

CAM Newsletter

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Update from the Director

Happy Spring! CAM has had a quiet few months in terms of putting on trainings, but we have been keeping busy planning! Along with MCSART, we are excited to share our new training calendar for April 2018-June 2019 with you on page 2. We have also been going through our data and reflecting on all that we accomplished together in 2017. We've included a short snapshot of our 2017 highlights with this newsletter, and we'll be sharing a more detailed 2017 annual report within the next few weeks.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The National Children's Alliance compiled data from CACs around the country and found that, according to their most recent data, there were an estimated 676,000 victims of child abuse and neglect in the US in 2015, and an estimated 1,750 children in the US died from abuse and neglect in 2016. As sobering as these numbers are, CACs around the country - including here in Montana - served over 324,000 child victims of abuse, providing these children and their families with invaluable victim advocacy and support. Thank you for your tireless efforts to prevent child abuse here in Montana.

-Brenda George, Executive Director



APRIL IS NATIONAL
CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Show your support for Montana children and families by taking part in Child Abuse Prevention Month activities organized by Montana DPHHS Children's Trust Fund.

--**Wear Blue:** Every Monday throughout April, wear blue to show your support for child abuse prevention.

--**Plant Pinwheels:** Help plant pinwheels around the State Capitol on **April 15 at 12:30**. Pinwheels will be on display around the Capitol Building lawn **April 15-20**.

--**Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect Conference:** Attend the Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect Conference in Missoula on **April 24-26**. Find more information here: <https://goo.gl/eJWhP1>.

For more information about these and other activities, visit <https://goo.gl/AVSvt9>.

Important YVCAC Updates

We're excited to announce that the Yellowstone Valley CAC is now a program of the Yellowstone County Attorney's Office. The YVCAC has a new phone number and email address but remain in their current location for now. To contact the YVCAC please email or call **Nikki Lund** at yellowstonevalleycac@gmail.com or 406-598-0791.

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New Training Schedule

CAM and MCSART are pleased to share our training schedule for April 2018-June 2019. We have many useful training events coming up over the next 15 months, and so do some of our partners. Check out the schedule below, and contact Jacole Douglas at training@childrensalliancemt.org with any questions.

APRIL 2018-JUNE 2019 TRAINING SCHEDULE

THE CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE OF MONTANA AND THE MCSART PROGRAM OF THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S CHILDREN'S JUSTICE BUREAU

APRIL 2018

13
Advanced Medical Issues in Child Abuse Training - Missoula
24-26*
DPHHS-CFS Montana Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect Conference - Missoula

MAY 2018

2-3
CAC Directors Rendezvous - Fairmont Hot Springs
21-25
Montana Child Forensic Interview Training - Helena
22-23
Statewide Forensic Interview Peer Review - Helena

JUNE 2018

10-13
NCA Leadership Conference - Washington D.C.
19-22
MSPOA Convention - Billings
27-29
Montana County Attorneys Association Summer CLE Training Conference - Bozeman

JULY 2018

18-20
Western Regional CAC Rural Mental Health Tour & Site Visit

AUGUST 2018

18
Advanced TF-CBT Training - Butte
19 (morning)
Problematic Sexual Behavior Training for MDT Members - Butte
19 (afternoon)-21 (morning)
Advanced Forensic Interview Training - Butte

OCTOBER 2018

2-4
Montana Board of Crime Control Conference - Missoula
15-19
Montana Child Forensic Interview Training - Helena

NOVEMBER 2018

6-8
Victim Advocate Training - Bozeman
29-Dec. 1
Montana County Attorneys Association Winter CLE Training Conference - Billings

DECEMBER 2018

Nov. 29-Dec. 1
Montana County Attorneys Association Winter CLE Training Conference - Billings

JANUARY 2019

16-17
Montana Children's Justice Conference - Big Sky

FEBRUARY 2019

MARCH 2019

APRIL 2019

TBD
Advanced Medical Issues in Child Abuse Training
TBD
DPHHS-CFS Child Abuse & Neglect Conference

MAY 2019

TBD
CAC Directors Rendezvous
TBD
Forensic Interview Training

JUNE 2019

TBD
NCA Leadership Conference - Washington D.C.



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*Events listed in orange are hosted by CAM/MCSART partner agencies and may be of interest to CAC & MDT members. These events are supported but not organized by CAM/MCSART.

