

Southern Connections

The Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center Newsletter - Fall 2011

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Happy Holidays!

It is hard to believe the holiday season is here but it is easy to think of so many things for which to be grateful, with one of those being the blessing of working with such great people each day. We have found the professionals in the CAC world to be so dedicated and determined to

make a difference for kids who have endured and survived abuses at the hands of others. We wish you the best for you and your loved ones during the holidays and look forward to a great new year of working with you!

The Staff of SRAC

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FIVE DIFFERENT JOURNAL CLUBS BEING OFFERED BY THE MIDWESTERN REGIONAL CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER - PAGE 6

Teamwork allows common people to achieve uncommon results.

~ Pat Summit ~

Southern Regional CAC 2012 CORE TRAINING SCHEDULE

Team Facilitator 101
May 22-24

CAC Management
June 26-29

MDT Development
To Be Determined

Accreditation Boot Camp
Aug 14-16

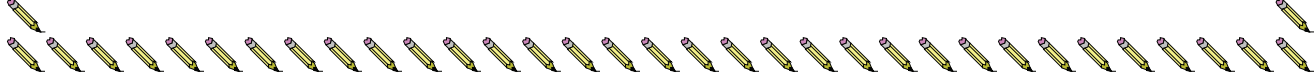
Medical Training
Nov 1-3



Being at the helm of any developing organization can be intimidating. Whether new to the field of child abuse investigations or well-versed in the multidisciplinary team approach, many of our center directors are working with limited resources, and are expected to “move mountains” with little or no support from the outside.

We are hoping to hear from those of you who’ve been “in the trenches”, and who would like to share some nuggets of advice about any subject related to Children’s Advocacy Centers (Organizational Development, Board Development, Team Facilitation, Accreditation, Cultural Competency, etc.)

If you would like to submit an article for inclusion in the Guest Column of future Southern Connections newsletters, please contact Yvette Kubik at ykubik@nationalcac.org



Save the Date!



Register now for the 28th National Symposium on Child Abuse. The registration fee through January 20, 2012, is \$449. After January 20, the fee is \$499.

Register online at <http://www.nationalcac.org/about/register-sympo.html>

Resource Wrap

By Darlene Woodard



Southern Regional CAC Has Changed

The scope of our work is to provide training to the CACs and Chapters in our region. We enjoy working with each of you on the planning and execution of training and conferences for your staff, board and the professionals in your community.

However, recent changes with the Department of Justice (DOJ), has prompted us to change our procedure for assisting CACs and the chapters with their request for support. Currently DOJ is requiring a report be submitted for any training or conference support requested through our office. ***Therefore, effective immediately all requests for SRCAC's assistance with customized training or support for statewide conference (chapters only) must be submitted no later than ninety days prior to the start date of your scheduled training and/or conference.*** With your advanced notice it will allow us enough time to complete and submit the proper report to DOJ for approval so we can provide you with assistance.

If you have already determined your 2012 calendar dates for your agency, whether it's a customized training or state-wide conference and you would like assistance from SRCAC, please go ahead and submit your request now. You can go to our website and download a request form to complete and send to us. Do not use an old Training Assessment Form, or Request for Conference Support Form. New forms have been developed to obtain the additional information required by DOJ.

Thank you for your commitment to providing training to the professionals who work daily with the children and families in your community; Southern Regional is happy to have the opportunity to support you in your mission.

CALiO “Jeopardy”

by Muriel Wells

“I’ll take *Comprehensive Collection of Information Resources and Services for Child Maltreatment Professionals* for zero dollars, but a priceless amount of information, Alex.”

“Okay, lets get started”:

Answer: The location of one the largest collections of information resources for professionals in the field of Child Maltreatment.

Question: What is the Child Abuse Library Online (CALiO™)

Answer: The location of over 1,300 scholarly journals and two comprehensive bibliographic databases with full text related to Child Maltreatment issues.

Question: What is CALiO?

Answer: The LIBRARY tab located on the right side of The National Children’s Advocacy Center website home-page at www.nationalcac.org

Question: Where can I find CALiO?

