



Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County

~ To lead our community in eliminating the suffering of abused children. ~

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COMCARE of Sedgwick County
Exploited and Missing Child Unit

KS Dept. for Children and Families
Wichita Regional Office

KU School of Medicine - Wichita
Office of the District Attorney, 18th
Judicial District, Sedgwick County

Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office
Via Christi Health

Wesley Medical Center

Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center

Wichita Police Department

Prevention of Child Abuse

Child abuse and neglect are serious problems with lasting harmful effects on victims and the community. Preventing this requires safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for all children and families. The complexity of abuse problems necessitates approaches that impact community involvement, societal culture, individual behaviors, and relationships among families and neighbors. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has identified "best practice" strategies to assist state and community prevention efforts. These include strengthening household financial security with family-friendly work policies, changing social norms toward positive parenting, providing quality care and education with preschool enrichment and early childhood home visitation to enhance parenting skills and strengthen family relationships. Efforts also must focus on interventions that lessen harm and prevent future abuse, such as enhanced primary care, behavioral parent training programs and therapy for abused children to reduce later violence and chronic poor outcomes. Learn more at:

Kansas Power of the Positive:

http://www.kdheks.gov/idp/ks_power_positive.htm

CDC Abuse Prevention Strategies: <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childmaltreatment/prevention.html>

For Your Calendar

May 23, 2016: "Change A Child's Life," Golf Tournament, Willowbend Country Club; registration info on the website

May 31, 2016: WASAC Lunch & Learn: "Sexual Violence in the Latino Population" - www.wichitasac.com

June 28, 2016: WASAC Lunch & Learn: "LGB-What: Under-Represented Letters within a Marginalized Acronym"

Sept. 10, 2016: ICT-S.O.S. Race4Freedom, <http://ictsos.org/>

October 3-5, 2016: 40th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect; Wichita Hyatt Regency

November 18, 2016: CACSC Heroes Gala; Scottish Rite Center

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Welcoming Our New Child Family Advocate

Caitlin Dailey is our new part-time Child Family Advocate. In 2014, Caitlin graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. She has previously worked for the Department for Children and Families as a Child Abuse and Neglect investigator. She and her husband have a thriving six month old boy who has kept them on their toes since his premature birth. Caitlin enjoys family time, photography and scrapbooking. She is excited to have the opportunity to work with CACSC team members to ensure the safety and well-being of the children. Working at the CACSC, Caitlin says, helps her reach her goal of making a positive difference in the lives of children and their families.

Special Thanks to the Generous Employees at Cargill!



To emphasize the importance of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Cargill employees held a "Jeans Week," the first week of April. A \$5 contribution allowed employees the opportunity to wear jeans for the week. Additionally, the CACSC was encouraged to set up tables in the main lobby where child abuse educational materials were shared and gift baskets were raffled. All proceeds were given to support the work of the CACSC in ending abuse, neglect and exploitation of children. We are very appreciative of the more than \$2,200 raised by the Cargill team and for Cargill's continued support of the CACSC. Thanks also to those who donated items for the basket raffle: Grace Hill Winery, Willowbend Golf Club, Old Town Warren Theatre, The Alley, Mary Kate & Co, Creative Business Resources, and Bokeh Development!



Photos: The attractive cookie table at Cargill guided employees to CACSC child abuse education materials, raffle items and auction baskets.

If you suspect child abuse or neglect call 911 or 1.800.922.5330

"The purpose of child advocacy centers is to provide a comprehensive, culturally competent, multidisciplinary team response to reports of child abuse, in a dedicated, child-focused setting."

**The CACSC is accredited by the National Children's Alliance:
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