



CAM Newsletter

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As of March 1, 2016

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P.O. Box 666,
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Montana Children's Justice Conference 2016

The Children's Alliance of Montana and the MCSART Program of the Children's Justice Bureau of the Montana Department of Justice held the first Annual Children's Justice Conference at the Buck's T4 Resort in Big Sky, Montana. There were 86 professionals representing 16 counties and 2 Reservations – Ft. Belknap and Rocky Boy in attendance.

The conference agenda included presentations from national and state experts on a variety of multidisciplinary topics to energize our multidisciplinary professionals. We were pleased to have Attorney General Tim Fox and Bryan Lockerby, Division Administrator for the Division of Criminal Investigations at the Montana Department of Justice, kick off the conference by welcoming professionals, appreciating them for the work they do and encouraging them to keep working together to protect Montana's most valuable asset – our children!

Thank you to our sponsors: The Supreme Court's Court Assessment Program, the Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center and the Department of Health and Human Services Children's Justice Act. Mostly, thank you to all of our MDT professionals who attended and who work tirelessly every day to protect Montana's children. I admire you, I respect the work you do and I thank you.

The dates have already been set for next year at Bucks T-4. We hope to see you all in Big Sky next year.

Brenda George, Executive Director
Children's Alliance of Montana

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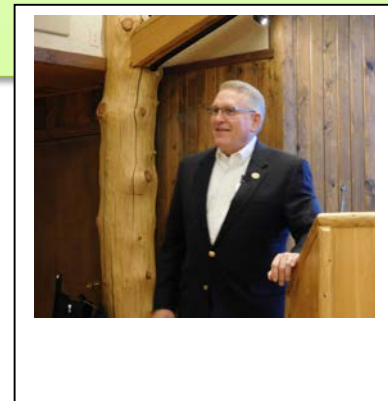
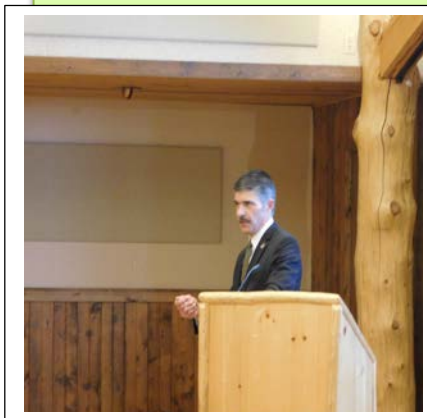
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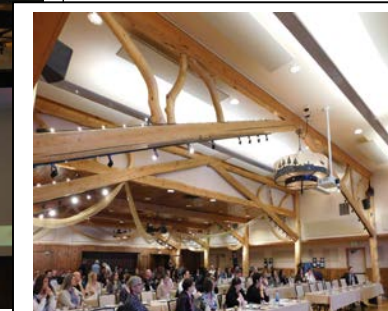
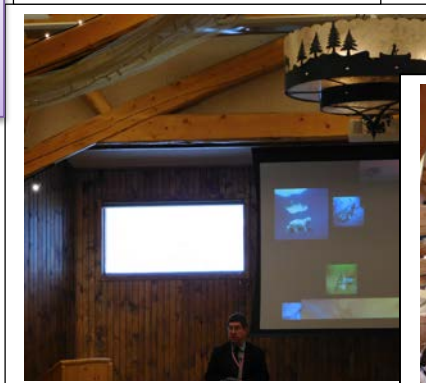
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CAM Officers

During our Annual Meeting in January, the membership of the Children's Alliance of Montana elected a few new officers. Please join me in thanking and welcoming our officers.

Coleen Magera, Chair, Retired former Powder River, Custer and Sanders County Attorney

Tara Harris, Vice Chair, Harris Law Firm

Lynelle Amen, Secretary/Treasurer, Coordinator, Yellowstone Valley CAC

Brett Linneweber, Immediate Past Chair, Senior Deputy Yellowstone County Attorney

Thank you to Brett Linneweber for your leadership in serving as the Chair for the past two years.

Thank you to all of the CAM Board members for your years of dedication and service to the Children's Alliance of Montana.