Answer: Evidence-Based Practice literature including 40 Best Practice Guidelines; Research Briefs and Research to Practice Summaries; dozens of Statistical Resources and Grant Writing aids; 20 bibliographies to the research literature on key issues related to the work of CACs; hundreds of full text publications on crucial areas of work; and the Annotated Bibliography to the Empirical Research Supporting the Ten Standards for Accreditation by the NCA.

Question: What does CALiO provide that can help me improve services to children and families?

Answer: Two research librarians with several years of experience locating, retrieving and disseminating research related to child maltreatment.

Question: Who can help me with CALiO navigation and tips on locating the resources I need?

Answer: Andrew Agatston’s Legal Letter collection, NCMEC’s Crime Victim Identification Program, The Foundation Directory Online

Question: What new helpful resources are coming soon to the CAC Restricted Access section of CALiO

Answer: Threaded topical discussion groups for Child Maltreatment professionals, Librarian’s blog, Simple Search feature for searching all library collections simultaneously

Question: What interactive features are coming soon to CALiO?

Answer: CAC directors complete the following form and return it to Missy Hanks at mhanks@nationalcac.org

Question: How do I arrange for our CAC staff and MDT to have access to the Restricted Access portions of CALiO?

For Further Information and Resources Contact One of Our Resource Librarians:

- Muriel K. Wells mkwells@nationalcac.org 256-327-3854
- Cindy Markushewski cmarkushewski@nationalcac.org 256-327-3747

**Be Sure to Register Your Center for CALiO - Child Abuse Library Online
Complete the Form on Page 5 and Fax to 256-327-3859** →

**CALiO – Child Abuse Library Online
CAC User Agreement/Registration Form**

This agreement form constitutes a working agreement between the National Children’s Advocacy Center and the CAC named in the agreement, pertaining to access and use of restricted-access resources within the digital library collections of the NCAC Research Library. ***This form must be completed and signed by the Executive Director of the CAC.*** (Please print clearly so faxed form will be legible)

Name of Child Advocacy Center: _____

Address: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Name of Executive Director: _____ Phone: _____

Email of Executive Director: _____

TERMS OF AGREEMENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MUST INITIAL EACH OF THE STATEMENTS TO INDICATE THAT THE CAC AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

____ One Username and Password will be provided for use by the CAC. ***The CAC agrees not to give out the Username and Password beyond the professional staff of the organization and MDT Members.*** The Username and Password are not to be distributed to other CACs, or to other organizations or individuals.

____ You may designate any members of your multidisciplinary team or CAC professional staff for access to the system. There is no limit to the number of individuals within your organization who can access the system. However, volunteers, temporary staff, and positions with high turnover should not be given the Username and Password. ***The CAC agrees to inform every person to whom the Username and Password are given about the importance of observing guidelines for sharing documents and protecting your Username and Password.***

____ Restricted-access documents (like journal articles in PDF or HTML form) are subject to U.S. copyright laws. Electronic distribution of these documents beyond the organization via e-mail or posting on Web sites can violate copyright laws. ***The CAC agrees to observe these guidelines for sharing published documents beyond the CAC organization members: a copy may be sent only by printing out a document and mailing the paper copy.***

How many individuals in your organization do you anticipate will be given access? _____

Violation of the terms of this agreement can result in termination of access to the digital resources that are granted under these terms.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of CAC Executive Director

Email or Fax Completed Form to Missy Hanks 256-327-3859

mhanks@nationalcac.org

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FIVE DIFFERENT JOURNAL CLUBS BEING OFFERED BY THE MIDWESTERN REGIONAL CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

The Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center, in partnership with the other three Regional Centers, offers journal club calls for the mental health professional, victim advocate, forensic interviewer as well as for CAC Directors and NCA Chapter Coordinators. The coordination of the calls is done by the Midwest Regional CAC and the moderating of the calls is shared amongst the four Regional Children's Advocacy Centers. The purpose of the calls is to keep professionals abreast of the current trends in their field and provide an opportunity to network with their peers nationally. Because the calls are done on a toll-free phone line, there is no charge to participants.



