



CAM Newsletter

What's Going on in Your Community?

Crimes Against Children: A Team Methodology Training

Thank you to all who attended the CAM Annual Meeting and the Crimes Against Children: Team Methodology Pre-Conference Training sponsored by CAM and MCSART. Brett Linneweber, Chair, CAM Board is pictured below leading the membership in a discussion about CAM and taking care of elections and CAM business. Dana Toole and Brenda George pulled out their playbook and did an opening presentation on the importance of teams, protocols, interagency agreements, forensic interviews and a child-first approach. This was followed by two case scenarios presented by MDT members from the Lewis and Clark County MDT. Thank you to Tara Harris, Deputy Lewis and Clark County Attorney and her team members for the excellent presentation! Please join us next year. Congratulations and thank you to our scholarship recipients. We hope to see you all next year!

CAM would like to welcome Lynelle Amen, Coordinator for the Yellowstone Valley CAC a program of the Center for Children and Families as the newest CAM Board Member.

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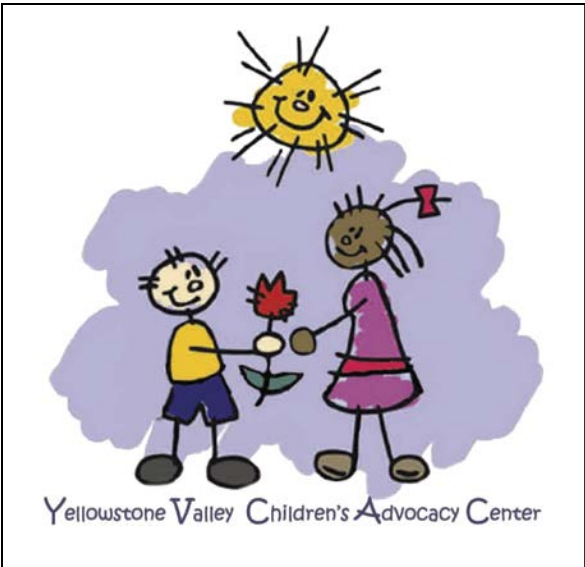
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HAMILTON – The Bella Boutique Fall Fashion Preview was held in Hamilton to support Emma’s House – Ravalli County Child Advocacy Center!



Emma's House CAC held their annual Bella Boutique Fall Fashion Preview on Sept 13, 2104 with 350 guests in attendance. With the enormous help from our committee and volunteers, we exceeded our fundraising goal and had a fabulous time doing it! The event included a live string quartet, young, talented dancers, tappers and singers, live and silent auction, a catered dinner and of course -- fashion!



BILLINGS – Yellowstone Valley Children’s Advocacy Center a program of the Center for Children and Families

The YVCAC became the newest CAC in Montana to become accredited by the National Children’s Alliance. That makes 6 accredited CACs in Montana. Congratulations to YVCAC, the MDT, Advisory Board and the Center for Children and Families!

BUTTE – Field of Honor

Last year the Butte Exchange Club held an event called Field of Honor. They Butte Exchange Club award the Butte Child Evaluation Center a Program of Southwest Montana Community Health Center \$5,681.00!



Election Day 2014

Tomorrow is election day. Get out and exercise your right to vote!



Attention Victim Advocates – Here is a snapshot of an excellent resource from NCTSN for providing information to victims and families. Please email me if you would like the pdf.



Child Sexual Abuse Resources

Caring for Kids: What Parents Need to Know about Sexual Abuse (full manual)

http://nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/caring_for_kids.pdf

Cuidando a los Niños: Lo Que los Padres Necesitan Saber sobre el Abuso Sexual Infantil

http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/caringforkidsspanish_final.pdf

Child Sexual Abuse Fact Sheet: For Parents, Teachers, and Other Caregivers

http://nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/ChildSexualAbuseFactSheetFINAL_10_2_07.pdf

Folleto Informativo Sobre el Abuso Sexual Infantil: Para Padres, Maestros y Demás Cuidadores

http://nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/ChildSexualAbuseFactSheetFINAL_SP.pdf

Questions & Answers about Child Sexual Abuse: An Interview with Esther Deblinger, PhD

<http://nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/QAChildSexualAbuseED103007.pdf>

Preguntas y Respuestas Acerca del Abuso Sexual Infantil :Una Entrevista con la Dra. Esther Deblinger

http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/ChildSexualAbuse_QA_SP.pdf

What to do If Your Child Discloses Sexual Abuse: A Guide for Parents and Caregivers

http://nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/ChildSexualAbuseFactSheetFINAL_10_2_07.pdf

Qué Hacer Si Tu Niño Revela Que Ha Sido Abusado Sexualmente: Información Para Padres y Cuidadores

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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[AmazonSmile](#) is a charitable affiliate of Amazon.com. For every purchase you make on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the Children's Alliance of Montana. Simply visit the [AmazonSmile](#) site at the link below, sign into your account and select the Children's Alliance of Montana as your charity of choice and begin shopping! This is a quick, easy and fun way to help CAM support communities responding to child abuse.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-0730444>



State and Local Training Opportunities

University of Montana School of Social Work
Presents:

The Cost of Caring Secondary Traumatic Stress & The Child Welfare Professional

**Free
Training**

November 19, 2014

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Holiday Inn and Suites
2305 Catron St
Bozeman, Mt
(406) 582-4995

Who should attend?