Welcome New CAM Members

The Children's Alliance of Montana would like to welcome the following new members:

Associate Members:

- Big Horn Valley Health Center – Hardin, MT

MDT Members:

- Gallatin County Sheriff's Office – Bozeman, MT
- Rocky Boy Clinic Behavioral Health Services – Rocky Boy Reservation

Affiliate Members:

- Bullhook Community Health Center – Havre, MT
- Children and Family Relationship Counseling & Services – Butte, MT



Thank you for your participation and support!
If you are interested in membership in CAM, the membership form is attached!

2016 MONTANA PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CONFERENCE

Sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services
April 19-21, 2016 – Hilton Garden Inn – Missoula, MT

Montana Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference
April 19-21, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, Montana

DAY ONE – Tuesday, April 19, 2016

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| 11:00 – 11:45 AM | Dignitary Speakers (Sarah Corbally, CFSD Division Administrator, and Honored Guests) Awards Presentations (Child and Family Services Division, CASA of Montana, Children's Trust Fund) |
| 11:45 – 12:45 PM | Served Luncheon (must register for luncheon by April 1st) |
| 12:45 – 1:00 PM | Break |
| 1:00 – 2:45 PM | Timothy Beiseth Improving the Foster Care Experience |
| 2:45 – 3:00 PM | Break |
| 3:00 – 4:45 PM | Victoria Sweet, JD Sex Trafficking in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities |
| 6:15 – 6:15 PM | The Raising of America Panel and Film Screening: <i>Are we Crazy About our Kids?</i> |

Timothy Beiseth. A former foster youth, Tym was honored as one of Foster Care's Top Outstanding Young Leaders (2013). Tym has been involved with the promotion and implementation of normalcy policies, as well as the development of operational procedures involving the prudent parent standard. He has been successful in establishing several major systemic protocols which add multiple layers of accountability in the child welfare system to ensure that youth have regular and frequent access to normalization activities. Tym indicates his involvement was in part to remedy a problem that he saw as incredibly flawed when he was a teenager in the foster care system, but also because promoting normalcy is a low-investment policy that generates tremendous value in improving the experiences of youth in foster care, as well as their outcomes. He is currently employed as a Youth Specialist and Education Training Voucher Program Specialist with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Tym has spoken at the White House on the issue of normalcy, has consulted with the Capacity Building Center for States for the development of training materials to promote normalcy, and has presented national webinars speaking to the importance of normalcy. He holds a BA in Political Science and Sociology, and will graduate with a MA in Political Science in May of 2016.

Improving the Foster Care Experience: Bringing the experiences of a former foster youth in addition to those of someone employed by and familiar with the workings of a state child protection agency, Tym shares a multifaceted and



Click the link for the brochure and to register!

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/CFSD/CANCoference>

See you in Missoula!!

Advanced Medical Issues in Child Abuse Updates on Human Trafficking & the Medical Evaluation Preparing for Court – Expert Testimony

Dr. Barbara Knox, Medical Director
University of Wisconsin Child Protection Program

Dr. Debra Esernio-Jenssen, Professor
Clinical Pediatrics - University of Florida

Samm Cox, Chief Deputy County Attorney
Silver Bow County Attorney's Office

Dr. Jessie Salisbury, MD
Butte Child Evaluation Center

In December, CAM and MCSART sponsored this advanced medical training

42 Professional from **17 Counties** attended.

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.

48 Professionals attended a two-day training on July 9th and 10th in Bozeman

37 Professionals participated in 20 Certification Calls

11 Professionals took the TF-CBT Certification Test

Thank you to Dr. Hoch, and to all of the mental health providers that attended the training. A special thank you to Dr. Michelle Miller for her role in promoting TF-CBT Training and consulting with CAM and Dr. Hoch.





MCSART UPDATE

Montana Child Sexual Abuse Response Teams – Children's Justice Bureau, Montana Department of Justice
Dana Toole, Bureau Chief

Brenda George and I, along with Traci Shinabarger, Child and Family Ombudsman; Mark Laramore from DPHHS; and Wyatt Glade, Custer County Attorney; presented on drug endangered children at the annual Montana Narcotics Officers Association. Thank you MNOA for prioritizing DEC kids and allowing us to present.

