



Volume 2 -- 2015



# CAM Newsletter

*Dear CAC Directors and MDT Professionals,*

*It has been a busy 2015 already. Thank you to those of you that attended the Justice for Children Conference – Investigating and Prosecuting Child Abuse in Indian Country in April in Billings. What an amazing training. We had over 100 professionals attend. A very special thank you to the National District Attorneys Association for bringing this training to Montana! Thank you to Randall Cooper for his hard working in putting on the training. I would also like to thank all of our presenters and sponsors:*

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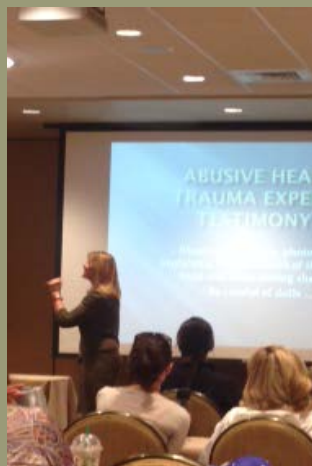
**National District Attorneys Association  
MCSART Program, Montana Department of Justice  
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Affairs,  
Rocky Mountain Region**

**Presenters:**

JROTC Lodge Grass, Montana for the Color Guard Presentation  
Mary-Ann Burkhart, Director NCPA, NDAA  
Dana Toole, Bureau Chief, Children's Justice Bureau, Montana DOJ  
Joe McKay, Blackfeet Tribal Council  
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Erin Harris-Church, Child Protection Specialist, BIA, Rocky Mountain Region  
Sunshine Nicholson, Deputy Legal Counsel, ICWA, Child Protection, Apsaalooke' Nation  
Calvin Wilson, Chief Prosecutor, Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
Lori Suek, Assistant U.S. Attorney  
Dan Vierthaler, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations

*I hope you will take a peek at the rest of the newsletter to see what else is coming your way in 2015. Happy Spring!*

**Brenda George**, Executive Director  
Children's Alliance of Montana



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**Thanks to the National Children's Alliance, CAM was awarded a Chapter Innovation Grant. The focus of this grant is to provide the opportunity for mental health professionals in Montana to become certified in the Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy modality.**

Over 40 applications were received from mental health professionals across the state. Scholarships were awarded on a priority basis. CAM was able to provide scholarships to all of the applicants. The two-day, in-person TF-CBT training will be held on July 9-10, 2015 -- Bozeman, MT with Dr. Amy Hoch.

Thank you to the CAC Directors and MDT Coordinators for an excellent job in getting the word out and encouraging your mental health professionals to take part in this opportunity!

## Montana Child Forensic Interview Training

October 19-23, 2015 -- Billings, MT

Sponsored by the MCSART Program, Children's Justice Bureau

Please email me if you would like to submit an application to attend.

*See inside for information and how to register for a FREE Webinar on:*

### *Forensic Interviewing of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims at Child Advocacy Centers*

*Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. MST*



## **In the age of Social Media – Is your CAC or organization keeping up?**

**CACs across the country have turned to Social Media to raise awareness and to raise money. With this comes the need to have appropriate social media policies in place.**

**In addition, many professionals have personal social media accounts – how do those relate to the organization you work for? Does your organization have policies in place that address this?**

**Email me if you are interested in some sample polices!**

## In 2014 Montana CACs provided:

## The Outcome Measurement System (OMS)

Since 2012, hundreds of Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) across the nation have gathered feedback from the families they serve and the multidisciplinary team (MDT) members with whom they partner to ensure that their centers are providing the best possible service. As of July 2014, approximately 500 CACs in over 40 states will be using the Outcome Measurement System (OMS).

## How is Montana doing?

**CACs and MDTs are effective and you are making a difference for kids! Congratulations!**

If your community is interested in developing or strengthening your MDT and/or CAC, please contact me!

Brenda George  
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**1122**

• Forensic Interviews

**1211**

• Children Served

**437**

• Medical Evaluations

**93% of caregivers  
agreed:**

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**Their child felt safe at  
the CAC.**

**100% of MDT members  
agreed:**

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**Children and Families  
benefit from the  
collaborative MDT**

## Free Webinar

### Did you know...

All of NCAC webinars are recorded and archived on the [Online Training](#) page of the NCAC website, for anyone to access.

