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# GOVERNOR'S LETTER AND CERTIFICATIONS



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May 9, 2017

Naomi Goldstein, Acting Commissioner  
Administration on Children, Youth and Families  
Mary E. Switzer Building  
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Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Commissioner Goldstein:

The State of Iowa was a recipient of the FY 2016 Child Abuse and Neglect Basic State Grant and continues to comply with the requirements stipulated in Section 106(b) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. Iowa looks forward to this continued federal support in our efforts to promote safety, well-being, and permanence for Iowa's children and families.

The State of Iowa has continued to maintain a State multidisciplinary task force on children's justice, known as the Iowa Child Protection Council. Furthermore, Iowa has either adopted, or continues to progress in adopting, the Council's recommendations, or comparable alternatives to such recommendations.

The State of Iowa will continue to make such reports to the Secretary as may reasonably be required, including an annual report on how assistance received under this program was expended throughout the State, with particular attention to the areas described in paragraphs (1) through (3) of Section 107(a) of the Act. The State will also continue to maintain and provide access to records relating to activities under the Children's Justice Act (CJA) Grant.

The State of Iowa will continue to participate in at least one Federally initiated CJA meeting each year that the grant is in effect, with the authorized use of grant funds to cover travel and per diem expenses for two CJA representatives (the CJA Coordinator and Task Force Chairperson) to attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad  
Governor of Iowa



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Dear Ms. Fischman:

Enclosed you will find Iowa's Children's Justice Act Grant Annual Program Report and Grant Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2017. The State of Iowa continues to be eligible for the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Basic State Grant and to comply with the requirements stipulated in Section 106(b) of CAPTA.

Iowa will maintain its multidisciplinary State Task Force, the Iowa Child Protection Council, as specified in Sections 107(b)(2) and 107(c)(1) of the Act and will continue working with the Council to adopt recommendations or comparable alternatives to improve child welfare in Iowa.

Iowa certifies compliance with the following federal requirements: Certification Regarding Lobbying, Certification Regarding Drug-Free Work Place, Debarment Certification, and Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke. The signed Certification Regarding Lobbying is enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions concerning this application please feel free to contact Patricia Barto, Program Manager for Iowa's Children's Justice Act, at 515-281-7151 or at [pbarto@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:pbarto@dhs.state.ia.us)

Sincerely,

Charles M. Palmer  
Director



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## CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

### Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

### Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States

to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_

Title  
Director \_\_\_\_\_

Organization  
Iowa Department of Human Services \_\_\_\_\_

## **BACKGROUND ON IOWA'S STATE TASK FORCE**

### **THE IOWA CHILD PROTECTION COUNCIL**

Iowa first established a Children's Justice Task Force in April of 1988. The Task Force met on several occasions pursuant to the duties outlined in the Children's Justice and Assistance Act Of 1986, (Public Law 99-401). During this same period of time another group, the Focus Committee, was also convening for the purposes of improving child protection services. As the mission of both groups was to improve and enhance child safety and welfare, it was proposed and agreed upon in July of 1988 that the Focus Committee would be incorporated into the Children's Justice Task Force with the following duties identified:

- Review and evaluate Iowa's investigative, judicial, and administrative handling of child abuse cases, especially child sexual abuse and exploitation cases.
- Make recommendations for change in the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse cases to reduce additional trauma to child victims while ensuring procedural fairness for the accused.
- Make recommendations for the reform of state laws, policies, and procedures that are necessary in order to provide comprehensive protection to children from abuse.

In June of 1989 the Iowa Children's Justice Task Force convened again and expanded its membership to represent all of the areas of discipline specified in the Children's Justice Act. During the next two years, the Iowa Children's Justice Task Force continued to meet and support activities and programs aimed at reforming Iowa's child abuse system and improving the investigative, judicial and administrative processes specific to cases of child abuse and neglect.

In 1991, the Iowa Department of Human Services (IDHS) proposed that the Children's Justice Task Force merge once again with another child protection group, the Council on Child Protection. The membership of the Council on Child Protection was made up primarily of the professionals connected with Iowa's three child advocacy centers at the time. The justification for the merger was based on the premise that the two committees had several major functions in common with the shared goal of improving the child protection system. It was also recognized that combining these two groups, with their similar responsibilities, would enhance the effectiveness of each and reduce the unnecessary duplication of efforts.

Independently the two committees were presented with the idea of joining forces and both groups were in agreement with the proposed merger. The combined committees were then jointly renamed the Child Protection Council (CPC). The Council's first meeting was held in December of 1991 and the group continued to meet on a quarterly to bi-monthly basis with their focus and goals still centered on the improvement of the child welfare system. The combining of these two groups proved to be a valuable effort, allowing the group to draw on their members' various expertise, conserve resources, and, ultimately, have a greater influence on the child protection system in Iowa. In the fall of 2005, it was voted that the group should also become Iowa's statewide Citizen Review Panel (CRP) and one of three required CRPs within the state.

The current membership on the Child Protection Council is composed of professionals with knowledge of, and experience in, the areas of child protective services, law enforcement, civil and criminal court proceedings, child advocacy, youth housing/shelter programs, pediatric medicine, mental health, and childhood disabilities. In addition, the Council gleams knowledge from those with firsthand experience in the child welfare system as former victims, parents, and representatives from parent advocacy groups. In Appendix A of this report/application there is a listing with names, titles, and a brief description of the relevant personal/professional experience of each member and the designated category they represent on the Child Protection Council. Each of the disciplines specified in Section 107(c)(1) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act are currently represented in the Task Force.

The Council's duties are carried out in accordance with Section 107(a) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act as amended by the "CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010". The Council meets bi-monthly and makes annual recommendations to the Iowa Department of Human Services on the development, establishment, and operation of activities and programs designed to improve:

- The assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect cases, including cases of suspected child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child and the child's family;
- The assessment and investigation of cases of suspected child abuse-related fatalities and suspected child neglect-related fatalities;
- The investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation; and
- The assessment and investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are suspected victims of child abuse or neglect.

## 2016-2017 YEAR END PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORT

Following is the 2016-2017 Performance Report for the Iowa Children's Justice Act Grant. This report denotes the activities and projects that Iowa's Task Force (the Child Protection Council) was involved with, or supported through CJA funding, during the preceding 12-month period prior to the submission of this grant application. The particular areas that the activities and projects relate to in Section 107(e) (1) (A), (B), or (C) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act are identified. The report discusses the specific programming, outputs, and measureable outcomes (where available) of the CJA projects proposed in last year's grant application. In addition, where relevant, the impact that activities or projects have had on the reform of State law, rule, policy, and/or procedures is described and the role of the Council and its recommendations for continued funding of the projects are discussed.

The Iowa Statewide Child Protection Council identified five activities and/or projects that would be funded through the Children's Justice Act Grant over the past year. These included: Council Support, Multidisciplinary Conferences, CAC Mini-Grants, CAC Satellite Project, and Field Toolkits/Photography Trainings.

*Each of these activities and/or projects falls within or encompasses one or more of the three categories of Section 107(e) (1) (A) (B) and (C) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act:*

- A. Activities to improve the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, in a manner which reduces the additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused;
- B. Support of experimental, model, and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation cases, including the enhancement of performance of court-appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem for children, and which also ensure procedural fairness to the accused; and
- C. Reform of State laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children, which may include those children involved in reports of child abuse or neglect with a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as the intrastate, interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, from child abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring fairness to all affected persons.

The Council Support, the Multidisciplinary Training Conferences and the CAC Mini-grants included elements of all three of the requirements within Section 107 (e)(1)(A)(B) and (C) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (as listed above). The duties of the CJA Coordinator to implement and monitor the various grant activities, along with the range of training opportunities and topic areas provided through the Multidisciplinary Conferences and the CAC Mini-grants made these activities relevant to all three categories.

The CAC Satellite Project met the categories of (A) and (B) as it served to improve the investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation in a manner which reduces additional trauma to the child victim and their family. Services provided by the CAC Satellite Project enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and neglect cases.

The Field Toolkits/Photography Training activities met elements within all three categories (A), (B) and (C). Specific to the categories of (A) and (B), the program included activities which led to improvements in the investigations of child abuse and neglect cases. These improvements ultimately had a positive impact on the judicial and administrative handling of child abuse cases. Under category (C) the training served to enhance the state's procedures and practice when photographing child injuries during a child abuse assessment.

