



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

National Recognition for ICT S.O.S.

Each year, the National Children's Alliance recognizes several outstanding individuals and groups that show commitment and dedication to children and their families through promotion of the Children's Advocacy Center model and mission. The CACSC nominated ICT S.O.S. for the Volunteer Leadership Group Award. Jennifer White, the Executive Director of ICT S.O.S., attended the Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, to accept the award. ICT S.O.S. was formed 4 years ago as a way for people in our community to increase awareness, donate goods, and provide expertise and services to agencies working with victims. ICT S.O.S. provides essential supplies including Fresh Start Bags, journals, toys, food & water bottles for the children served at CACSC and has contributed \$27,000 toward our Capital Campaign. These volunteers make a huge impact on the ability of the CACSC to provide services with an effective, holistic approach. When we move to our new building, ICT S.O.S. will relocate with us to further their mission and maintain their strong collaborative connections with our team.



Photo left to right: Teresa Huizar, Executive Director, National Children's Alliance; Jennifer White, Executive Director, ICT S.O.S.; Juliane Johnson, Program Manager, CACSC; Aurora Myers, Contractor for Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas

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Celebrating a Successful Wichita Gladiator Dash

With over 1180 participants, the Wichita Gladiator Dash had more participants this year than any previous years. On Saturday, June 6th, the brave, enthusiastic runners demonstrated their physical and survival skills. The CACSC and EMCU were well represented in the competition by staff members and friends. We are a grateful beneficiary of proceeds from the event. The "gladiators" ran an intense race which included 26 sponsored obstacles, challenging the 5K runners to added competition by crossing lakes, running through creeks and mud, in tunnels and over hills. Thanks to all participants, volunteers, supporters and sponsors! Sponsors of the event are listed at: <http://wichitagladiator.com/ProudSponsors.html>

Summer Safety and Child Abuse Prevention

When thinking of swimming & July 4th as risks for summer injuries, include abuse prevention.

- Set boundaries - when a child doesn't want to be tickled, hugged or otherwise touched, make sure the boundaries are understood and respected.
- Minimize opportunity - make sure adults at camps and clubs have background checks and are trained to avoid one on one situations.
- Talk openly with your children about appropriate and inappropriate touching.
- Recognize your child's signs for being in distress or feeling uncomfortable.
- Trust your instincts and teach your children to trust theirs.



Introducing New EMCU Leadership

Sgt. Keith Allen is a new supervisor in EMCU, replacing Kevin Bradford who was promoted to Lieutenant. Sgt. Allen's law enforcement career began as a Sedgwick County Sheriff's Deputy in 1994. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Friends University in 2000. The first 12 years of his career Sgt. Allen worked Patrol, mostly night shifts. He was assigned to the Sheriff's Canine Unit, the DUI Task Force and Motors. After being promoted to Detective, Sgt. Allen worked in the Property Crimes Section, Persons Crimes Section, Narcotics and at the Exploited and Missing Child Unit. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2011 and supervised in Road Patrol and the Persons Crime section. Sgt. Allen is an Adjunct Instructor at Wichita Area Technical College in the Police Science Program. He and his wife are parents of five children. An avid KU Basketball fan, Sgt. Allen anticipates a National Championship this year!

For Your Calendar

October 30, 2015: **Heroes Gala**, Scottish Rite Center.

November 4-6, 2015: 39th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka. Registration open Aug. 20th: www.kcsl.org/training

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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