Learn more about all of NCAC's Trainings by visiting the [NCAC Training Center](#) online.

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Don't miss this FREE Webinar!

Title: *Forensic Interviewing of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims at Child Advocacy Centers*



**Presenter:** Iona Rudisill, LGSW

**Date of Presentation:** Tuesday, May 20, 2015

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

**Duration:** Approximately 1.5 hours (90 min)

**Description:** According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the average age a person is targeted and lured into sex trafficking is between the ages of 12 - 14. Despite what most people want to believe, sex trafficking of minors is a crime that plagues the United States. Participants will learn how children with sexual abuse histories are at a higher risk of being sexually trafficked and becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Participants will also learn how Child Advocacy Centers, along with a multidisciplinary team approach, can be utilized to identify potential victims, respond to these victims and conduct forensic interviews of sexually trafficked and commercial sexually exploited children.

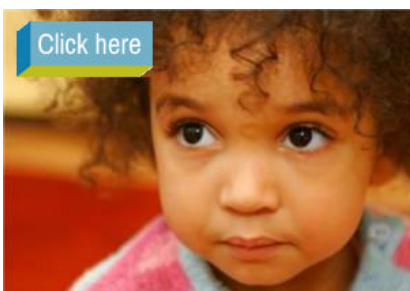
### Register

Space is limited, so if you are not sure you can attend, please be courteous to others and plan to view the webinar when it is archived within two weeks after the original airing. All of NCAC webinars are archived on the [Online Training Courses](#) page of the NCAC website.

# Midwest Regional EduNet

Connecting you with nationally known experts in the field of child abuse.

Midwest Regional EduNet is a series of expert lectures on a variety of multidisciplinary topics. All webinars are offered **free of charge**, offer free continuing education credits, and are archived for later viewing.



## [Compliant Child Victims: Confronting an Uncomfortable Reality](#) with Kenneth Lanning

Thursday, May 14th, 2015  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm CST

*CEU, CME, CLE and POST Credits Available.*

The primary purpose of this presentation is to consider possible reasons why children might - in any way, partially or fully - cooperate in or "consent" to their sexual victimization and to discuss the complexity and significance for child victims and professional interveners.



## [Skeletal Trauma: Mimickers and Metabolic Bone Disease](#) with Nancy Harper, MD

Thursday, May 28th, 2015  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm CST

*CEU, CME, and POST Credits Available.*

This workshop will discuss medical conditions, which can present with fractures confused with injuries from child abuse. Case studies will be utilized to outline the approach to the medical evaluation of a child who presents with fracture and may have a medical condition predisposing to fracture.

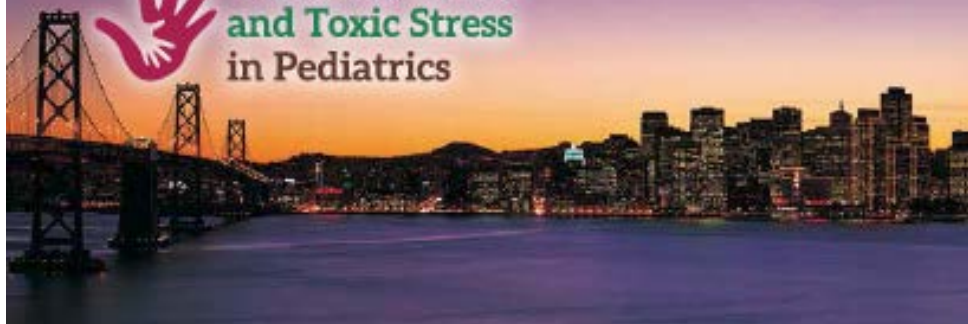
**Use the Midwest Regional EduNet series as a way to bring your team together for professional development during monthly MDT meetings or case reviews.**

**Midwest Regional CAC is proud to offer  
Continuing Education Credits on all EduNet Webinars.**





## Violence, Abuse and Toxic Stress in Pediatrics



### Violence, Abuse and Toxic Stress in Pediatrics: An Update on Trauma-Informed Care in Children and Youth

Sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the AAP Section on Child Abuse and Neglect, the AAP Section on Adolescent Health, and the AAP Council on Foster Care, Adoption and Kinship Care.

