



Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County

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

The Mid-Month Memo

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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

For Your Calendar

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

June 11, 2016: Wichita
Gladiator Dash; Sedgwick
County Park; part of the
proceeds to benefit CACSC
wichitagladiatordash.com/

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

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

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

Nov. 18, 2016: Annual
CACSC Heroes Gala;
Scottish Rite Center

Did You Know?

Many of the reactions displayed by children and adolescents who have been exposed to traumatic events are similar to behaviors that mental health professionals regularly see. These include:

- the development of new fears
- separation anxiety (particularly in young children)
- sleep disturbance, nightmares
- sadness
- loss of interest in normal activities
- reduced concentration
- decline in schoolwork
- anger and irritability
- somatic complaints

Functioning in the family, peer group, or school may be impaired as a result of symptoms such as these. In working with children who have these types of reactions, mental health professionals should be making a careful assessment of possible exposure to trauma. Traumatized children need mental health professionals who can provide care based on scientific evidence and that takes into account unique characteristics of children and teens.

American Psychological Association



**Progress on our
building!**

**Adding color and carpet
to the reception area...**

**...Board of Directors
holds their first meeting
at the new CACSC
building**



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May is Mental Health Awareness Month

At the Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County we are fortunate to be included on the list of mental health providers in Sedgwick County. Our therapy services at the CACSC are unique in that we focus solely on assisting children and their families in healing from the traumas of child sexual and physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Mental health treatment is crucial for children and families when it comes to resiliency and recovery from traumatic events. Therapists at the CACSC are trained in trauma-focused therapies and begin work with families almost immediately following the start of child abuse investigations. Our services are provided at no cost to the family and the treatment timeframes are much more flexible as well, which allows us to meet the needs of a family wherever they are in their healing process and work with them as long as it takes. Each child or family receives individualized services that address their specific therapeutic needs. Therapists at the CACSC are fortunate to be co-located with community partners involved in the investigation process, which makes communication easier and more effective in establishing goals that take into account the best interest of the child and the appropriate measures to address the family's trauma.



**CHIldReN'S
Mental Health
Awareness Day**

**A Day at the Park
Friday, May 27th
11am - 2pm**

**O.J. Watson Park
3022 S. McLean Blvd
Shelter #5
Wichita, KS 67217**

FREE Activities include:

- Refreshments
- Face painting
- Moonwalk
- Photobooth
- Raffle prizes
- Wichita Fire Department
- Local mascots
- Arts and Crafts
- Games
- Discounted mini golf and train rides

The Mental Health Association invites Wichita to this FREE event to help fight stigma! Mental illness affects our families, friends, and neighbors. Let's strengthen each other as a community and fight stigma together!

 Mental Health Association
of South Central Kansas



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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