Training Events

Advanced Medical Issues in Child Abuse Training - Missoula

Dr. Kathryn Wells, M.D., F.A.A.P. will conduct this training at Providence St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula on **April 13 from 8AM-5PM**. Dr. Wells will share her impressive child abuse expertise and show how a child abuse case moves from initial presentation to CPS through the courtroom, review up-to-date guidelines on physical abuse assessment, and demonstrate court testimony (including direct and cross examination) with a prosecutor. Additionally, CPS staff will provide information and answer questions about reporting. While designed for medical professionals, this training will be of value for other MDT members as well. A few remaining spots are still available. Virtual attendance may also be a possibility. Contact Jacole at training@childrensalliancemt.org for more details.

CAC Directors Rendezvous

CAM and MCSART's annual rendezvous for CAC Directors and MDT Coordinators will take place **May 2-3** at Fairmont Hot Springs in Anaconda. Registration is now open. Contact Jacole at training@childrensalliancemt.org for more details.

Montana Child Forensic Interview Training

The next Montana Child Forensic Interview training will take place on May 21-25 in Helena. Contact Kayla Argeropoulos with the Montana Child Sexual Assault Response Team at kayla.argeropoulos@mt.gov for more information.

NCAC Advanced Forensic Interview Training

The NCAC has two Advanced Forensic Interview Trainings scheduled for 2018:

- April 24-26 in Minneapolis, MN
- September 18-20 in Kiawah Island, SC

The trainings are designed experienced interviewers who are currently part of an MDT and conduct forensic interviews with children. Find more details at <https://goo.gl/U1V21s>.

Child Abuse & Neglect Western Regional Conference - Save the Date

The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Child Abuse Prosecution Project is hosting a regional conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Denver, CO on July 31-August 2. More information will be available soon at <https://goo.gl/oSb6Am>.

OJJDP Webinar Trainings

- Creative Corroboration in Child Abuse Cases on **April 26** from 12-1:30: <https://goo.gl/JdeGJb>
- Working with Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Adolescents in a Clinical Context - Part 1 on **May 10** from 12-1:30: <https://goo.gl/5BW587>
- Working with Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Adolescents in a Clinical Context - Part 2 on **May 24** from 12-1:30: <https://goo.gl/GHytJd>

Resources

National Children's Alliance

- CSEC Protocols specific to Child Pornography/Abuse Images (40-minute Video): <https://goo.gl/hu8qUS>
- Guide for caregivers of children victimized by child pornography/abusive images: <https://goo.gl/X2yTqy>
- Child Pornography Protocols Framing Tool: <https://goo.gl/QoowRb>
- Helping Your Child Heal from Abuse caregiver resource: <https://goo.gl/oC5EEF>
- Facing Sexual Behavior Problems With Your Child Caregiver Resource: <https://goo.gl/srEAXq>

Medical University of South Carolina

- The Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy online training has been revised and updated! This course is approved for **11 social work CEUS** under course approval number **SWP/MFT/LAC/0151-2018**. Check out the updated course at <https://tfcbt2.musc.edu/>.

Southern Regional CAC

- Considerations for the MDT and CAC Approach to Recantation (research-to-practice paper): <https://bit.ly/2q45vRZ>

Dr. Kathryn Wells presents at the 2018 Montana Children's Justice Conference in January. Dr. Wells will return to Montana this month to conduct the Advanced Medical Issues in Child Abuse training.



THE CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE OF MONTANA & THE MONTANA CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM*

2017 Year-in-Review



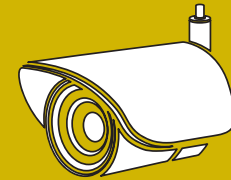
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS



26
Children's Advocacy Centers supported across Montana



1730
Montana children served by Children's Advocacy Centers



1597
Child forensic interviews conducted by Montana's multi-disciplinary teams

TRAINING, PEER REVIEW, & CONSULTATIONS



14
Statewide trainings conducted



7
State, regional, & national partner trainings attended



797
Montana professionals trained



3
Disciplines covered for peer review and consultations (Forensic Interview, Medical, & Mental Health)



81
Peer review & consultation calls conducted

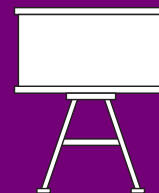
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



44
TAs provided for statewide projects & issues



91
TAs provided in 12 counties & 3 tribal Children's Advocacy Centers



24
Training scholarships provided for various state, regional, and national trainings

MISSION & ACTIVITIES

The Children's Alliance of Montana and the Montana Child Sexual Assault Response Team work together to 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.

We provide professionals across Montana with training, technical assistance, peer review, and consultation calls on various topics, including child forensic interviewing, medical issues in child abuse, victim advocacy, evidence-based mental health assessments, and trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy. We also contribute to multiple national and statewide initiatives working to address and prevent child abuse.

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