Forensic Interviewers Journal Club

The MRCAC now offers 7 quarterly forensic interviewer journal club calls per quarter. There are currently 135 sites that participate in these calls. For each one hour call, two sites present pertinent journal articles related to the area of child abuse and forensic interviewing. Topics for journal articles are generated from input from the participants and are retrieved from the NCAC CALiO Digital Library system. The articles are then sent to the presenters to read and generate a brief summary. The summaries, articles and accompanying paperwork are then sent out to each participant for each call. There is a moderator for each call to help the call flow efficiently. All four regional CAC's assist with moderation of these calls.



Mental Health Journal Club Call

The MRCAC also offers quarterly mental health journal club calls. These calls are all moderated by the SRCAC Outreach Coordinator, Karen Hangartner with article selection done by the moderator via the CALiO library. Two articles are discussed on each call, with participants being provided the articles in advance for review prior to discussion on the call. This call was recently restructured and changed from a five-call format to three calls so that the discussion groups were larger. To date, we have 35 active participating sites nationally.



Victims Advocacy Journal Club Calls

MRCAC initiated a national Victim's Advocates journal club call that started November 2009. There are four quarterly calls, with moderators from the NRCAC, WRCAC and MRCAC. These calls follow the same format as the forensic interviewer journal club calls. To date we have 95 participating sites.



Directors Journal Clubs

Beginning June 2010, MRCAC began one of its newest journal clubs, one for Directors. We have 175 sites registered to participate. There are five separate calls, each with a moderator. We have five different moderators with regional representation from WRCAC, MRCAC and SRCAC. Two articles are pre-selected by the MRCAC utilizing the CALiO digital library and the MAP for Nonprofits resource library and distributed to the participating sites to read prior to each of the calls. These calls follow the same format as the other journal club calls. Each quarter, one of these calls is also recorded for podcast downloading, in case participants are not able to join in on the live call.



Chapter Journal Clubs

Beginning October 2010, the newest journal club calls started for Chapter Coordinators. There is one quarterly call moderated by Cathy Crabtree, Chapter Liaison with NCA. There are 29 chapters that have signed up to participate in these calls. The moderator and MRCAC work collaboratively to choose pertinent articles for this journal club call. This call also follows a similar format as the Director's Journal Club Calls.

If you are interested in joining, please feel free to contact Kim Martinez at the Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center at kim.martinez@childrensmn.org or 651-220-6801.



BOARD BRIEF

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Fundraising: Who's job is it, anyway?

In recent articles I have discussed the importance of board members knowing their roles and responsibilities. Without going into detail about the six basic roles, I would like to focus on what is probably the most important role, which is to ensure funds are in place to meet the budget of the Children's Advocacy Center. Not just temporarily, but permanently, to ensure the long-term sustainability of the CAC.

Part of how we have survived as a human race, is that most of us have a natural instinct to protect and take care of one another, in particular, our most vulnerable populations.

If we are truly going to protect children from the adverse effects of child abuse and neglect, we must be in it for the long haul. The work we do today in our response to and prevention of child abuse, will mean a better tomorrow. A better tomorrow for survivors and their families and a better tomorrow for our communities.

Which brings me to money. Long term sustainability of healthy families and communities requires money, which equates to "Fundraising", a word that can make boards of directors cringe. And while fundraising is not often a popular activity, that doesn't change the fact that the responsibility lies with the each and every member of a board of directors. Even if there is a funding committee, and even if a "Development Director" has been hired.

Perhaps the avoidance or dislike of fundraising comes from not knowing what is meant by "fundraising". Are we talking about endless bake sales and car washes, or are we talking about a focused, mindful approach?