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## **ACTIVITY: COUNCIL SUPPORT**

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### **Identified Need:**

The Council recognizes the need for a fulltime staff member within the Iowa Department of Human Services (IDHS) to assist the Council by coordinating meetings, writing the annual report and grant application, and assisting in the implementation of the identified projects and activities. In May of 2015 the IDHS realigned the duties of various Program Managers in the Bureau of Child Welfare. Under the new alignment, the CJA Coordinator position was assigned specific programs relevant to CJA. The CJA Coordinator position now includes oversight and management of the following program areas within IDHS:

- Iowa's Children's Justice Grant Act
- Iowa's Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Grant (CAPTA)
- Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs)
- Iowa's three Citizen Review Panels (CRPs)
- Child Advocacy Center Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)
- Statewide IDHS Drug-testing Program

The assignment of these program areas to the CJA Coordinator position allows for more expertise in areas relative to CJA and includes those areas of particular interests to Iowa's CJA Task Force (the Child Protection Council).

In addition to a fulltime CJA Coordinator position within IDHS, Council Support funds were also used to support travel costs and registration expenses related to attendance and participation at Child Protection Council meetings and statewide conferences and trainings.

### **Programming/Outputs:**

#### *CJA Coordinator*

A full-time position in the Division of Adult, Children and Family Services within the IDHS continued to be funded through the Children's Justice Act Grant. The Coordinator of the Children's Justice Act Grant is charged with the responsibility of writing the annual report and grant application and overseeing the implementation of the grant activities and projects recommended for funding. This individual also provides all staffing support and technical assistance to the Child Protection Council.

Another area of responsibility assigned to the CJA Coordinator is Iowa's Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Grant (CAPTA). Duties under this grant include writing the Annual CAPTA report and grant application and overseeing the CAPTA budget.

The CJA Coordinator is also tasked with providing support to Iowa's various Multi-disciplinary Teams (MDTs) and Citizen Review Panels (CRPs) throughout the state. The work of MDTs and CRPs play important roles in Iowa's child welfare system. MDTs provide effective multidisciplinary responses to cases of child maltreatment while Iowa's three CRPs provide valuable input to IDHS on recommended reforms to improve child protection.

The CJA Coordinator is also charged with oversight of the Memorandums of Understanding between IDHS and the state's Child Advocacy Centers (CACs). These centers, which are key partners in limiting trauma for child victims, provide medical and forensic interviewing services to IDHS during the course of child abuse assessments.

As a Program Manager within IDHS, the CJA Coordinator is assigned management of the statewide drug-testing program. This program includes two drug testing contracts, one for collections and one for laboratory services. The drug-testing contracts cover substance use and exposure testing utilized during child protective assessments throughout the state. Substance abuse and its impact on infants and children has always been an area of interest for the Council. Many of the Council's recommendations have been related to substance exposed infants and children.

#### *Council Support Travel Expenses*

In addition to the salaries and benefits associated with a fulltime position within IDHS, Council Support funds were also used to support travel expenses related to other activities. All members of the Council serve in a voluntary capacity. Some of these members travel 6 or more hours (roundtrip) to attend each meeting. Therefore, funding under Council Support has been provided for reimbursement of travel expenses for members attending the bi-monthly Child Protection Council meetings in Des Moines. In addition, funding is provided for costs associated with registration and travel expenses

for members to attend CJA supported multidisciplinary training and conferences throughout the state.

Funds are also used to cover the cost of two persons to attend the Children Justice Act grantee's meeting each year.

**Outcomes:**

Council Support funding assured that Iowa was able to continue meeting the eligibility requirements of the grant. The CJA Coordinator facilitated the activities of the Council and ensured that the activities and projects were carried out and were focused on the designated categories specified in Section 107 (e) (1) (A) (B) and (C) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

Following the realignment of programs areas within the Bureau of Child Welfare, a new CJA Coordinator was hired in October of 2015. That person resigned from the position in April of 2016. After their departure, the previous CJA Coordinator resumed the role as Interim CJA Coordinator. A new CJA Coordinator came on board in the fall of 2016.

Additional outcomes that can be attributed to Council Support include: the continuity of membership, consistent member attendance, and success in recruiting and maintaining new members from across the State. In 2010, following a significant IDHS reorganization and the appointment of a new CJA Coordinator, attendance at Council meetings was down. In addition, due to the reauthorization of CAPTA in 2010, several new positions needed to be filled on the Task Force. Since that time, Iowa has worked very hard to maintain a fully staffed Task Force and has met the CJA requirements regarding memberships for several years now.

Over the past year the average attendance at the Child Protection Council meetings has been around 69% (see attendance in parentheses below). This number is similar to last year's report which was at 70% of the current 21 members. There was a dip in attendance for the September 2016 CPC meeting. This happened at the time that a new CJA Coordinator was transitioning into the position. In total, the Council met 5 times over the last year on the following dates:

- July 12, 2016 (81%)
- September 13, 2016 (52%)
- November 08, 2016 (66%)
- March 14, 2017 (71%)
- May 09, 2017 (76%)

As part of the Child Protection Council meetings, the CJA Coordinator has arranged for numerous guest presenters and presentations at the meetings which includes the following:

- Domestic Violence Liaison to IDHS – Presentation on the IDHS statewide training and implementation of the Domestic Violence Safe and Together Model.

The IDHS recently implemented the Safe & Together Model, which is a perpetrator pattern based, child centered, and survivor strengths approach to working with domestic violence cases. Iowa State University - Child Welfare Research and Training Project (July 12, 2016).

- Presentation from the IDHS Bureau Chief of Child Welfare on the changes to Iowa Code that went into effect July 1, 2016 in regard to Child Sex Trafficking and the subsequent modification to Iowa's Sexual Abuse Code. (July 12, 2016).
- Service presentations and Q&A from two of Iowa's Managed Care Organizations (MCO); United Healthcare and AmeriHealth (9/13/2016).
- Presentation from Early ACCESS, Iowa Department of Education. Early ACCESS is Iowa's early intervention system for infants and toddlers with or at risk for developmental delays or disabilities. (11/08/2016)
- IDHS Bureau Chief of Child Welfare – Presentation on the federal directive regarding CARA and on Iowa's Drug Endangered Children's (DEC) workgroup (03/14/2017).
- Presentation from the Mason City Child Protection Center (CAC) Satellite Project (May 5, 2017)

As a result of the CJA grant activities and projects, collaboration has increased and communication has been enhanced across the various disciplines involved in the child protection system in Iowa. In addition, having a fulltime coordinator has allowed for adequate planning and preparation work to be done for Council meetings and in the preparation of training activities and other projects supported by the Council.

As was discussed previously, a number of Council members must travel a great distance to attend meetings. Funding for travel costs associated with Council meetings helped to support attendance as evidenced by the numbers above.

Funding related to travel and registration costs associate with conference attendance provided Council members with updated information on current issues regarding the assessment and investigation of reported child abuse and neglect. The member's increased knowledge of this area of work was reflected in meeting discussions and deliberations regarding recommendations around the funding of CJA activities and projects.

Funding also allowed for the Iowa CJA Coordinator and a Council member to attend the Annual Children's Justice Act Grantee Meeting in Washington DC in August of 2016.

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**ACTIVITY: MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCES**

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**Identified Need:**

The Child Protection Council and the IDHS recognize that in order to respond adequately to reports of suspected child abuse and neglect a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach is needed. This includes drawing on the expertise of various disciplines, such as law enforcement, medicine, social work, the judicial system, and other experts in mental health, domestic violence, and substance abuse. The Child Protection Council believes that an effective way to support this approach to child abuse and neglect is through multidisciplinary training.

**Programming/Outputs:**

Funding from the Children's Justice Act helped to support scholarships to attend multidisciplinary training for professionals involved in Iowa's child protection system. Three conferences were offered in different areas of Iowa. The various locations helped to ensure that a larger number of IDHS social workers and other professionals across the state would be able to attend. Two of the conferences were held in the fall of 2016. The third conference was held in the April of 2017. All three conferences were sponsored by nationally accredited Child Advocacy Centers (CACs). Each of the training opportunities focused on the topic areas contained within the three categories in Section 107 (e) (1) (A) (B) and (C) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

Funding under this activity also provided reimbursement of travel expenses and registration fees for an Assistant Attorney General from the state AG's Office to attend an out-of-state conference. The Assistant Attorney General who participated this year represents the IDHS in juvenile court, as well as, advises IDHS administrators and field staff in juvenile court matters related to child abuse and neglect issues. The conference was entitled, "*The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Child and Family Mistreatment*". It was held in San Diego, California from January 31 to February 3, 2017. The conference was hosted by the Chadwick Center for Children and Families and was targeted for professionals working with families experiencing child maltreatment, trauma, and violence. The conference offered a legal track that focused on topics related to proving child abuse in court, prosecuting child abuse cases with limited evidence, and the issue of recanting.