San Francisco, CA • July 30-August 2, 2015 • Hyatt Regency San Francisco

**Save \$150!**

Register by  
June 30, 2015

#### You should attend this course if you are:

- A health care provider interested in addressing toxic stress in the families you serve
- A health care provider interested in creating better approaches to addressing social determinants of health
- A health care provider interested in developing your practice, your hospital, your clinic as a "trauma informed" endeavor
- A health care provider interested in networking with other professionals who are beginning to recognize the importance of adverse childhood experiences in health outcomes across the age continuum
- A health care provider interested in applying the latest human development science to your practice



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**Victim Assistance Training *Online* (VAT *Online*) is a Web-based basic victim advocacy training program that offers victim service providers and allied professionals the opportunity to acquire the basic skills and knowledge they need to better assist victims of crime.**



## Benefits of taking the training

- ▶ **No costs attached.** VAT *Online* is **free** training you can take at your own pace.
- ▶ **Engaging interactions.** We've developed engaging online interactions to help reinforce the content, including real-life scenarios, videos, and more.
- ▶ **Information you need to know.** New modules from our Crimes and Special Populations sections are now available:
  - ▶ Sexual Assault
  - ▶ LGBTQ Populations
  - ▶ Victims With Substance Abuse Issues
  - ▶ Financial Crimes
  - ▶ Identity Theft
- ▶ **More content to come.** New content will be released on specific crimes and the needs of special populations in the coming year.

*OVC's Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) provides training to support professional development, enhance services to the community, and expand outreach to underserved victims of crime.*

## Here's how to get started

- ▶ Visit the VAT *Online* page to learn more about the training.
- ▶ Once registered, you can enroll in the training in less than 5 minutes.
- ▶ Let your colleagues know that this **free** training is available to help those new to the field or as a refresher for experienced professionals.

[Learn More »](#)