CAC Director/MDT Coordinator Rendezvous

March 9-10, 2016 – Fairmont

Topics will include:

Human Trafficking and the Forensic Interviews and Victim Services

Victims of Crime Act Funding

MDTs Back to the Basics

Your statewide MDT Team

Protect Montana Kids Commission

Montana Child Forensic Interview Training

May 2-6, 2016 -- Billings, MT





Western Regional

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

A big **Thank You** to our partners at the **Western Regional CAC** for the upcoming training opportunities! Applications for the following are now available. The deadlines are quickly approaching. If you are interested in applying, please email me for an application.

1. Technology Stipends. Accredited centers can apply for up to \$4500 to upgrade technology including equipment and online services. **Applications will be released March 14th and due April 4th.** People will have more turnaround time for purchases.

2. Training Impact Scholarships. Funds may be used to attend trainings not conducted by WRCAC. Center can apply for up to \$1500.00 to send individuals or team members to training or up to \$2,000 to bring in a trainer. Look for an announcement around Feb. 16th. **Applications will be due March 11th**

3. New Director Leadership Stipends. WRCAC will provide a full stipend to cover the cost of attending the NCA Leadership Conference (registration, lodging, travel and per diem) for new CAC directors (or managers under umbrella organizations) who have started in that position as of April 1, 2015 or later. **Invitations to apply will be sent out April 4th release - due on April 15th.** It will be a very brief application. Please let us know of the new directors in your state. Fox Valley Collaboration

4. Fox Valley Technical College received a grant from OJJDP to provide training around CSEC/MEC. Our partnership with them will enable us to bring two trainings to the region. The first will be a training on forensic interviewing of CSEC victims and the second will be for team members on how to build resilience and reduce the impact of this work. In addition, **Chapters will be invited to submit an application for up to \$3500 to work on these issues in their states.** Many Chapters were contacted by Joe Laramie from Fox Valley regarding trainings. They are trying to fill training slots. They will also bring training in to the state.

5. Native American Task Force. Recently, a task force was formed to look at gaps in services to native children across the country and explore ways to increase access to services provided by CACs. At the present time, the participants are Native American Children's Alliance (NACA), NCA and all of the Regional CACs. OJJDP is putting additional emphasis in this area. The group will be adding members. If you know of individuals who would like to participate on this task force as representatives from the west, please send the information to Maureen.

6. MDT Week - May 24-27, 2016 - Missoula, MT

2016 WRCAC Training Calendar

Medical/Legal Court Prep, Colorado Springs, CO, June 21-23, 2016

*Resiliency Training - TBA, week of July 11th

*Building Organizational Capacity (AKA Sustainability), Seattle, WA, July 27 - 28

Victim Advocacy, TBA, week of August 9th (1.5 days)

*Chapter Summit - September 13-15, 2016, Portland, OR - 2 1/2 days

Corroborating the Forensic Interview - Sept. 20 - 21, TBA, California

*Forensic Interviewing for CSEC cases, TBA fall, Boise, ID

*SHIFT (impact of child sexual abuse cases and strategies for resiliency) TBA, fall

TFCBT - training TBD, also looking at other models

*Team Facilitator Training - TBD

*** Trainings that will have multi-state or regional enrollment.**

Montana CAC Stats 2015 The Outcome Measurement System (OMS)

CACs participating in the Montana OMS Project include:

Butte Child Evaluation Center
A program of Southwest Montana
Community Health Center
Serving Silver Bow County

Lewis and Clark County CAC
A Program of AWARE Inc.
Serving Lewis and Clark County

First STEP Resource Center
A Program of St. Patrick Hospital
Serving Missoula County

Flathead County CAC
A Program of the Flathead County Sheriff's
Office
Serving Flathead County

Emma's House
Serving Ravalli County

Yellowstone Valley CAC
Serving Yellowstone County

Cascade County CAC
Serving Cascade
County

Park County CAC
Serving Park County

Gallatin County CAC
Serving Gallatin
County

Custer County CAC
Serving Custer
County

**Beaverhead County
CAC**
Deerlodge County CAC
Satellite CACs of Butte
CEC
Serving Beaverhead and Deer Lodge
Counties

Dawson County CAC
Serving Dawson County

1741

• Forensic Interviews

1750

• Children Served

688

• Medical Evaluations

126

• Drug Endangered Children

The Montana CACs reported in 2015:

Served 530 more children

Conducted 619 more Forensic Interviews

Identify 93 more Drug Endangered Children

Conducting 251 more Medical Evaluations

94.3% of caregivers
agreed:

Their child felt safe at
the CAC.