Funds from this category were also used to support attendance at the various trainings put on by the CACs with their Mini-Grant awards. Additional details about the specific projects can be found in that section of this report. Under the CAC Mini-Grant project, funds provided to the CACs were limited to direct expenses associated with the training events, i.e., staff time, speaker fees, materials, meeting space, etc. However, given that Iowa's CACs are very regional in nature (i.e., there are only 6 accredited centers within the state), some child protective workers must travel several hours to attend a CAC training activity. Therefore, funds under this category were made available to support travel costs for local IDHS social workers to attend trainings outside of their assigned county/counties. The ability to fund the travel expenses out of CJA, vs. local service area budgets, helped to bolster attendance for child protection staff.

**Outcomes:**

Grant funding for conferences enabled professionals involved in child abuse to attend training they would not otherwise have access to. Participants in the conferences included: attorneys, clergy, counselors, court officers, corrections personnel, educators, juvenile court officers, law enforcement, nurses, physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, state and private social workers, substance abuse counselors, therapists and other healthcare professionals.

IDHS attendance at these conferences remains high. Approximately 100 state social workers, supervisors, and administrators attended one of the three multidisciplinary conferences during the past year through funding from the Children’s Justice Act. This number is reflective of last year’s attendance. Staff attending the conferences reported that the joint registration processes went well.

Participants of the training reviewed current research on child abuse and neglect and best practices in assessment, investigation, and prosecution of child maltreatment. Presentations at this year’s conferences ranged from sexual abuse of children with disabilities and how to interview them, to working with the non-offender caregiver during child abuse investigations. Other topic areas that were presented included the prosecution of child abuse cases with a recanting victim and water related child deaths and pedophilia.

The conferences provided invaluable information to IDHS workers who handle child abuse and neglect cases and their supervisors. In addition, the conferences provided networking opportunities among local professionals who were in attendance and promoted collaboration in the assessment and investigation of reported cases of child maltreatment.

Information gained from attendance at the conferences has added to the knowledge base of all participants and helped to impact and enrich their work with children who are victims of abuse and neglect. Enhanced worker skills and knowledge ultimately contribute to the overall reform of Iowa’s child protection system regarding child abuse and neglect. Brochures for the three main conferences can be found in Appendix C.

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**ACTIVITY: MULTIDISCIPLINARY TRAINING: CAC MINI-GRANTS**

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**Identified Need:**

The IDHS has found that when providing multidisciplinary trainings to its staff and external partners it can be difficult to attract large numbers of persons from other disciplines (i.e. law enforcement, the courts, etc.). Experience has shown that attendance from these areas is significantly increased when IDHS has collaborated with one of the state’s Child Advocacy Centers (CACs). Therefore, instead of trying to continue to implement their own multidisciplinary training events, the IDHS reached out to support the training CACs are already doing through a “Mini-Grant” program designed to enhance interdisciplinary training in local communities.

### **Programming/Outputs:**

Contracts were signed with five of Iowa's CACs for funding (up to \$5,000) to implement interdisciplinary training in their local communities. Contracts were effective on April 1, 2016. Under the contracts, CACs were required to develop and submit a training plan by May 1, 2016. Guidance was provided on the training topics to ensure that they were reflective of those under CJA (i.e., child trauma, human trafficking, child fatalities, children with disabilities, etc.). Below is a summary of the trainings that occurred for each of the five centers who signed contracts with the IDHS.

#### ***Allen Child Protection Center (CPC) – Waterloo***

The Allen Child Protection Center (ACPC) offered training in Northern Iowa to Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) members. Participants included law enforcement, IDHS workers and county attorney staff who investigate cases of child abuse. The one day training was held on September 15, 2016 in Waterloo, Iowa. Speakers included: Dave Betz (National Children's Alliance), Sue Hazlett (District Court Judge & former child abuse prosecutor), and Chad Opitz, (Police Detective and Task Force Officer on the Portland, Oregon FBI Child Exploitation Task Force). The training focused on an MDT approach in child abuse investigations, the use of technology in cases involving child abuse, and Human Trafficking.

#### ***Mercy Child Advocacy Center (CAC) – Sioux City***

Mercy Child Advocacy Center (MCAC) offered a multidisciplinary training to their local MDT in September of 2016. Justin Fitzsimmons, JD was the presenter at the training. Mr. Fitzsimmons is the Program Manager for High-Tech Crime Training Services for SEARCH Group, Inc., The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics. Mr. Fitzsimmons is nationally recognized as a legal authority on crimes against children. The focus of the presentation was on the importance of creating a cohesive and communicative multidisciplinary team and how a MDT approach is essential in the response to child abuse.

#### ***Regional Child Protection Center (RCPC), Blank Children's Hospital – Des Moines***

The RCPC provided a Multidisciplinary Training which focused on technology and its use in the sexual exploitation of children. Sgt. Steve Del Negro in his presentation entitled "*Technology Facilitated Crimes against Children*" spoke to how technology is used by offenders of crimes against children and highlighted the emerging technologies that support criminal investigations and prosecution in these cases. The one day training was held in August 2016. Those in attendance included: IDHS workers, law enforcement, attorneys, victim advocates, medical and mental health providers, family service professionals, nurses, and school-based professionals.

#### ***St. Luke's Child Protection Center (CPC) – Cedar Rapids***

The St. Luke's Child Protection Center (CPC) utilized the grant funds to host a one day conference entitled "*Child Abuse and Water Deaths*" in May 2016. The presenter for the training was Andrea Zaferes. Ms. Zaferes has been

investigating aquatic deaths and teaching water rescue/recovery with TeamLGS for 27 years. She is a medicolegal death investigator with the Dutchess County Medical Examiner's office, and helped start a nonprofit organization, RIPTIDE, to assist with submerged evidence/body recovery and aquatic abuse and homicide investigations. In addition to the main training event an evening Session was offered at no charge. The focus of that three hour presentation was "*Special Training for Rescue Divers*". Both sessions were held at the Human Services Campus Conference Center in Cedar Rapids.

***Mississippi Valley Child Protection Center (MVCPC) – Muscatine***

The Mississippi Valley Child Protection Center (MVCPC) recently completed a Training Needs Assessment in April, 2016 with their local MDT members. The findings of the Training Needs Assessment indicated that additional training was needed in the area of internet crimes involving children related to social media and on the Iowa ACE Study.

The training entitled "*Trends in Internet Crimes and Activities Involving Children*" was provided in August of 2016. The same training was offered on two different dates during that month to facilitate attendance. Joseph Schmitz, an investigator with the Cedar Rapids Police Department and Internet Crimes against Children Task Force/Cyber Crime Unit was the presenter for these multidisciplinary trainings. In addition to an overview regarding the current trends in technology, the training provided information on internet crimes against children and a demonstration of the skills necessary to understand and respond to instances which involve the use of technology in the sexual exploitation of children.

In addition to the trainings described above, the MVCPC offered training around the Iowa ACE Studies which included the practical application of the findings of this study from a MDT perspective. The training entitled "*Connections Matter*" was targeted for use by MDT teams involved in child abuse cases. The interactive presentation spoke to how trauma from child abuse impacts the brain and the role of relationships and community in well-being. The training was held in September 2016.

**Outcomes:**

The trainings provided by Iowa's five CACs, all of which are accredited by the National Children's Alliance, satisfied the requirements outlined in the IDHS Children's Justice Act Grant Application for FFY 2016. Each of the CAC submitted a training work plan for IDHS approval prior to the trainings. Each of the trainings were promoted and made available to all areas of discipline involved in child protective services. The topics for each of the trainings addressed either all, or at a minimum, one of the areas of Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse, Chronic Neglect and/or Failure to Thrive, Substance Abuse, Child fatalities and/or Criminal Prosecution.

Prior to collaborating with the CACs around multidisciplinary training, attendance at multidisciplinary trainings offered by IDHS had been a concern as it was difficult to

attract attendees from other disciplines areas. Attendance at multidisciplinary trainings is significantly increased by supporting this type of training through a “Mini-Grant program. Below is the attendance numbers for each of the trainings.