One of the best ways to take the fear out of fundraising is to develop a strategic plan that includes a funding component. This allows boards to

Modern day living often sees our children and grand children spread far and wide across our Nation. One can only hope that they will end up in communities with a strong base of non-profit service organizations who's focus is on bettering the lives of residents. We would certainly want the board members of those organizations to be as generous with their time and money as we are.

explore a wide variety of options for raising funds to meet the budget. A few of these options include the following:

- ◆ Foundations
 - ◇ Family Foundations
 - ◇ Independent Foundations
 - ◇ Trusts
- ◆ Corporate Foundations
- ◆ Government Grant Programs
- ◆ Individual Donor Campaigns
 - ◇ Direct Mail
 - ◇ Email
 - ◇ Telemarketing
 - ◇ Newsletters
 - ◇ Holiday Appeals
- ◆ Special Events
 - ◇ Golf Tournaments
 - ◇ Galas
 - ◇ 5K Race
- ◆ In-Kind Donations and Services
 - ◇ Donated Advertising Space
 - ◇ Discounted Accounting Services
 - ◇ Contributed Supplies
- ◆ Available Expertise at no Cost to You
 - ◇ Volunteers and/or Board Members Who Can Provide Expert Guidance and Advice to Help the Board Make Solid Decisions.

These are just the basics for securing long-term, diversified funding. Consider a CAC's budget in the form of a pie chart, with each slice representing a funding source. The goal is to make that pie chart as colorful as possible, with many slices. This ensures that, should a funding source become unavailable (such as government grants), the CAC will be able to continue providing services to children in the community long after we are gone.

Did you know? SRCAC can provide facilitation for your strategic planning session free of charge?



The NCAC models, promotes, and delivers excellence in child abuse response and prevention through service, education, and leadership.

**2012 COURSES OFFERED AT
THE NATIONAL TRAINING
CENTER LOCATED IN
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA:**

Forensic Interviewing of Children

February 6-10

April 16-20

June 4-8

July 9-13

July 30-August 3

September 17-21

December 3-7

Advanced Forensic Interviewing

June 19-22

October 16-19

Extended Forensic Interview

October 18-20

Victim Advocacy

January 10-12

**NCAC's Victim Advocacy Training
January 10-12, 2012**

This training is designed for Victim Advocates working with children (and their families) who are victims of abuse. The training will concentrate on the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary for this important job. Skill-based sessions will include crisis intervention, court preparation, and facilitation of caregiver education/support groups.

The training will include foundational sessions on the dynamics of child abuse, the development and resolution of a crisis, the impact of trauma on a child, the rights of crime victims, and the importance of considering the child's family culture.

Registration Opens Soon!

Visit:

<http://www.nationalcac.org>





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WHO WE ARE....

The U.S. Department of Justice established four Regional Children's Advocacy Centers in 1995 to provide information, consultation, training and technical assistance, helping to establish child-focused programs that facilitate and support coordination among agencies responding to child abuse. The Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center serves the following states and the District of Columbia: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

National Children's Alliance—Accreditation Corner

NCA STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION

1. Multidisciplinary Team
2. Cultural Competency & Diversity
3. Forensic Interviews
4. Victim Support and Advocacy
5. Medical Evaluation
6. Mental Health
7. Case Review
8. Case Tracking
9. Organizational Capacity
10. Child Focused Setting

Congratulations to NCA's newest Accredited and Associate Members!

NEWLY ACCREDITED CENTERS:

Cooper-Anthony Mercy CAC
Hot Springs, AR

Unzner Center
Shawnee, OK

The H.O.P.E. Center, Inc.
Cleveland, TN

CAC of Hood and Somervell Counties
Granbury, TX

The Center for Alexandria's Children
Alexandria, VA

Foothills, CAC
Charlottesville, VA

NEW ASSOCIATE / DEVELOPING CENTERS:

Project Celebration, Inc.
Many, LA

Boon County CAC
Madison, WV

Membership in National Children's Alliance (NCA) is offered to developing and established Children's Advocacy Centers as well as individuals and programs wishing to support the mission of the organization. Go to <http://www.nca-online.org> to learn more about the different levels of NCA membership.



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