



# Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County

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## ***Primary Partner Agencies***

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

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

## **Introducing New EMCU Leadership**

**Lt. Travis Rakestraw** is the new commander of the Exploited and Missing Child Unit and Internet Crimes Against Children Unit. He is replacing Kevin Vaughn who has retired. Lt. Rakestraw's law enforcement career began when he was a Corrections Officer and Sergeant with the KS Department of Corrections at the El Dorado Correctional Facility in 1993. In 1996, he graduated from Friends University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and joined the Wichita Police Department. Lt. Rakestraw has been a Patrol Officer, Special Community Action Team (SCAT) Officer, Gang Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Community Policing Sergeant and Patrol Lieutenant. He was a Team Leader with the Special Weapons & Tactics Unit where he was assigned for 10 years. Lt. Rakestraw is married with two children. We are pleased to have him as a colleague in the CACSC.

## **Celebrating Parents!**

Mother's Day and Father's Day are opportunities to celebrate the rewarding and joyful experiences of raising children. However, the commitment to nurture and provide for someone for at least 18 years can create stress. Acknowledge that as a parent you will make mistakes and focus on the positives of parenting. Here are some important ways to tell your children you love them: Say "I love you," set boundaries and routines, support their dreams, give plenty of hugs, keep meaningful traditions, and find special ways to share undistracted time together. Children who know they are loved will be able to forgive the occasional parental imperfection.

## ***For Your Calendar***

June 6, 2015: **Gladiator Dash** at Sedgwick County Park. For information or to register: <http://www.wichitagladiator.com/>  
October 30, 2015: **Heroes Gala**, Scottish Rite Center.

## **Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County**

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## 4th Annual Golf Tournament

May 4th was a great day for the 4th Annual "Changing A Child's Life" Golf Tournament. Thanks to a wonderful crew of volunteers, including CACSC staff, members of our Board of Directors, partner agencies, and other community volunteers, the event raised over \$36,000 for the CACSC.

Our sincere thanks also goes to our event committee, the golfers and our sponsors for another successful year. Wesley Medical Center was our Presenting Sponsor. Our Premier Sponsors were: Chick-fil-A at Central & Rock Road, Knipp Equipment, Inc., Sodexo Food Services, Schammerhorn, Inc., Wichita Urology Group, HOC Industries, Inc. and JE Dunn Construction.



Wesley Medical Center Team:  
Mike Valdez, Tripp Owings,  
Chris Durham, and Jeremy Pauly

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."**

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