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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. ~

What Does Jessica's Law Mean for Kansas Children?

Kansas' form of Jessica's Law took effect on July 1, 2006, and mandates that sex offenders who are 18 years of age or older and convicted of crimes such as aggravated indecent liberties, rape, sexual exploitation, promoting prostitution, or trafficking involving a child age 14 or younger, be sentenced to life terms with a mandatory minimum term of not less than 25 years. It also provides for a 40 year minimum sentence for habitual offenders of certain sex offenses and lifetime post-release monitoring for certain sex offenders.

The CACSC has been involved in cases with its partner agencies in which Jessica's Law was applied to sentences in Sedgwick County. A recent case was that of James Lamont Brown, a Wichita man convicted on 17 charges of raping two Kansas City, Kansas, girls whose mother brought them to Wichita and allowed James to have sex with them repeatedly over a period of nearly five years. Because of his extensive criminal record, including sexually exploiting teen runaways, and lewd and lascivious behavior involving a child, Brown was sentenced to 17 life sentences without parole.

The girls' mother, who has not been named to protect the girls, testified that on several occasions she watched as Brown had sex with her daughters. She pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated human trafficking and was sentenced under Jessica's Law to two mandatory 25 year sentences without parole. Her sentences are running concurrently.

Following media coverage of this case, five adult women called to disclose abuse by Brown that occurred when they were children. Our CACSC Child Family Advocate was a source of support and therapy referrals for these women.

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How You Can Help the CACSC - Ways to Make a Charitable Gift

As a non-profit charitable organization, the CACSC depends on grants, government, foundation, corporate and individual support. Last month we reviewed cash donations. A second way to make a charitable donation is through a Multiple-Year Cash Pledge/Gift. Cash pledged over a period of years can be deducted up to 39.6 % of adjusted gross income for the portion given each year. For example, a person in the 28% tax bracket giving a \$50,000 cash gift over five years (\$10,000 each year) would be eligible to deduct \$14,000 in taxes for the entire \$50,000.

Meet Our New Service Providers

Allyson Angle has been with the Department for Children and Families (DCF) for 3 years and joined Exploited and Missing Child Unit (EMCU) in May. She previously worked in the areas of mental health and foster care through the El Dorado Service Center. Passionate about making a difference in the lives of children and families when abuse has been disclosed, Allyson finds that the team environment of EMCU and the Child Advocacy Center allows for services and support to be immediate and more effective in beginning the healing process for both the child and the family.

Marlene Ibarra started with DCF in 2008 as a practicum student in Dodge City. After graduating from K-State, she worked in the Garden City DCF office for a year and then moved to Wichita to pursue her Master's Degree in Social Work. Marlene joined the Wichita Area DCF office in May 2010. The social problems unique to a larger city were a new challenge for her. When a DCF position became available with EMCU Marlene was excited to join the team. She is passionate about helping at-risk families and uses her Spanish language skills to better serve our customers.

Both women look forward to their work as part of the EMCU and CAC team!

For Your Calendar:

Sept. 7: Race for Freedom 5K Run/Walk to Stop Human Trafficking in Wichita by ICT-S.O.S. - shared benefit for the CAC; Registration and info at: race4freedom.com

Nov. 6-8: 37th Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect.

Nov. 9: The 2013 Heroes Gala at the Wichita Scottish Rite Center, 6:30 PM.

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."

National Children's Alliance

Empowering Local Communities to Serve Child Victims of Abuse