- Allen - 62 attended
- Mercy - 35 attended
- Blank - 146 attended
- St Luke’s - 63 attended
- Mississippi Valley - 37 people

Total number of attendees: 343

CACs were also required to administer, collect and summarize participant’s knowledge through the use of an IDHS approved pre and posttest to indicate increased subject matter understanding based on the training received. In summary, the evaluation results indicated that participants strongly agreed that the presenters were knowledgeable of the subject matter and that the material presented was appropriate and relevant to their work in child abuse. Individual results of the trainings can be found in each of the CAC Final Reports in Appendix D of this CJA Grant Application.

As evidenced by the attendance numbers at these trainings and the results of the pre and posttests, the Multidisciplinary trainings offered through this Mini-Grant program served to increase the knowledge base of IDHS child protection workers and other multidisciplinary team members across the state.

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**ACTIVITY: CAC Satellite, Mason City**

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**Identified Need:**

IDHS and its partners recognize that an interdisciplinary approach to child protection is necessary for ensuring the best outcomes for children and families. One way to support this approach is through the expansion of Child Advocacy Centers (CAC’s) in Iowa. Currently, there are six CAC’s in Iowa. Each of these centers has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with IDHS to provide critical services during the course of child abuse assessments. Services are provided by highly specialized medical and mental health practitioners with advanced training in Forensic Interviewing and medical examinations for alleged victims of child abuse.

In 2014 a comprehensive Needs Assessment was conducted by the Iowa Chapter of Children’s Advocacy Centers (ICCAC) to look at gaps within the state as it relates to services provided by CAC’s. Factors such as location, population density, and child abuse rates were considered.

An important finding from the Needs Assessment showed that while CAC services can be critical in the response to sexual and severe physical abuse cases, several counties in Iowa fell outside of the recommended maximum one hour drive time to a CAC.

The findings of the report indicated that the greatest area of need for a CAC was in North Central Iowa. Past efforts had been made to establish a CAC in this area but the project at that time did not receive the federal VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funds applied for and other resources were not available.

Following completion of the Needs Assessment, ICCAC choose to go forward with the establishment of a new CAC. Mason City which is located in Cerro Gordo County was chosen for the site. This location presented the opportunity to partner with Allen Memorial Hospital which is located nearby in Waterloo, Iowa. In addition, Allen Memorial Hospital currently hosts a CAC (Allen Child Protection Center) and they were willing to support a CAC satellite location in Mason City. At this point, seed money for startup costs was requested from the Children Justice Act Grant. While there were other funding sources, including an appropriation from the state legislature and in kind services through the Mason City community, additional startup funding was needed to get the project off the ground. That need was presented to the Iowa Child Protection Council which serves as Iowa's Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force. The Council is charged with making recommendations to the IDHS for how CJA funds shall be used. The Council voted to support the use of CJA funds for the establishment of the satellite center in Mason City, Iowa as this project aligns with the allowable uses for CJA funds.

#### **Programming/Outputs:**

The IDHS contracted with Allen Child Protection Center in Waterloo, Iowa for the establishment of a satellite CAC in Cerro Gordo County. The duration of the contract runs from 08/01/16 to 06/30/2017. Under the contract, the Satellite Child Protection Center is required to adhere to the National Children's Alliance Standards. Services were to be available by June 30, 2017. The CJA Coordinator worked closely with various partners through ICCAC and Allen Child Protection Center (ACPC) to identify specific performance measures and milestones for the new satellite office. The performance measures in the contract mirrored those in Iowa's other CAC contracts regarding interdisciplinary coordination, timeliness of reports/findings from medical exams and/or forensic interviews, and submission of statistical data reports on services. An Implementation Plan which contained a Budget was required, as was Quarterly Progress Reports, and a Final Annual Report to IDHS. CJA funds were approved for the following:

- Contractor salary/benefits associated with the start-up,
- Training, travel, and other initial expenses, and
- Materials, supplies, and special use equipment,
  - IDHS has sought approval from Children's Bureau for use of CJA funds with items such as "iRecord" (the software system used to record and store forensic interviews), as well as colposcopy equipment for the new satellite office (i.e., scope itself, camera, computer, software, etc.).

#### **Outcomes:**

Funding for this satellite project was approved in the amount of \$54,000, with the majority of funding being distributed in the first quarter of the contract for start-up

purposes. The Mason City satellite office opened its doors in March of 2017. The CJA Coordinator worked closely with various partners through ICCAC and ACPC to identify specific performance measures and milestones for the new satellite office. To date, these performance measures and milestones have been met.

Following is data regarding the number of patients served and the types of services provided at the Mason City CAC Satellite office to date. It should be noted that this Satellite serves both children and dependent adults.

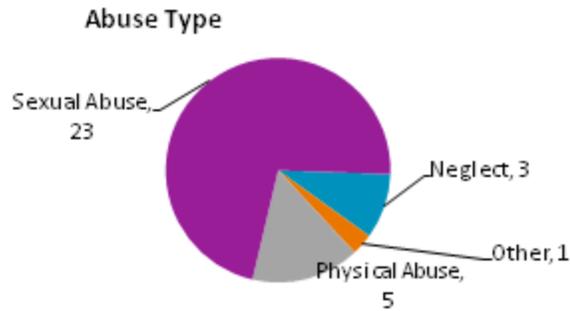
The data indicates that the majority of cases received involve Sexual Abuse followed by physical abuse. The "Patient Residence County" graph indicates that the majority of the patients served are from Cerro Gordo County which supports the identified need for a CAC in this area of the state. The third graph entitled "Patients Served by Site" shows a comparison between the Allen Memorial Child Protection Center and the new CAC satellite office in terms of the numbers served and their respective counties. This graph also supports the need for a CAC Satellite office in North Central Iowa. The last graph indicates the number of IDHS referrals and the county from which they have been received. By far the majority of referrals to date have been received from IDHS workers in Cerro Gordo County.

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## 2017 Data (January – April)