98% of MDT members
agreed:

Children and Families
benefit from the
collaborative MDT

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

County to extend Emma's House Partnership



By [PERRY BACKUS of the Ravalli Republic](#)

Emma's House Director Val Widmer was happy to learn recently that Canine Companions for Independence had selected the Hamilton-based children's advocacy center to receive one of the national organizations specially trained dogs to assist in forensic interviews of abused and neglected children.

Ravalli County Attorney Bill Fulbright remembers a time more than a decade ago when an 11-year-old child found the courage to let people know that she was being abused by her biological father. "That child had to talk to 13 different people about the incident," Fulbright said. "There were interviews with the responding officer, CPS officials, other officers ... the list went on and on."

It was a time in Ravalli County when sexually abused children had to tell their story over and over again to people they had never met before. "The kids were traumatized over and over again," Fulbright told the Ravalli County Commission earlier this week. That doesn't happen any more.

Today, abused children in Ravalli County are interviewed in the home-like setting provided by the state's only stand-alone children's advocacy center called Emma's House. Fulbright and Emma's House Executive Director Val Widmer appeared this week before the commission to ask for the county's continued partnership.

After a short discussion, the commissioners voted unanimously to renew the five-year working agreement.

The idea to create centers where children can feel safe while disclosing information vital to officials concerned both about the child's welfare and potential prosecution of sexual offenders dates back a couple of decades on a national level, Fulbright said.

Before Emma's House was opened in 2006, Fulbright said children from Ravalli County were transported to a similar facility at Missoula's St. Patrick Hospital called the First Step Resource Center. "No surprise, St. Patrick Hospital sent their bills for that service to the sheriff's office," Fulbright said. "Before Emma's House, the sheriff's office and county taxpayers had a lot of bills to pay."

RESOURCES FOR PROFESSIONALS



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Snapchat Law Enforcement Guide

Last Updated: June 1, 2015

Download the most recent version at: <https://www.snapchat.com/lawenforcement>

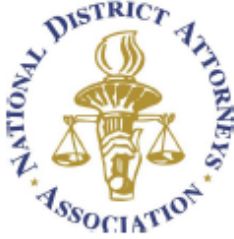
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Please email me if you need assistance accessing one of these resources or trainings!
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Training Opportunities



Unsafe Havens

Investigation and Prosecution of
Technology-Facilitated Child Sexual
Exploitation

March 14 - 18, 2016 • Philadelphia, PA

This week-long national conference offers training for prosecutors and law enforcement handling technology-facilitated crimes against children. Utilizing a mixture of lectures, case studies, and small group discussions, attendees will gain in-depth understanding of the emerging technology, how and where to find data, emerging legal issues related to warrants, subpoenas, and elements of proof, as well as best practices for building strong cases. Faculty for this course is comprised of digital forensics experts, and experienced prosecutors.

Tuition, CLE, and Eligibility Information

Course Tuition is \$695.00 for members and \$795 for non-members, which includes admission, course materials, and coffee breaks during the course. NDAA adheres to a policy of non-discrimination in admissions and administration. The first attendee from an office pays full tuition. Each additional attendee from the same office will receive a \$50 discount. Attendees are responsible for all travel expenses.

CLE: Anticipated CLE credits will be approximately 21 hours. NDAA will apply for CLE credit in Virginia and Ohio. All other states will require the attorney to self-submit using their uniform certificate of attendance.

Eligibility: Open to lawyers in local, state, tribal, federal and military government attorneys' offices and law enforcement officers who work with crimes against children.

Course Schedule

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016, and the conference concludes Friday, March 18, 2016, at 12:00 noon.

