



August 2014



CAM Newsletter

Children's Alliance of Montana Board Member and Staff meet with Senators Walsh and Tester in Washington, DC.

At the annual National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference in DC, members of the Children's Alliance of Montana Board and staff met with Senators Jon Tester and John Walsh. Thank you to our Congressional Delegation for their continued support of the Victims of Child Abuse Act Funding and Reauthorization.



Save the Date for 2014
8TH ANNUAL MONTANA CRIME PREVENTION CONFERENCE
 October 7 - 10, 2014
 Red Lion Colonial Hotel
 Helena, Montana
 Conference information is available at
 The Montana Board of Crime Control website:
www.mbcc.mt.gov



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Spots are still available! **Montana Child Forensic Interview Training** September 15-19, 2014 Helena, MT

Scholarships include: Tuition, Lodging, Breakfast and Lunch each day of the training. Participants are responsible for mileage and other meal costs. For a scholarship application or if you have any questions, please contact Brenda George at Director@childrensalliancemt.org

CAM/MCSART 2014 Events/Trainings

Sept. 15-19	Montana Child Forensic Interview Training <i>Sponsored by MCSART</i>	Helena
Sept. 16-18	Northwest Child Protection Conference <i>Sponsored by Ryan United</i>	Helena
October 7	Crimes Against Children – Team Methodology – CAM & MCSART Pre-Conference	Helena
October 8-10	8th Annual Crime Prevention Conference	Helena
October 20-22	Crimes Against Children – Investigation to Suspect Interrogation	Helena

Limited scholarships are available for the Crime Prevention Conference and the Pre-conference. Email me if you need an application!

What's Going on in your Community?



BILLINGS —The Yellowstone Valley Children's Advocacy Center (YVCAC) a program of the Center for Children and Families 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 YVCAC County CAC good luck on their National Children's Alliance Accreditation Site Visit on August 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, CFI® 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

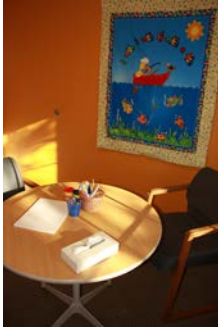


Limited Scholarships are Available!

Montana Child Forensic Interview Training

Sponsored by MCSART

September 15-19, 2014
Helena, MT



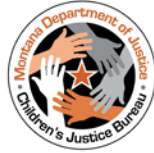
Registration, Lodging, Breakfast and Lunch are included with your scholarship.

Please email me if you would like an application!

director@childrensalliancemt.org

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**.

This Training Day is for you! It was specifically designed for you. Please join us for this important training opportunity designed specifically for you and your MDT members!

MCSART and CAM will be providing a limited number of scholarships. Please e-mail Brenda George if you are interested in applying for a scholarship – director@childrensalliancemt.org.

MCSART is also providing a limited number of scholarships through CACs and MDTs for the Crimes Against Children: Investigation to Suspect Interrogation Training to be held in Helena in October brought to you 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.**

Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center

CAM would like to welcome Brett Kelso as the new Outreach Coordinator for the Western Regional CAC that is assigned to provide outreach, training and technical assistance. Brett may be reaching out to you for any training or technical assistance needs. Brett is no stranger to Montana, he was formerly the Director of the Flathead County CAC. Welcome Brett!



CAM would like to thank the Western Regional CAC (WRCA) for bringing Corroborating the Forensic Interview Training to Montana in Missoula and Billings. The training was extremely valuable, the evaluations were excellent. I highly encourage you to attend this training if you get an opportunity. Thank you WRCAC!



National and Online Training Opportunities

INVESTIGATION and PROSECUTION

August 14th Understanding Perpetrators of Sexual Crimes Against Children Part II -- Ken Lanning MRCAC Edunet webinar

Sept. 23-24 *Responding to Missing and Unidentified Persons – Atlanta, GA – sponsored by National Criminal Justice Training Center*

Oct. 6-10 Strategies for Justice – Phoenix, AZ

Online Training Series on Child Sex Trafficking

IACP Launches Online Training Series on Juvenile Interviewing and Interrogation

FORENSIC INTERVIEWING/MDT

Fridays *Tom Lyon's 2014- Forensic Interview Webinar Series*

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

- **OJJDP Releases Law Enforcement Guide on Recognizing Child Abuse**
- **NDAAs -- Download your copy of the just released "Understanding the Link between Violence to Animals and People: A Guidebook for Criminal Justice Professionals." Written by Allie Phillips (NDAAs Director of the National Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse and the Deputy Director for the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse), this Guidebook details the research supporting the Link, investigation and prosecution strategies, and policies changes to consider to better help to protect families and pets from violence.**
- **NIJ-funded Researchers Create Validated Tool to Identify Victims of Human Trafficking**
- **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."**

Training

NEW AND IMPROVED COURSE CATALOG!

You spoke and we listened!

Visit the new and improved Midwest Regional eLearning Course Catalog and register for EduNet Webinars and more today! New Course Catalog features over 75 webinars and courses, and it gives you the opportunity to check out all our upcoming and archived courses with full descriptions and streamlined registration features!

