



# Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County

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

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## Primary Partner Agencies

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 Police Department  
St. Francis Community Services

## For Your Calendar

July 6, 2017: Via Christi  
Hospital St. Joseph: Baby Care  
Seminar: 6:30-9:00 pm:  
\$25 fee: 316-689-5700

September 12, 2017: Kansas  
Children's Service League: The  
Developing Brain, Trauma and  
Relationships: 1:30-2:30 pm:  
Webinar: Free

Nov. 1-3, 2017: Kansas  
Children's Service League: 41st  
Annual Governor's  
Conference: Capitol Plaza  
Hotel: Topeks, KS

Nov. 3, 2017: Scottish Rite  
Center: CACSC Heroes Gala:  
5:30-9:00 pm

January 2018: Ten Year  
Anniversary of the Child  
Advocacy Center of Sedgwick  
County

## Get to Know the CACSC Staff

Marlene Ibarra is the newest addition to our CACSC staff. She was hired in March of this year as a Bilingual Child/Family Advocate. Marlene is a First Generation Mexican American and she admires her parents for working hard to provide a better life for her and her siblings. Marlene grew up in a large, family-oriented household as the youngest of six siblings. She graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in Social Work in 2008 and received her master's from Wichita State University in 2010. Marlene has a 1-1/2 year old she adores and she calls her "blessing". She says he has already taught his parents quite a bit about parenting children! As an animal lover, Marlene has a 5-1/2 year old shih tzu named Yoshi.

Marlene has eight years of experience working as a social worker and is very excited to have joined the CACSC. She is passionate about working with the Hispanic community because she recognizes the struggles many families face when living in a non-native culture. She hopes to expand the supportive services the CACSC offers to our community.

## "We soothe their soul, she fills their tummies."

Yolanda Hamilton is the owner of *Nothing Bundt Cakes* in Wichita. She has graciously chosen to partner with CACSC and our Therapy Program. Clients of the CACSC enjoy the bundt cake treats they receive on special occasions such as their birthdays and therapy successes. Offering a sweet treat to clients gives us the opportunity to brighten their day and put a smile on their face.

Try some tasty *Nothing Bundt Cakes* today! For more information, call 316-652-2253 or visit their Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/nothingbundtcakes>



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## **The CACSC Building: How well do you know the facts?**

Our building, which is the former Lincoln Elementary School, was built in three different periods.

The original part of the building (on the west) was built in 1938 and is the only portion of the building with two stories. The 1970's addition was built along the south side of Lincoln. The newest addition, built along Emporia St., was the result of the 2000 bond issue. The building has nearly 42,000 sq. ft. Prior to the CACSC purchasing the building from USD259 in October of 2013, the building was vacant for over 2 years.

The front desk in our new lobby was repurposed from the former school library. Granite Transformations donated their time and labor to create the beautiful tile and counter work on the front desk.

The Therapy Area consists of the therapy offices, family therapy rooms, a therapy waiting room and a therapy intern office. We currently have two full time therapists and two therapy interns.

The Medical Program is still in development. Plans include a three way partnership with the KU School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, Via Christi Health and Wesley Medical Center.

What used to be the original school office was converted into our Advocate Area. We currently have three full time advocates (one is a bilingual advocate) and one part time advocate, as well as an advocate intern.

Throughout the building, there are several office pods. Each pod used to be one large classroom that is now divided into offices. Each area contains a combination of detectives and social workers. This configuration enhances communication and partnership between disciplines that are providing service to children and their families.

On the main level of the building we have a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting room. The CACSC houses weekly meetings to staff active cases with approximately 15-20 different agencies in attendance. The goal is to coordinate services, review the progress of case plans, and determine if additional services can be offered. The room is used daily by law enforcement for squad meetings and as needed throughout the week for investigative and organizational meetings.

### **Are you interested in taking a tour of the CACSC facility?**

**Please contact Jessica Eck for questions or to schedule a tour.**

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### **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:  
Empowering Local Communities to Serve Child Victims of Abuse