarded to someone else without the victim's consent, the charge might be invasion of privacy. **If a**

large age difference existed between the people involved (22%)

- If a 19-year-old boy was getting a 12 or 14 or 15-year-old girl to take pictures of herself and then the pictures were sent to a minor, might charge with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
- If the image was of a child under age 12 and sexually explicit, this would meet the CP felony statute.

Graphic nature of the images (9%)

- If violence was involved
- Gang rape, severe violence
- Only if very explicit pictures

What's New in CALiO™? - (Child Abuse Library Online)

Medical Evaluation of Children When Abuse is Suspected lists books, chapters, journal articles, and selected other publications including International publications. Publications are divided into topic categories including: evaluation, policy and procedure, normal findings, physical abuse, and others. Links to the the full text of unrestricted publications are provided.

Toolkit for Court Performance Measures in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases. The toolkit provides detailed guidance about court performance measures for child abuse and neglect cases and offers a general approach that can help dependency courts successfully implement a performance measurement process. The toolkit is located in CALiO™ under the *Practitioners Reference and Resource Center* in the [Full-Text Open-Access Publications](#) section under the heading of *Courts and Law*.

A Roadmap for Collaborative and Effective Evaluation in Tribal Communities. The Child Welfare Research and Evaluation Workgroups developed this tool that can be used to create a shared vision for the future of Tribal child welfare evaluation and provide a common language for Tribal communities and evaluators as they improve evaluation practice. This publication is located in CALiO™ under the *Practitioners Reference and Resource Center* in the [Full-Text Open-Access Publications](#) section under the heading of *Child Welfare*..

Annotated Bibliography of Evidence Supporting the National Standards for Accreditation – National Children’s Alliance and the National Children’s Advocacy Center

A Note from NCA’s Executive Director:

Everyone,

As you know, the National Standards for Accreditation rest on a foundation of research regarding CACs, MDT’s, and the related disciplines. That evidence base is constantly evolving and we want to ensure that practices in the field match that evolving body of evidence. We commissioned a 2nd Edition of the Annotated Bibliography of Evidence Supporting the National Standards for Accreditation and we are pleased to report that the National Children’s Advocacy Center has now completed that work. We’d like to offer a special thank you to Chris Newlin, Muriel Wells, and Linda Cordisco-Steel for their hard work and dedication to the project. To review or download the “hot-off-the presses” revised Annotated Bibliography—which you may find very helpful as you need citations for grants or other proposals and in your work with your MDT—please see the link below:

<http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/index.php?s=118&cat=116>

The document is posted on the NCA website and is also available through CALiO. We hope you find this helpful in your ongoing work. Warm regards, Teresa Huizar, Executive Director, National Children’s Alliance



June, 2014

Dear CAM Member,

Last year, CAM became its own private, non-profit organization. With a year under our belt, we are embarking on 2014 with many member benefits already planned. CAM partnering with the MCSART Program of the Montana Department of Justice to provide a one-day Medical Training on physical abuse with Dr. Catherine Wells from the Kempe Center. We are also planning a Child Forensic Interview Training in September, Crimes Against Children Pre-Conference Training and Annual Meeting in conjunction with the 8th Annual Crime Prevention Conference in October. CAM will be providing scholarships to these trainings.

CAM is also partnering with the Western Regional CAC to bring Corroborating the Forensic Interview Training to two locations in June – Missoula on June 24th and 25th and Billings on June 26th and 27th. CAM has also been working intensely with communities that are looking to strengthen their response to child abuse investigation and prosecution as well as improving the health and welfare of children and non-offending caregivers through advocacy, medical and mental health services. We have 5 CACs that are accredited by the National Children's Alliance (NCA). There are three additional CACs that are striving for accreditation with NCA in 2014 and CAM is going to help get them there!

CAM is dedicated to working statewide, regionally and nationally to bring you information, training, research and resources to support your work. CAM has conducted on-site peer reviews, MDT Trainings, Board strategic planning and has provided outreach and technical assistance. Are your protocols out of date? Is your case review effective and efficient? Are you considering applying for accreditation with NCA? CAM is at your service for on-site technical assistance and training for your community professionals.

CAM needs you! CAM is a membership organization that is largely funded by federal grants. Our funding allows us to provide training and technical assistance but the funding is not enough to sustain our chapter full time. There are 56 counties in Montana; help CAM strengthen the response to child abuse victims by becoming a member of CAM.

CAM would like to thank our current members for your past support. We are recruiting new members and asking our current members to renew your membership for 2014. Every little bit helps and the benefits you will receive with your membership will help promote the work you do in your community, statewide and in our work with our Congressional delegation on a national level. Each year representatives from CAM attend a national leadership conference in DC where we meet with our Montana delegations. They are supportive of the work you do!

Please decide to become an active member of CAM. We need you. Please complete the membership application form and send in your membership application and dues today. Thank you for your past and continued support of CAM.

Sincerely,

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WHO ARE WE

The Children's Alliance of Montana (CAM) is a membership, training and technical assistance organization dedicated to providing support and promoting best practices to Montana communities to strengthen their response to child abuse. CAM is an accredited chapter of the National Children's Alliance.

WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?

The Mission of the Children's Alliance of Montana is to partner with the MCSART Program, the National Children's Alliance (NCA) and the Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center (WRCAC) to support the development, growth, and sustainability of Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) and Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) in Montana to ensure that every child has access to the services of a CAC and the expertise of a MDT.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- ◇ Team, Staff and Board Technical Assistance
- ◇ Training opportunities
- ◇ Mentoring
- ◇ Stipends for trainings
- ◇ Resources
- ◇ CAM Newsletter
- ◇ Participation in state & national Outcome Measurement System (OMS) Evaluation Project

CAM is primarily funded by grants and membership dues. We need you! CAM is currently kicking off its 2014 membership Drive. Get Involved!

Membership dues are vital to the sustainability of CAM. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and have taken advantage of all that CAM can offer you. If not, please contact me for on-site specific MDT Training and/or Technical Assistance and for any Resource or Research



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE OF MONTANA Membership Application 2014

Please check which level of Membership you are applying for and remit a check for the appropriate annual dues with your application

(Please make checks payable to the Children's Alliance of Montana):

_____ **Accredited Membership**— Annual Dues = \$200
Accredited members are CACs that are accredited by the National Children's Alliance, are in good standing with CAM and are current on their membership dues. Each Accredited Member shall have one vote on each matter brought before the CAM's annual meeting or special meetings of the Membership.

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Developing CAC Members must meet membership criteria as established and published by CAM. The Board Membership and Expansion Committee shall determine whether an organization is eligible to be a Developing Member subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Each Developing Member shall have one vote on each matter brought before the CAM's annual meeting or special meetings of the Membership.

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