[Register for a Course Today!](#)

EDUNET WEBINARS

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

Midwest Regional
EduNet

Midwest Regional EduNet is a series of expert lectures on a variety of multidisciplinary topics. In the month of **JULY** you have the ability to choose from a variety of webinars that qualify for Continuing Education Credits. All webinars are offered free of charge and are archived for later viewing.

**Thursday August 14th, 2014
1:00pm-3:00pm (CST)**

[Understanding Perpetrators of Sexual Crimes Against Children Part II](#)

Ken Lanning

If we don't understand how individuals sexually exploit children and groom the protective adults in the world, we cannot effectively implement child safeguarding. Professionals who enhance their knowledge of offender behavior can recognize situations where children might be at risk or engage more effectively with perpetrators, victims and their families. When we understand the complexity and subtleties of the problem, we can better implement policies and procedures within our organizations and ensure effective safeguarding for all. This presentation provides insights into the motivations, thoughts and behaviors of child sexual offenders.

CEU, CLE, CME, and POST Credits Available.

**Thursday August 28th, 2014
1:00pm-3:00pm (CST)**

[Helping Nonoffending Parents in Child Sexual Abuse Cases](#)

with Jeffery Wherry, PhD

The focus of this session will be on the significant role of non-offending parents in the recovery of sexually abused children. Myths and controversies in the field which complicate the response of parents will be discussed, as well as the needs of non-offending parents.

CEU, CME, and POST Credits Available.

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 all EduNet Webinars.**

Join us in Atlanta, GA for "Our Nation's Hidden Victims - National Conference on Responding to Missing & Unidentified Persons"

Approximately 2,300 Americans are reported missing every day. Who are these missing persons and how can we help identify them and bring them home to their families and loved ones? What is ambiguous loss? How do you learn to live with the type of unresolved grief that comes from having a missing family member? This innovative, jam-packed annual conference offers an incomparable array of opportunities for victims, families, law enforcement, medical examiners, coroners and other professionals to confront the challenges of searching for missing persons and identifying recovered human remains. If you can only attend one conference this year, this is the one you should consider! [View the Conference Agenda.](#)

Don't Miss This Year's Featured Presentations and Speakers

Topic Highlights:

- Facts, Trends, and Improving Responses to Special Population of Missing Persons
- John and Jane Doe: Revealing Unnamed Victims through the Identification of Unidentified Remains
- Homeless and Missing in America: Working with Families, Community Partners and Law Enforcement
- Special Considerations - Working with Missing Veterans and Military Service
- Missing College Students - What Do We Know? What Should We Do?
- and many, many more as shown on the [Conference Agenda](#)

Conference Speakers include:

- Dr. Dorothy Edwards, Green Dot et cetera, Inc.
- Dr. Jay A. Mancini, University of Georgia
- Vernon M. Keenan, Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI)

- Major General James Butterworth, Adjutant General, Georgia National Guard

- John Gwizdak, Former Commander - Veterans of Foreign Wars
- and many more, [View the Website](#)

Last year I attended the [Responding to Missing and Unidentified Persons](#) hosted by NCJTC. It was one of the most relevant training sessions I've ever experienced and a true eye-opener. The hardest part of the conference was trying to decide what breakout sessions to attend - they were all excellent".

Carole Moore, Conference Attendee

IACP Launches Online Training Series on Juvenile Interviewing and Interrogation

The [International Association of Chiefs of Police](#) (IACP), in collaboration with OJJDP, has released a free, [online training series](#) on effective juvenile interviewing and interrogation techniques. This introductory-level series is targeted to law enforcement and legally authorized juvenile justice professionals who interview and/or interrogate youth. Courses include analyzing juvenile behavior, developing rapport with youth, juvenile interviewing techniques, and juvenile interrogation techniques.

This online series was developed under IACP's [Improving Law Enforcement Responses to Youth Training and Technical Assistance Program](#), funded through OJJDP, and is based on the IACP/OJJDP classroom training "[Introduction to Juvenile Interview and Interrogation Techniques](#)."

Resources:

Learn how to [get started](#) and register [online](#).

[E-mail](#) Eileen LeFurgy for more information, or call 1-800-843-4227 x 830.

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

OJJDP Releases Law Enforcement Guide on Recognizing Child Abuse

OJJDP has published the guide "[Recognizing When a Child's Injury or Illness Is Caused by Abuse](#)." The guide provides information to help law enforcement differentiate between physical abuse and accidental injury during a child abuse investigation. The guide also identifies questions that law enforcement should address during an investigation, describes how to conduct a caretaker assessment when a child is injured, and highlights ways to work with the medical community to distinguish types of injuries and bruises.

Resources:

Read other publications in OJJDP's [Portable Guides To Investigating Child Abuse](#) series.

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.

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>



NATIONAL
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August, 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.

_____ **Developing/Satellite/Tribal CAC Membership** – Annual Dues = \$100
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.

_____ **MDT/Tribal MDT Membership** – Annual Dues = \$50.00
MDT 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 an MDT Member subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Each MDT Member shall have one vote on each matter brought before the CAM's annual meeting or special meetings of the Membership.

_____ **Affiliate Membership** – Annual Dues = \$100.00
Organizations whose mission is consistent with and does not conflict with that of the CAM. Each Affiliate Member shall not have a vote on each matter brought before the CAM's annual meeting or special meetings of the Membership.

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