- **12 service dates**

- 25 patients (age range 3-39 years)
- 21 medical exams
- 24 forensic interviews

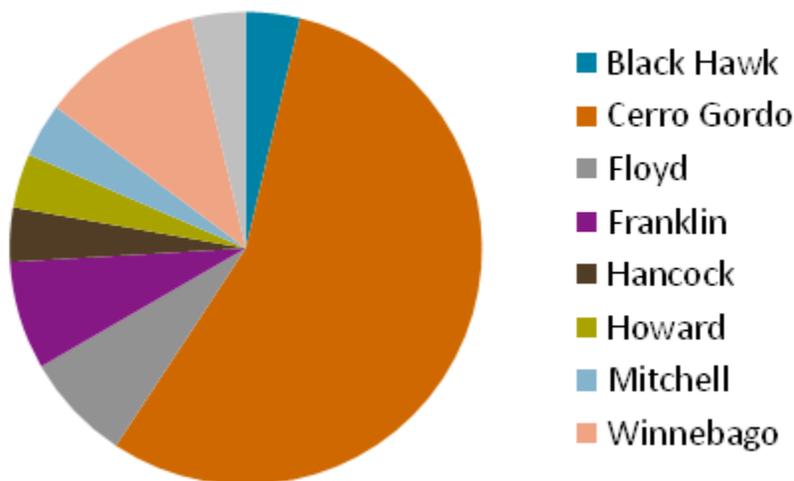


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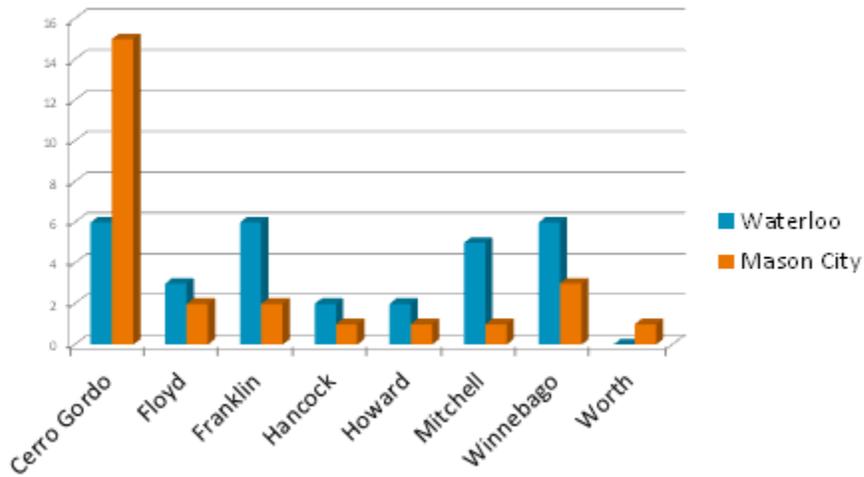
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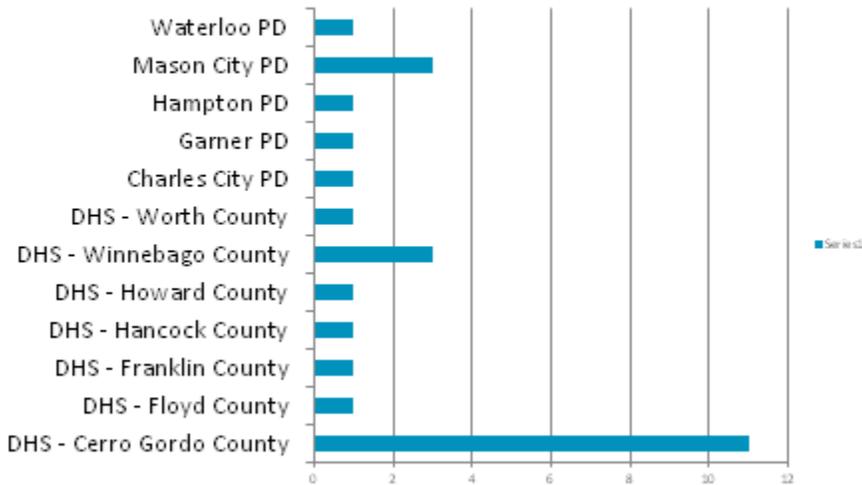
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## Referral Source



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This project helps meet a goal that the Council has had for many years which is to assure that the highest quality of services are available to children and families throughout the entire State of Iowa. In 2014, both the CJA funded MDT study and the ICCAC Needs Assessment indicated that strong MDTs and access to child abuse services were significantly impacted by a county's distance to the nearest CAC. Establishment of this satellite location makes critical services available in North Central Iowa and reduces the additional time and trauma experienced by children and families who previously had to travel a considerable distance to access services at the nearest CAC.

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**ACTIVITY: Field Toolkits/Photography Training**

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**Identified Need:**

In preparing last year's annual report a subcommittee of Council Members was pulled together and asked to identify specific needs or areas of concerns they see for the Child Protection Workers (CPWs) at IDHS. An identified concern included reports from Iowa's CACs about the challenges with getting good photographs of child abuse injuries from CPWs. A number of CAC directors and physicians who sit on the Child Protection Council noted that many of the photos they receive from CPWs are of poor quality, taken without a scale or ruler, and without context (i.e., where on the body the photo was taken).

Often minor physical injuries to a child may not necessitate a trip to a CAC; however in many of these cases, it's important for CPWs be able to access a medical opinion regarding the injuries. To do so, photographs of injuries which are taken on site during a child abuse assessment are sent to the local CAC for review and consultation services.

In discussions about this issue Council members identified the need for quality cameras and updated toolkits for CPWs. It had been several years since local field offices have updated the CPW toolkits and the cameras that were in use were dated compared to the current technology now available with newer digital cameras. Council members recognized that it is critical that the contents of CPW toolkits be updated and that new digital cameras that meet the ever changing needs around confidentiality and security be provided to CPWs. In providing new cameras, Council members also identified the need for enhanced training on how to use the cameras to adequately gather evidence. This is especially critical in the many child abuse cases that do not involve law enforcement.

**Programming/Outputs:**

In addressing this need each IDHS Service Area was consulted regarding the number of Toolkits needed, including cameras, and any other items they felt were important for CPWs out in the field. Once this information was received, decisions were made regarding which type of camera was the best. IDHS purchased the items and then worked with the Service Areas to distribute the Toolkits and cameras to the CPW

workers. It had been decided to distribute the items prior to the training so that workers could bring them to the training and practice with them.

Dr. Ken McCann, Medical Director at Blank Regional Child Protection Center in Des Moines, and a member of Council, expressed a willingness to provide Photography Training for CPW workers. As Medical Director of a CAC he had previously prepared presentations on photo documentation of child abuse for his staff. Training services were contracted with Dr. McCann through the existing IDHS Training Contract with Iowa State University.

The IDHS meet met several times with Dr. McCann to discuss the logistics of the training and to review his presentation. IDHS also contributed to the presentation in regards to IDHS policies around confidentiality and the electronic and case file storage of child abuse photos. At the conclusion of the discussions the following was agreed to:

- The audience would be CPWS
- The initial training would be offered in the Des Moines Service Area (DMSA) which has the largest number of CPWs
- Each session would be two hours in length
- Sessions would be limited to 8- 10 workers per session to enhance the hands on practice experience
- Time would be allowed at the end of each Session for Q&A
- The training would be posted on the IDHS employee training site which is open to all CPWs
- The title of the course was *“Photo Documentation of Suspected Child Physical Abuse”*

**Outcomes:**

The Toolkits which were distributed to CPWs in each of the Service Areas contained the following items. The number purchased for each of the items is in parentheses. The number of items purchased varied in accordance of the needs and requests from each of the Service Areas.

- Digital Cameras (94)
- Thermometers for testing water temperatures in burn cases (86)
- L-Shaped Lightning Photo Scales (104)
- Cloth Tape Measures (119)
- High power flashlights (47)
- Black light fluid finders (10)
- Brief Cases (21)

The Course Agenda was as follows:

- Introductions

- Consent and legal Issues specific to IDHS
- Contents of Investigation Kit
- Camera Features and Use
- Photo Documentation Techniques
- Hands on Practice Session

Six training sessions, two hours in length, were offered across Iowa. The following list indicates the location, date, time, and the number in attendance at each of the training.

#### SP 404 Photo Documentation Training

Polk County River Place, 2309 E. Euclid Ave., Des Moines, IA  
 January 9, 2017 (8:30 AM - 10:30 AM)  
 13 Attendees

Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut St., Des Moines  
 February 16, 2017 (8:30 AM - 10:30 AM)  
 11 Attendees

Norelius Community Library, 1403 1st Ave. S., Denison  
 February 27, 2017 (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)  
 10 Attendees

Black Hawk County DHS, 1407 Independence Ave., Waterloo  
 March 16, 2017 (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)  
 10 Attendees

Scott County DHS Office, 600 W. 4th St., Davenport  
 April 10, 2017 (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)  
 9 Attendees

Linn County DHS Office, 411 3rd St. SE, Ste 400, Cedar Rapids  
 April 11, 2017 (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)  
 10 Attendees

Total attendance was 63

A Post Training Evaluation was given to each participant. Thirty five of the sixty three attendees completed the evaluation. Participants were asked five questions regarding the training. The first four questions were worth up to 5 pts each, with the fifth question being scored from 0 – 10, with 0 being the lowest number. The questions on the evaluation form and the cumulative score for all of the trainings is shown in the table below.

**SP 404 Photo Documentation**  
**35 responses**

To what extent will you be able to apply on the job what you learned in this session (5 pts)	The information presented met your individual needs for your position (5 pts)	The trainer kept the learning interesting (5 pts)	The training modality (face-to-face) was the most appropriate format (5 pts)	Would you recommend this training? (0 -10, with 0 being the lowest)
4.6	4.5	4.4	4.2	8.6

In addition to the post training evaluation, going forward, qualitative feedback will be gathered from CAC partners to determine if the quality of photo documentation in child abuse cases has improved. This data is unavailable at this time as the training sessions have just concluded.

Quality training that enhances child abuse assessments have always been a priority of the Council. This project with its training component builds on previous training activities supported with CJA funds. Based on the success of this project, the training materials/curricula will be shared with medical providers at other CACs throughout the state with the intent that additional, local trainings will be offered to CPWs.