## RESOURCES

### What Parents Need to Know Abuse Sexual Abuse – Caring for Kids

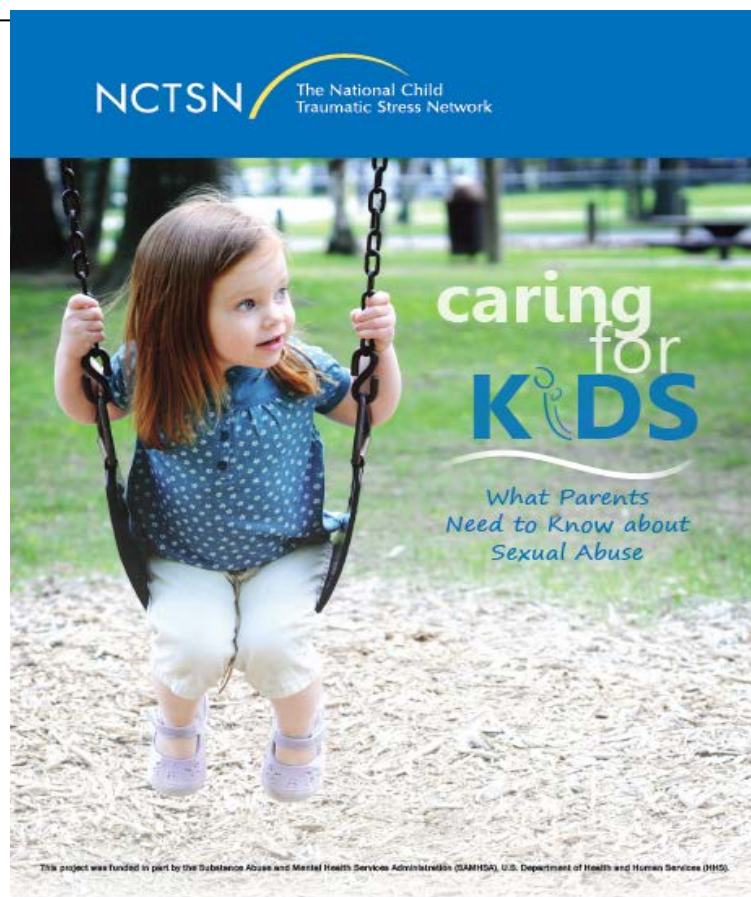
#### A Resource from NCTSN

This is a series of fact sheets developed by the sexual abuse workgroup (which includes a number of CACs) of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network. These helpful fact sheets cover everything from **what a parent should do when a child discloses** to **how to support children through the legal system** to **dealing with sexual behaviors in children**. It's a robust toolkit and the contents are evidence-based and created by child trauma experts. These are designed to be easily duplicated by CACs and therapists in their work with kids/families.

***This is an awesome resource – please click the link and take advantage of it!***

Here is the link to the pdf file

Toolkit [http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/caring\\_for\\_kids.pdf](http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/caring_for_kids.pdf)



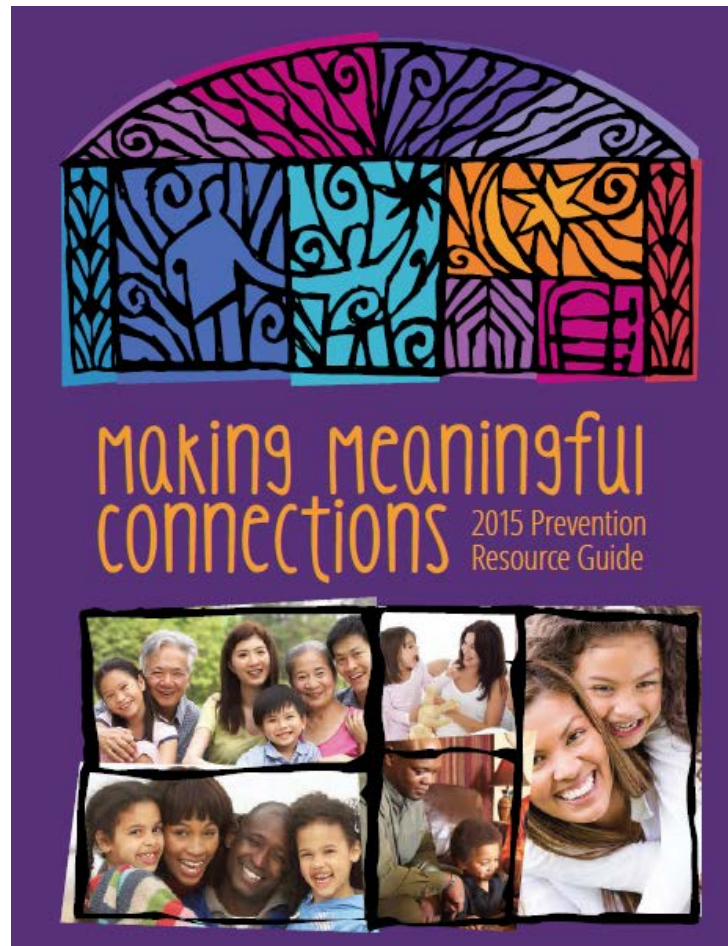


## ***2015 Prevention Guide***

**Great resource – full of checklists**

**Helpful for CACs, Victim Advocates and Mental Health Professionals**

**Email if you would like a copy!**



# 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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***Brubacker, S.P. Malloy, et. al.***



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# Research

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- **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



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## About Our Organization...

### Empowering

*Let no child in Montana face the trauma of child abuse alone.  
Let every abused child in Montana have the chance to heal.*

### WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?

*That every child in Montana has access to a Children's Advocacy Center and the expertise of professionals on a Multidisciplinary Team.*

*Provide support, training and technical assistance to professionals working on Multidisciplinary Teams and in Children's Advocacy Centers to strengthen their response to child abuse and promote healing for victims and their families.*

### 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)

**CAM is primarily funded by grants and membership dues. We need you! CAM is currently kicking off its 2015 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 Questions.**