Register online at www.ndaa.org



Lodging Information

Le Meridien Hotel
1421 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-422-8200

Hotel room block reservations have officially closed BUT we have reserved a few rooms for late registrants. To still get a room at Le Meridien at the \$168 per night rate, contact David Fredenburgh at dfredenburgh@ndaa.org or 708-519-1679
\$168 per night plus tax

MORE Great Course Opportunities from NDAA

Inside the Mind of a Killer • Memphis, TN • July 6-8

Prosecuting Sexual Assault • Savannah, GA • September 12-16 [Info](#)

Office Administration • Louisville, KY • October 24-28 [Info](#)

Forensic Evidence • Santa Fe, NM • December 5-9 [Info](#)

And Don't Forget Other NDAA Course Offerings

Unsafe Havens • Philadelphia, PA • March 14-18 [Info](#)

Evidence for Prosecutors • Bellevue, WA • April 4-8 [Info](#)

Executive Program • San Antonio, TX • May 2-6 [Info](#)

Prosecuting Homicide • Phoenix, AZ • May 23-27 [Info](#)

Career Prosecutor • Charleston, SC • June 6-16 [Info](#)

NDAA's National Victim's Rights Summit 2016 (Summer Conference) • Boston, MA • July 17-19 [Info](#)

2016 Schedule

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If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us! www.mrcac.org
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2016 EduNet WEBINAR SCHEDULE

(Live Webinars air from 1:00 – 2:30 pm CST, 2:00 – 3:30 EST, 12:00 – 1:30 MT and 11:00 – 12:30 PST)

| Date | Title | EduNet Expert | CEUs | | | |
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| | | | SW | POST | CLE | MED |
| 1/28/2016 | Engaging Partners in the CAC | Gene Klein, LCSW | SW | POST | CLE | |
| 2/11/2016 | Overcoming Barriers to Protecting Children with Disabilities from Child Sexual Abuse | Jennifer Casserly, MEd | SW | POST | | |
| 2/25/2016 | Rainbow Families | Beth Olson, MSW | SW | POST | | |
| 3/10/2016 | What is My Next Question? Improving Question Frameworks in Child Interviews | Scott Snider, LCSW | SW | POST | | |
| 3/24/2016 | Sentinel Injuries in Child Physical Abuse | Lynn K. Sheets, MD, FAAP | SW | POST | CLE | MED |
| 4/14/2016 | Blocks and Problems: Recognizing Challenges and Opportunities in the Forensic Interview | Julie Stauffer, MSW, LICSW | SW | POST | | |
| 4/28/2016 | Child Witnesses 2016: Update on Research and Practice | Thomas D. Lyon, PhD, JD | SW | POST | CLE | |
| 5/12/2016 | Screening and Treatment of Sexually Abused Children Using Evidence-Based Approaches | Jeffrey N. Wherry, PhD, ABPP | SW | POST | | |
| 5/26/2016 | How Early Trauma is Being Investigated: Causes, Biological Sequelae, Behavior Problems, and Management Strategies | David Meys, MD, PhD | SW | POST | | |
| 6/9/2016 | "What is This?" Review of Cases Submitted for Second Opinions | Joyce A. Adams, MD | SW | POST | CLE | MED |
| 6/23/2016 | Courtroom Psychology: How to Survive in the Courtroom and Be a Good Witness | Lawrence Jay Braunstein, JD | SW | POST | CLE | |
| 7/14/2016 | Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse | Christopher Anderson | SW | POST | | |
| 7/28/2016 | How Prosecutors Can Work with Mental Health Professionals in Child Abuse and Sex Abuse Cases | Daniel J. McGinn, JD | SW | POST | CLE | |
| 8/11/2016 | Making the Most of Your Medical Team Expertise for Physical Abuse Evaluations | Arne Graff, MD, FAAP | SW | POST | CLE | MED |
| 9/8/2016 | Clash of the Medical Experts in Abusive Head Trauma: More Than a Shake Debate | Karen Farst, MD, MPH Justin Fitzsimmons, JD | SW | POST | CLE | MED |
| 10/27/2016 | Men Who Molest Boys: Perhaps the Most Persistent of All Child Molesters | Col. William Carson, MA | SW | POST | | |
| 11/10/2016 | Do Race and Culture Matter When Handling a Child Sexual Abuse Case? An African American Victim's Perspective | Jackie Johnson-Staples, author | SW | POST | | |
| 12/8/2016 | Preparing Children for Court | Amy Russell, MSEd, JD, NCC | SW | POST | CLE | |

All EduNet Webinars are recorded and archived for later viewing within 24 hours of the original airdate.