## 2017-2018 PROPOSED ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

*It is the recommendation of the Child Protection Council that the activities and/or projects described below are supported through the Children's Justice Act Grant for 2017-2018.*

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### PROPOSED ACTIVITY: COUNCIL SUPPORT

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#### **Project Goals & Objectives:**

The Council recognizes the importance of continuing to fund a full-time position in the Division of Adult, Child and Family Services within the Iowa Department of Human Services through the Children's Justice Act Grant. The Coordinator of the Children's Justice Act Grant will be responsible for writing the grant application and overseeing the implementation of the grant activities and projects. Goals under this activity include the following:

- Iowa will continue to meet the eligibility requirements of the grant.
- The CJA Coordinator will ensure that activities funded through the grant will align with CJA objectives as outlined in the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010.
- The activities and/or projects will be carried out per the recommendations of the Child Protection Council.
- The Child Protection Council will maintain the required memberships and experience continued group stability.
- Iowa will participate in the Annual CJA Meeting in D.C. in August of 2017.
- Members of the Child Protection Council will have access to multidisciplinary trainings related to child abuse and neglect which will provide the necessary skills required to make informed decisions regarding the funding of CJA activities.

In addition to a fulltime CJA Coordinator position within IDHS, Council Support funds will also be used to support travel costs and registration expenses related to attendance and participation at Child Protection Council meetings and at statewide conferences and trainings.

#### **Specific Approach or Activities:**

- The IDHS will maintain a fulltime position within the Division of Adult, Child and Family Services to act as CJA Coordinator.
- The CJA Coordinator's duties, as they relate to the grant will include:
  - Writing the annual report and grant application;
  - Assuring projects and activities align with CJA objectives and are carried out per the recommendations of the Child Protection Council;
  - Providing technical assistance for Council meetings, such as: coordinating presenters, providing information, preparing agendas/minutes, and posting public notice of the bi-monthly meetings;
  - Processing invoices for reimbursement for Council related expenses;

- Managing the IDHS service contract with Project Harmony (Child Advocacy Center in Omaha, NE) which serves children and families from SW Iowa, and providing oversight for the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between IDHS and each of Iowa's CACs;
  - Including partnering with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) which manages the State's Child Protection Center Grant Program.
- Assuring alignment between CJA, the CAPTA basic grant, and other federal and child welfare funding;
- Reviewing state and federal law and policy as it relates to the assessment, investigation, and judicial handling of cases of suspected child abuse and neglect; and
- Sharing information with the Council on available training, conferences, and publications related to child abuse and neglect.

In addition to the salary and benefits associated with a fulltime position within IDHS, Council Support funds will also be used to support travel expenses related to other activities. All members of the Council serve in a voluntary capacity. Some members travel 6 or more hours (roundtrip) to attend Council meetings. Therefore, funding under Council Support will be provided for the reimbursement of travel expenses for members attending the bi-monthly Child Protection Council meetings in Des Moines. In addition, funding will be provided for costs associated with registration and travel expenses for members to attend CJA supported multidisciplinary training and conferences throughout the state.

The attendance of two persons to attend the Annual Children's Justice Act grantee meeting will also be funded through Council Support.

**Funding Recommendation:**

Funding for these activities is estimated to be \$105,000.00 for FFY 2018. It should be noted that this amount is an increase from last year. At the time of the 2016 Annual CJA Report and Grant Application the CJA Coordinator position was vacant. This position has since been filled.

Funding includes:

- The CJA Coordinator's salary and benefits;
- Member travel expenses associated with bi-monthly Council meetings;
- Registration and travel costs associated for Council members to attend trainings/conferences; and
- Travel expenses related to attendance at the Annual CJA Meeting.

**Expected Results & Evaluation:**

The following results or outcomes are anticipated as a result of Council Support:

- Stability and continuity of membership on the Council, as noted by continued high rates of member attendance and fulfillment of all required memberships;

- Improvements in the Council's knowledge, skills, and awareness as it relates to the assessment and investigation of suspected reports of child abuse or neglect, as reported in an annual survey of the Council; and
- Improvements in inter/intra agency collaboration and communication as it relates to policy and practice issues in the assessment and investigation of suspected abuse or neglect, as reported by various partners and stakeholders.

It is anticipated that funding for travel costs associated with Council meetings will continue to support attendance. Funding related to travel and registration costs provide learning opportunities that enhance the knowledge base of Council members and ultimately result in improved recommendations regarding the funding of CJA activities and projects.

### **Anticipated Reform of State System and/or Implementation of Council Recommendations:**

Council Support funding goes directly to support the Iowa CJA State Task Force, the Child Protection Council. This funding allows for the Council to meet regularly, access current law, policy, and practice, and make recommendations for reforms that will improve the assessment, investigation, and judicial handling of cases of suspected child abuse and neglect.

### **CFSP and APSR Strategies and Goals**

In addition to the activities listed above there are several new activities and initiatives relating to Iowa's CFSP that the Council will be considering in the upcoming year. One relates to the Council members conducting an analysis of re-abuse in child abuse cases. This activity would consist of Council members reviewing data from child abuse and neglect cases and identifying factors that contribute to re-abuse. Upon completion of the review the Council would submit recommendations to IDHS based on the findings. In addition to the analysis of re-abuse under Iowa's CFSP efforts, several Council members are also expected to be asked to serve on various stakeholders groups that will be forming in response to Iowa CFSP that is scheduled for 2018. The CJA Coordinator will be responsible for the management and oversight of the review activity and for ensuring that the Child Protection Council is represented on Iowa's 2018 CFSP stakeholders group.

The programs and activities under Council Support are in alignment with the strategies and goals of Iowa's CFSP and APSR. Specifically, they align with Iowa's CFSP goals and objectives under Safety:

**Goal 1:** Children abused or neglected will be safe from re-abuse in their own homes or in their foster care placements.

**Objective 1:** Reduce the reoccurrence of child maltreatment through Differential Response and services provided.

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**PROPOSED ACTIVITY: MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCES**

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**Project Goals & Objectives:**

A recommendation from the Child Protection Council is that statewide multidisciplinary training opportunities continue to be offered to the over 600 CPS assessment workers, ongoing case managers and their combined supervisors, along with other IDHS staff involved in child protection policy, administration, and field support. Funding will also be provided one to two times per year to an Assistant Attorney's General (AG) who assists the IDHS with criminal/juvenile court proceedings related to child maltreatment. Funding will cover the costs to attend a regional or national conference related to the prosecution of child abuse. Specific goals and objectives under this activity include the following:

- IDHS will continue to increase social worker attendance at multidisciplinary conferences, by offering at least three different conferences in Iowa.
- IDHS will offer conference scholarships in at least two different areas of the state to better facilitate the attendance of more participants.
- IDHS will work with the hosting Child Advocacy Centers to assure that the training opportunities offered during these conferences will focus on the topic areas contained within the three categories from Section 107(e) (1) (A) (B) and (C) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.
- IDHS will provide funding for one to two Assistant Attorney Generals to attend regional and/or national conferences related to prosecution of criminal cases associated with child maltreatment.

**Specific Approach or Activities:**

General topic areas of these multidisciplinary trainings include the following:

- Substance Abuse/Domestic Violence/Mental Health and Child Maltreatment
- Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Social Media and Impacts on the Assessment, Investigation, and Prosecution
- Criminal Investigation and Prosecution
- Child Death Investigations
- Medical Evaluation in Child Maltreatment Assessments
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Ethics in Child Protection
- State/Federal Child Maltreatment Legislation

**Funding Recommendation:**

Funding will be in the amount of \$30,000.00 and will cover the following items:

- Conference registration costs; and
- Travel costs (mileage, lodging, and meals) up to the state maximums;

**Expected Results & Evaluation:**

Participants will be provided an in-depth examination of multidisciplinary approaches to child abuse identification, investigation, and prosecution. This information will assist them in their daily work as they respond to allegations of child abuse and neglect. Each conference coordinator, usually one of the Iowa Child Advocacy Centers, conducts

post-conference surveys with feedback. IDHS will continue to work with CAC conference staff to access results of conference evaluations to include in next year's Annual CJA report.

### **Anticipated Reform of State System and/or Implementation of Council Recommendations:**

An ongoing recommendation of the Council has been to support MDTs and when appropriate to the case, a multidisciplinary approach to assessing child maltreatment. These trainings provide an important opportunity for child protection staff to network with their partners in law enforcement, medical, and other fields and learn about best practices in collaborative responses to child protection.

### **CFSP and APSR Strategies and Goals**

These multidisciplinary trainings are in line with and support Iowa's CFSP and APSR strategies and goals. The Multidisciplinary Conferences serve to increase the knowledge base and skill set of CPW workers and their counterparts in the area of child abuse and neglect. The training offered at the conferences provide a learning experience in regard to new information and research and how to apply that information in a multidisciplinary approach to their work in child welfare which ultimately, results in better assessments of children who have been abused.