Child Protection
Specialists
and Supervisors

Law Enforcement

Mental Health Providers

Multidisciplinary
Team Members (MDT)

Resource/Foster Parents

CASA/GAL

Training will cover:

- *Explanations of burnout and secondary traumatic stress, and their differences*
- *Theory explaining the causes and effects of secondary traumatic stress*
- *Practical measures to prevent and cope with secondary traumatic stress*

This is an interactive training and will require small and large group participation.

To reserve your
seat contact
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Please register
early as space is
limited.



National and Online Training Opportunities

EDUNET WEBINARS

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. In the month of **November** 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.

Wednesday November 12th, 2014

1:00pm-3:00pm (CST)

[Prosecuting Child Pornography](#)

with Sasha Rutizer of NDAA

This presentation will look at what details need to be addressed when prosecuting child pornography cases, including Tanner staging, forensic identification, etc.

CEU, CLE, CME, and POST Credits Available.

Thursday November 13th, 2014

1:00pm-3:00pm (CST)

[Child Pornography and Evaluation Images](#)

with Carole Jenny, MD

This presentation will review available data on sexual maturation of children as it relates to determining if laws have been broken by publishing or sharing images. There has been little research done on the outcome and risks of sexually abused children who had their images circulated on the Internet. We will review existing literature and evaluate what needs to be done to protect and heal these children.

CEU, CME, and POST Credits Available.

Thursday November 30th, 2014

1:00pm-3:00pm (CST)

[Providing Health Services to Victims on the Reservation](#)

with Raquel Vargas-Whale, MD

This presentation will focus on how to provide medical services to child abuse victims who live on the reservation.

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 on all EduNet Webinars.**

MEDICAL

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training

Led by distinguished fellow of the IAFN, Diana Faugno MSN, RN, CPN, SANE-A, SANE-P, FAAFS, DF-IAFN

64 hour in class training in adult and pediatric forensic evidence collection

February 2- 6, 2015
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
\$850 per person

Early Bird Special!!

\$800 per person Sept 1- Oct.10, 2014

Online Registration will open September 1, 2014

Lodging is available at the Eden Resort and Suites \$95+/night, includes breakfast as well as transportation to and from the conference location (TBD- Lancaster General Hospital site)

COURSE OBJECTIVES (40 hrs)

- Describe the role and the scope of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner; Pediatrics / Adolescent /Adult
 - Demonstrate correct swabbing techniques using the DOD evidence collection kit
 - State the definitions of injuries such as lacerations, abrasion, bruises etc. Identify and label adult, adolescent and prepubescent oral/ano-genital anatomy.
 - Describe a children's advocacy center (CAC) and its purpose.
 - List 2-3 milestones that are specific to growth and development for the prepubescent child.
 - Document examples of open ended questions used in interviewing children/adolescents/adults.
 - State the roles and scope of work of the Jag/District Attorney and Law Enforcement in the multidisciplinary team in dealing with adult/child sexual assault.
 - Discuss differences in the multidisciplinary roles relating to adult vs. child sexual abuse (CSA).
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- Course will allow you to practice in the role of a SANE Nurse and fulfill requirements to sit for SANE-A and SANE-P certification exams through the IAFN.
 - Course packets, textbook requirements, pre-course work (24 hrs- see attached) and detailed location info will be available on registration site
 - Refreshments and lunch provided for all attendees are included in the cost

Guest speakers include representatives from:

- National District Attorney Association
- Child Protective Services
- Law Enforcement
- Northeast Regional CAC

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



Resources

- **Effective Child Abuse Investigation for the Multi-Disciplinary Teams – Detective Brad, Tacoma Police Department**
- **Rules of Evidence or Statutes Governing Out of Court Statements of Children -- Last Updated (May 2014) – National District Attorney's Association**
- **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**
- **APSAC Released Practice Guidelines for Medical Providers -- "CSEC: The Medical Provider's Role in Identification, Assessment and Treatment."**

Training

Resources

Detective Brad Graham, Tacoma Police Department developed this practical guide for investigators available on Amazon titled " **Effective Child Abuse Investigation for the Multi-Disciplinary Team**".

Please see the link for more details and ordering information.

http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=effective%20child%20abuse%20investigation%20for%20the%20multi-disciplinary%20team



Remember you can shop and support CAM by ordering this at **Amazon Smile** and choosing the **Children's Alliance of Montana** as your charity!



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TO BE THE VOICE OF AMERICA'S PROSECUTORS AND TO SUPPORT
THEIR EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE



Rules of Evidence or Statutes Governing Out of Court Statements of Children Last Updated (May 2014)

The National District Attorneys Association recently released a comprehensive compilation of Rules of Evidence and Statutes governing the admissibility of out-of-court statements of children who are the victims or witnesses of specific types of abuse. It is up to date as of May 2014.

For a copy, please follow the link:

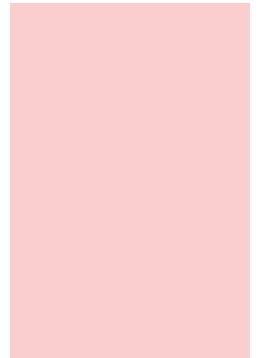
<http://www.ndaa.org/pdf/Statutes%20Governing%20out%20of%20Court%20Statements%20of%20Children.pdf>

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.



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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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