The Midwest Regional CAC is supported through grant funding from the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. For more information visit www.mrcac.org.

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.



The National Criminal Justice Training Center is pleased to announce that we have added the following three cost-free *Multi-Disciplinary Team Response to Child Sex Trafficking (MDT CST) courses* to our schedule. These courses are now open for registration! Pertinent details are listed below.

****New in 2016 - In addition to there being no registration fee, our program will cover lodging costs for those persons who reside outside of a 50 mile radius of the training location.****

Course Location: Orange, CA

Address: Doubletree Anaheim Orange, 100 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868

Dates: May 16-19, 2016

Class # 64471

Registration Link: [MDT CST Orange, CA](#)

Course Location: Albany, NY

Address: The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, 660 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211

Dates: August 29-September 1, 2016

Class # 80040

Registration Link: [MDT CST Albany, NY](#)

Course Location: Sarasota, FL

Address: Hyatt Regency Sarasota, 1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236

Dates: September 12-15, 2016

Class # 80041

Registration Link: [MDT CST Sarasota, FL](#)

Course Description: This 3 ½-day team-based training will guide existing Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT) to improve their response to Child Sex Trafficking (CST). This training will also assist individuals seeking to establish a formal MDT in their communities to effectively respond to CST cases. Subject matter experts will work with teams to identify gaps and develop short and long term response plans.

Target Audience: This course is open to all members of a Child Sex Trafficking MDT, which may include but is not limited to law enforcement, prosecutors, child protective services, medical professional, mental health professionals, school personnel, juvenile court, probation, shelter services, non-government organizations, policy makers, victim advocates or other child protection professionals.

Prerequisite: Attendance at a course such as System Response to High Risk Victims-Child Sex Trafficking ([HRV-CST](#)), or Investigative Strategies in Child Abduction Cases ([ISCAC](#)), or have a working knowledge of child sex trafficking.

Eligibility: Recommended participants include law enforcement, prosecution, child protective services, medical professional, mental health professionals, school personnel, juvenile court, probation, shelter services, non-government organizations, policy makers, victim advocates or other child protection professionals. All team members must register separately.

Funding: MEC Training & Technical Assistance will pay for student tuition, lodging, course materials and instructional costs for state, local and federal participants. Students will be responsible for all transportation costs, meal per diem and incidental expenses. **Length of Program:** 3 ½ days **Class Size:** 50 persons (up to 5 teams of 10)

These courses are pending formal DOJ approval. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL THEY RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMING THEIR PLACEMENT IN THE CLASS.

***Child Abuse and Exploitation Investigations* courses to our schedule. These courses are now open for registration! Pertinent details are listed below.**

****New in 2016 - In addition to there being no registration fee, our program will cover lodging costs for those persons who reside outside of a 50 mile radius of the training location.****

Course Location: [Huntsville, AL](#)

Training Address: National CAC, 210 Pratt Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35801

Hotel Address: Embassy Suites, 800 Monroe Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801

Dates: May 23-27, 2016

Class # **64473**

Registration Link: [Child Abuse - Huntsville, AL](#)

Course Location: [Fitchburg, MA](#)

Address: Great Wolf Lodge New England, 150 Great Wolf Drive, Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dates: June 6-10, 2016

Class # **70028**

Registration Link: [Child Abuse - Fitchburg, MA](#)

Course Location: [New Orleans, LA](#)

Address: Sheraton New Orleans, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 (***note: this class will be running concurrently with the APSAC Colloquium which is taking place at the same venue***)

Dates: June 20-24, 2016

Class # **70932**

Registration Link: [Child Abuse - New Orleans, LA](#)

Course Location: [Milwaukee, WI](#)

Address: Hyatt Regency Milwaukee, 333 West Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203