The specific topics presented and the learning experience supports Iowa's CFSP goals and objectives in the following areas:

**Goal 1:** Children abused or neglected will be safe from re-abuse in their own homes or in their foster care placements.

**Objective 1:** Reduce the reoccurrence of child maltreatment through Differential Response and services provided.

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## **PROPOSED ACTIVITY: MULTIDISCIPLINARY TRAINING: CAC MINI-GRANTS**

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### **Project Goals & Objectives:**

The CJA Mini-Grant project began in FFY 2016. As evidenced by last year's performance and attendance numbers this project has offered quality child abuse training opportunities in local areas across Iowa. Therefore, Council members and IDHS would like to continue to offer this Mini-Grant opportunity to all Iowa CACs. Prior to offering these trainings through the local CACs, multidisciplinary trainings had been provided through IDHS to field workers and external partners. Although the courses have been well attended and received positive feedback, it was difficult to attract a large number of other areas of disciplines (i.e. law enforcement, the courts, etc.) to the trainings. It has been found that attendance is increased when IDHS partnered with the Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) to hold IDHS training in conjunction with theirs. Based on this, instead of trying to implement multidisciplinary training, IDHS supports the

training CACs are already doing through a “Mini-Grant” program designed to enhance interdisciplinary training in local communities.

**Specific Approach or Activities:**

Iowa’s CACs will be eligible to apply for small amounts of funding (approximately \$5,000 per year) to implement interdisciplinary training in their local communities. A separate contract will be developed for each of the CAC participating in this program. Each grant recipient will develop a training plan and budget. Eligible topics areas will include those highlighted under CJA (i.e. child trauma, human trafficking, child fatalities, children with disabilities, etc.). At the conclusion of the training, each CAC will work with the CJA Coordinator to gather participant outcome data and provide a Final Report which will be reported in next year’s annual CJA report/application.

**Funding Recommendation:**

Funding will be provided up to \$25,000.00 and may be used for costs associated with the following:

- Contractor salary/benefits,
- Contactor costs of material and supplies,
- Contractor costs of travel, speaker fees, location rentals, etc.

**Expected Results & Evaluation:**

Specific performance measures similar to last year’s requirements will be identified in the contracts and may include measures such as:

- A preliminary training plan to be developed,
- Pre/post surveys of participants,
- Measureable increases in participant knowledge, understanding, and skill.
- A Final Report

**Anticipated Reform of State System and/or Implementation of Council Recommendations:**

All of the Council’s recommendations are related to the improvements of interdisciplinary work in responding to child abuse. By providing new opportunities for funding for local interdisciplinary training the Council hopes to advance the knowledge and skills of various professionals throughout the state.

**CFSP and APSR Strategies and Goals**

The strategies and goals of Iowa’s CFSP and APSR are supported under the CJA Multidisciplinary Training offered through the CAC Mini-Grant program. The specific CFSP and APSR goal and objective includes the following:

**Goal 1:** Children abused or neglected will be safe from re-abuse in their own homes or in their foster care placements.

**Objective 1:** Reduce the reoccurrence of child maltreatment through Differential Response and services provided.

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## **PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Mandatory Reporter**

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### **Project Goals & Objectives:**

Mandatory Reporter Training in Iowa remains an area of concern for the Child Protection Council. This concern was first referenced in the Council's 2009 CJA Assessment Report and again in the 2012 CJA Report. In an effort to begin to address their concerns with Mandatory Reporter Training, Council members voted to support IDHS in the development and maintenance of an online Mandatory Reporter curriculum for Children and Dependent Adults.

### *Background*

In 2001 the Iowa legislature moved all duties related to Mandatory Reporter Training from the Iowa Department of Human Services to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH). IDPH was required, by the legislation, to do the following:

*Establish an abuse education review panel for review and approval of mandatory reporter training curricula for those persons who work in a position classification that under law makes the persons mandatory reporters of child or dependent adult abuse and the position classification does not have a mandatory reporter training curriculum approved by a licensing or examining board. [Iowa Code*

*135.11  
(24)]*

Initially, the Abuse Education Review Panel met on a regular basis but after the state's government reorganization in 2009 when, as with many departments, IDPH experienced a series of cuts to funding and positions, it stopped meeting. In 2012 the Council put forward recommendations related to improvements of Iowa's Mandatory Reporter Training system. One of those recommendations involved the online trainings that were being offered. The Counsel stressed the need that each of the online Mandatory Reporter trainings be updated each year to reflect changes to Iowa's child abuse laws. Members also recommended that upon completion of the course a certain level of understanding should be attained and recorded. There is currently an overwhelming number of approved curricula in the state (currently more than 1200), making it nearly impossible to assure consistency or to conduct any form of quality assurance reviews.

### **Objectives:**

Based on the Council's discussion and review of their previous recommendations regarding Mandatory Reporter Training, the Council voted to support IDHS in the development of an online Mandatory Reporter curriculum for Children and Dependent Adults. IDHS would implement and sustain quality control through its oversight and maintenance of the online mandatory reporter curriculum and certification process. The objectives of the project are as follows:

- IDHS will contract with a partner to host an online Mandatory Reporter Training for child welfare and dependent adults that accurately reflects Iowa Code, Iowa Administrative Rules and IDHS policies and practices.
- To ensure that the training results in the appropriate skill needed to identify and report child and dependent adult abuse and neglect, Pre- and Post-training tests will be used.
- Certificates of completion will be offered to participants upon successfully completing the Post –training test.
- The Mandatory Reporter Training will be offered at no cost.
- IDHS will implement and sustain quality control through its oversight and maintenance of the online curriculum and certification process.
- The trainings will be available to all IDHS workers and external stakeholders which will include childcare providers.

**Specific Approach or Activities:**

A workgroup will be convened to oversee this project. Members will include program staff from IDHS and the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), and members from the Child Protection Council. At this time it is estimated that the group will meet at least three to four times beginning in July or August of 2017. Approval for this project has been secured from the IDHS Administration. The group will do the following:

- Identify the strategies and overall approach to the project
- Develop a training curriculum and pre & post tests
- Arrange for the presentation and the recording of the training
- Identify a certification process which is tied to scoring on the post test.
- Propose a data system to track the number of participants who complete the trainings and receive certificates
- Identify avenues to be used to announce the availability of the training
- Identify and implement quality assurance procedures

Discussions will also begin with an IDHS partner for services related to the hosting and maintenance of the online training. Discussions will involve the electronic programming requirements that will be needed, the quality of the training, the certification process and a data collection method/system.

**Funding Recommendation:**

Funding for this project will be in the amount of \$29, 000, with the majority of the funding being distributed in the first quarter of the contract for startup purposes.

**Expected Results & Evaluation:**

The CJA Coordinator will work closely with the contractor to identify specific performance measures and milestones for the hosting of the Mandatory Reporter Training. Performance measures will be developed in regards to the quality, timeliness, and maintenance of the online curriculum as well as, the certification process and data collection needs.

## **Anticipated Reform of State System and/or Implementation of Council**

### **Recommendations:**

The Child Protection Council has noted that many of the stakeholder concerns related to intake seem to stem from general misunderstandings and misconceptions regarding Iowa law as it relates to child abuse and what must be present for an allegation to be accepted for a child protection assessment. It is anticipated that quality training in the mandatory reporting of child abuse will have a positive impact on intake referrals.

### **CFSP and APSR Strategies and Goals**

The Mandatory Reporter Training project supports the strategies and goals of Iowa's CFSP and APSR. Below is the specific goal and objective that the project supports.

**Goal 1:** Children abused or neglected will be safe from re-abuse in their own homes or in their foster care placements.

**Objective 1:** Reduce the reoccurrence of child maltreatment through Differential Response and services provided.

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## **PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Trauma Informed Systems of Care**

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### **Project Goals & Objectives:**

The Child Protection Council recognizes the impact that trauma has on suspected victims of child abuse and their families and the need for a trauma-informed approach during the assessment and investigation of child abuse and neglect. For this reason, the Council supports an Interdisciplinary project which focuses on the need for a trauma informed approach and system of care in Iowa. The project will involve IDHS, Child Advocacy Centers and Juvenile Court in addition to, other state agencies and organizations in Iowa.

The project will include a two-day workshop in which participants will have an opportunity to share their knowledge of and experiences in using a trauma informed approach within their respective agencies. The workshop will assist participants in a collaborative effort to improve and/or implement a cohesive system of trauma informed care when conducting and providing child abuse services to child victims and their families. Accomplishments and barriers that challenge the use of a trauma informed approach will be discussed. In addition, the initiative will also provide information on Iowa's ACEs study and the impact of adverse childhood experiences to victims of child abuse.

Following the workshop a resource tool will be developed and disseminated to service agencies across Iowa. The tool will be based on the information that was gathered and shared by the participants. The resource tool will serve as a guide to help agencies implement a trauma informed approach with the ultimate goal to limit additional trauma to the child victim and the child's family.

### **Specific Approach or Activities:**

The workshop is scheduled for September of 2017. Participants will follow a structured outline to ensure that the conversations include discussions regarding potential barriers, as well as, solutions to implementing a trauma informed approach with suspected victims of child abuse and their families. At the end of the workshop groups will present their findings and recommendations to the entire audience. The information presented will serve as the basis for a resource tool. The resource tool will be a guide on how to implement a trauma informed approach in a consistent and coordinated manner across agencies. The tool will be disseminated to all of the participants and service agencies in Iowa.

It is anticipated that there will be 150 participants. Participants will include the following fields and areas of discipline:

- The Iowa Department of Human Services: Bureau of Children and Families - administrators, supervisors, CPWs
- Child Protection Centers in Iowa: Physicians, Nurses, Interviewers, Family Advocates,
- The Iowa Department of Justice: Juvenile Courts Judges, Attorneys, CASAs, Corrections Officers and their supervisors.
- The Iowa Department of Public Health: Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, the Bureau of Mental Health, the Bureau of Substance Abuse - administrators, supervisors
- The Iowa Department of Education: Bureau of Early Education, K-12 Education Bureau, administrators, supervisors

Timeline of Activities:

- April-May 2017: Finalize the list of participants to be invited to the workshop
- June 2017: Secure and organize all details of the workshop such as registration, reimbursement of expenses, food and accommodation, advertising, among others.
- July 2017: All participants will be sent a screening form to obtain information on whether they are currently using a trauma informed approach with victims of child abuse and their families and if so, what challenges or barriers they are experiencing.
- August 2017: Analyze information on the screening forms
- September 2017: Hold workshop
- October 2017: Summarize and draft a resource tool based on the recommendations that came out of the workshop
- November 2017-February 2018: Elicit feedback from agencies about the suggested resource tool and incorporate the feedback.
- March 2018: Distribute the final resource tool to participants/agencies/ to guide their practice and policy changes.

### **Funding Recommendation:**

Funding for this project will be provided up to \$10,000 for FFY 2017 and will be used to cover conference costs related to travel (mileage, lodging and meals) up to the state maximum. The IDHS will contract with the University of Iowa for this funding.

### **Expected Results & Evaluation:**

Specific performance measures will be identified in the contract and may include measures such as;

- A preliminary training plan
- Pre/Post surveys of participants
- Measurable increases in participant knowledge, understanding and skill related to providing a trauma informed approach
- The quality and usefulness of the resource tool/guide in regards to implementing a trauma informed approach
- A Final Report to IDHS

### **Anticipated Reform of State System and/or Implementation of Council Recommendations:**

The workshop will offer a regional assessment of trauma informed care across agencies involved with children and families experiencing child maltreatment, trauma, and violence. Existing strengths and gaps in trauma informed practices will be identified. It is anticipated that by IDHS and Child Advocacy Centers participating in this workshop the practices and policies regarding the use of a trauma informed approach during child abuse assessments and investigations will be enhanced. The workshop will also provide the Courts an opportunity to review their practices and procedures in terms of a trauma informed approach when handling cases of child abuse and neglect.

A resource tool will be developed which will serve as a guide to implementing and supporting a trauma informed approach and system of care in Iowa. The tool will be distributed statewide to all service agencies and organizations in the State.

### **CFSP and APSR Strategies and Goals**

The Trauma Informed Systems of Care project will support two of Iowa's CFSP and APSR strategies and goals. They include:

**Goal 1:** Children abused or neglected will be safe from re-abuse in their own homes or in their foster care placements.

**Objective 1:** Reduce the reoccurrence of child maltreatment through Differential Response and services provided.

**Goal 3:** Children experience optimal well-being through their family's enhanced capacity to provide for their needs.

## 2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

<b>Council Support</b> .....	\$105,000.00*
<i>CJA Coordinator Salary/Benefits</i>	
<i>Council Member Travel</i>	
<i>Annual Grantee Meeting</i>	
 <b>Multidisciplinary Conference Scholarships</b> .....	 \$ 30,000.00
<i>Fall Protecting Families Conference</i>	
<i>Spring Child Protection: Our Responsibility Conference</i>	
<i>Spring Protecting Families Conference</i>	
<i>AG Conference Attendance</i>	
<i>CAC Mini Grant Training Attendance (IDHS travel costs)</i>	
<i>Other Miscellaneous Interdisciplinary Training</i>	
<i>Trauma Informed Systems of Care Workshop</i>	
 <b>CAC Mini-grant Program</b> .....	 \$ 25,000.00
<i>Contractor Salary/Benefits</i>	
<i>Contactor Costs of Materials/Supplies</i>	
<i>Contractor Costs of Travel, Speaker Fees, Location Rentals, etc.</i>	
 <b>Mandatory Reporter</b> .....	 \$ 29,000.00
<i>Contracted Staff Salaries/Benefits</i>	
<i>Costs of Start-up Materials/Equipment</i>	
 <b>TOTAL</b> .....	 \$189,000.00*

\*\*Due to the timing of the report/application funds for these projects may be used across FFYs. This is also why the budget slightly exceeds the FFY 2017 award amount, as some of these expenses will occur in FFY 2018.

## **APPENDIX A: Iowa Child Protection Council Members**

### *Professional Backgrounds and Experience of Child Protection Council Members*

#### **Adult Former Victim of Child Abuse or Neglect**

##### ***Leslie Marquez***

Leslie was nominated to the Council in 2013. Leslie entered Iowa's child welfare system in 1996, shortly after her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, due to allegations of child abuse/neglect and as a result of an increase in Leslie's acting out behaviors, an unfortunately common consequence of childhood trauma. Leslie spent time in various treatment centers and one foster home before aging out of the system. Despite all of this, Leslie has been successful in college and in her professional aspirations. Leslie earned her AA in Liberal Arts from Kirkwood Community College in 2006 and has experience working as a Sexual Assault Victim Advocate.

#### **CASA Representative**

##### ***James Hennessey, Administrator of Court Appointed Special Advocate Program & the Iowa Citizen Foster Care Review Board***

James Hennessey returned to the State of Iowa in 2013 to take the position of Administrator of the Iowa Child Advocacy Board. In this position Mr. Hennessey reports directly to the board and is responsible for leading, overseeing and administering all aspects of Iowa's Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) and Foster Care Review Board Program. Prior to this Mr. Hennessey was working as an Independent Consultant in the state of Michigan where he also served as Michigan's Child Welfare Director from 2005-2008. Mr. Hennessey graduated with a BA in Sociology from the University of Northern Iowa and actually began his career with Iowa Department of Human Services, where he held numerous positions from 1979-1998, and played a critical role in the state's early work around child maltreatment laws.

#### **Child Advocates**

##### ***Liz Cox, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa***

Liz Cox is the current Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Iowa (PCAI). Ms. Cox became Executive Director in April of 2016. In this capacity she is responsible for overall program oversight and financial management of two statewide child abuse prevention programs. Ms. Cox also conducts most of PCAI Iowa's research and is responsible for its legislative and administrative advocacy duties. Ms. Cox brings with her fifteen years of program development, government relations, fundraising and senior executive experience focused on business development and community betterment in the non-profit sector.

##### ***Josephine Gittler, Professor, University of Iowa College of Law***

Professor Josephine Gittler was appointed to the Child Protection Council in 2011. Professor Gittler received her law degree from Northwestern University in 1968 and is currently the Wiley B. Rutledge Professor of Law at the University of Iowa, College of Law. Professor Gittler is also on faculty with the UI College of Medicine and UI College of Public Health teaching courses on health management and policy. Professor Gittler

has focused much of her work on children, families, and the law and she has authored or contributed to more than 60 publications related to child maltreatment, juvenile delinquency, and child welfare services. Professor Gittler is also co-founder of the national Health Law and Policy Resource Center (formerly the National Maternal and Child Health Resource Center), providing training and education throughout the nation. