

# CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE OF MONTANA



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## New Resources

### National Children's Alliance

Member log-in may be required to access resources

- NCA Member Census State Report for Montana: <https://goo.gl/TEvpvj>
- How CACs Can Serve Trafficked & Exploited Children Better: <https://goo.gl/euiPCu>
- How CACs Are Healing Kids: <https://goo.gl/RbzyJL>
- Snapshot 2017 - Advocacy, Efficacy, & Funding in CACs: <https://goo.gl/XxLtEw>

National Children's Advocacy Center:  
CALiO Library

- Interventions to Improve the Response of Professionals to Children Exposed to Domestic Violence and Abuse: A Systematic Review: <https://goo.gl/WSoXXj>

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The Children's Alliance of Montana (CAM) has had a busy fall with multiple training events in partnership with the Montana Child Sexual Assault Response Team (MCSART), an accreditation visit, and hiring new staff. Our calendar is packed with other great trainings through January. Read on for more details!

## NCA Accreditation

CAM completed the chapter re-accreditation process this past year. As part of that process, the National Children's Alliance conducted a site visit in October. They will be recommending CAM for re-accreditation at the NCA board meeting in January.

## New Training Coordinator

Jacole Douglas was recently hired as the new Training Coordinator at CAM. She will join CAM's Executive Director in organizing trainings, developing communications materials, and assisting with grant reporting and development, among other activities. Ms. Douglas joins CAM after working in education and international development for the past decade, and she is currently pursuing a PhD. She's excited to support CAM's important work and mission!

## CAM-MCSART Trainings

### Recent Trainings

#### *Advanced Forensic Interviewing*

18 child welfare, mental/behavioral health, law enforcement, prosecution, medical, and victim advocacy professionals were trained on conducting forensic interviews, examined case studies, and practiced interviewing with peer feedback.

#### *Evidence-Based Mental Health Assessment*

14 professionals working in child welfare and protection received

**Journal of Child Sexual Abuse**

- Post traumatic Stress and Depression in the Nonoffending Caregivers of Sexually Abused Children: Associations with Parenting Practices: <https://goo.gl/gX4V5v>

**Secure Digital Forensic Imaging**

- Photography and Forensic Exam Techniques with Anogenital Assessment: <http://www.sdfi.com/learning/>

\*To receive this online course as free, all coursework must be completed by Jan. 1, 2018.

- Pediatric Non-Fatal Strangulation Photo-documentation Protocol: <https://goo.gl/1AjDvP>

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training in the utilization of assessment tools to inform the delivery of mental health services for children. In addition to the training, clinicians also received assessment tools and scoring software.

**Upcoming Trainings**

*Physical Abuse in Childhood: What Every Medical Provider & Investigator Should Know. Debunking Common Defenses in Cases of Abusive Head Trauma*

Dr. Barbara Knox, MD, FAAP, Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin American Family Children’s Hospital will be presenting at the following locations and times:

- Billings:** Nov. 28, 10 AM to 3 PM, 1st Interstate Bank Building
- Helena:** Nov. 29, 10 AM to 3 PM, Radisson Colonial Inn
- Missoula:** Nov. 30, 8 AM to 1 PM, Holiday Inn Downtown

*Child Victim Advocate Training - Dec. 5-6, 2017*

The MT Child Victim Advocate Training will be held in Helena on Dec. 5-6. Training topics include dynamics of child abuse, advocate privilege, crisis intervention/assessment, risk assessment & safety planning, tribal victim advocacy, preparing kids for court, NCA accreditation standards, and MDT dynamics. Registration is due to [training@childrensalliancemt.org](mailto:training@childrensalliancemt.org) by **Nov. 15**.

*Child Forensic Interview Training - Dec. 11-15, 2017*

Held in Helena on Dec. 11-15, the MT Child Forensic Interview Training will cover interviewing skills and prosecution considerations to law enforcement, child protection, & prosecution professionals. Contact Dana Toole at [dtoole@mt.gov](mailto:dtoole@mt.gov) for more information.

*Children’s Justice Conference - Jan. 17-18, 2018*

The MT Children’s Justice Conference will be held at Buck’s T-4 Lodge in Big Sky on Jan. 17-18. Presentation topics include In the Mind of a Sexual Predator, Advanced Medical Issues, Rebutting Untrue Defenses, Jury Selection in Child Abuse Cases, Forensic Interview Research and Practice, a legislative update, and others. Mark your calendar; registration details coming soon!