Dates: August 29-September 2, 2016

Class # **80042**

Registration Link: [Child Abuse - Milwaukee, WI](#)

Course Location: [Boise, ID](#)

Address: Red Lion Boise Downtowner, 1800 W Fairview Avenue, Boise, ID 83702

Dates: September 26-30, 2016

Class # **80043**

Registration Link: [Child Abuse - Boise, ID](#)

Course Description: This 4 ½-day training provides new and experienced law enforcement, CPS, forensic interviewers and other child serving professionals with up-to-date information and tips for the investigation and prosecution of all types of child abuse cases. The training will emphasize the importance of a multi-disciplinary team approach to the investigation and prosecution of child abuse, child sexual abuse and child exploitation cases. Preferred practices for interviewing children and suspects, evidence collection, case management and current legal issues will be discussed.

Target Audience: This course is open to all members of a Multi-Disciplinary Team, and those involved with the investigation or prosecution of child abuse or exploitation cases.

Prerequisite / Eligibility: None. ***Funding:*** MEC Training & Technical Assistance will pay for student tuition, lodging, course materials and instructional costs for state, local and federal participants. Students will be responsible for all transportation costs, meal per diem and incidental expenses.

Length of Program: 4 ½ days

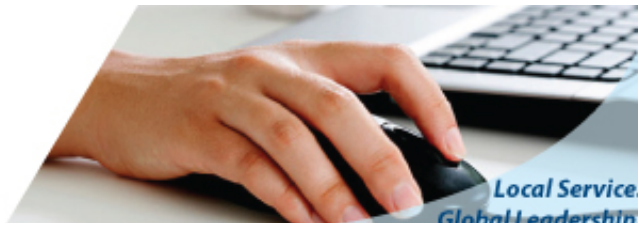
Class Size: 50 persons

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National Children's
Advocacy Center

Training Center



Local Service
Global Leadership

Don't Miss this Free Webinar!

Title: [How to be a Super Witness](#)

Presenter: Andrew H. Agatston.

Date of Presentation: Tuesday, March 8, 2016

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

Duration: 1 hour

Super Witnesses understand that it is not their job to win the trial of a child abuse case. However, they also embrace the approach that their involvements as witnesses - expert or otherwise - begins well before walking through the courtroom doors and taking the oath. This session discusses a "Keep Calm and Carry On" philosophy to preparing for your testimony, making sure that all your concerns and needs as a witness are met prior to trial, and then once so prepared, focusing mightily on the target audience - the jurors!. [Read more...](#)

Talking to Children about Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

Join the FVTC, National Criminal Justice Training Center, Missing and Exploited Children's Training and TA Program for a live webinar to discuss child sexual abuse (CSA) prevention. This webinar will help participants understand child sexual abuse prevention and be able to review and evaluate different programs for the children they serve. The presentation will provide information on the history of CSA prevention programs to include what works and what doesn't. Objectives for teaching CSA prevention, as well as tips on how to talk with children about CSA will be discussed.

Technical Level: Basic

Attend this webinar to:

- Understand what is meant by prevention.
- Learn about prevention successes.
- Gather tips on how to talk with children about sexual abuse prevention.
- Learn where you can locate resources for working with children with significant disabilities.

Who Should Attend:

This webinar is primarily designed for Child Advocacy Center staff/members, social workers, school counselors, law enforcement, forensic interviewers, prosecutors, Juvenile Court personnel, first responders and other child serving professionals.

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The Presenter:

Ellen Teller is a licensed clinical social worker, professional advocate, consultant, speaker, author, and educator. She was the Executive Director of The Child Center, Inc., a child advocacy center serving 14 counties in northeast Missouri and was selected by Gov. Jay Nixon to serve on the first Missouri Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children. She was awarded the National Children's Advocacy Center Outstanding Service Award for Prevention, and co-authored and developed Our KIDS' Rights©: A Community-Based Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Curriculum; with programs for preschool, elementary, and middle school-aged children, educators, and parents.

On-Site Forensic Interview Peer Review

Please email me to schedule Peer Review in your community!

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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*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.

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- ◇ Team, Staff and Board Technical Assistance
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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.

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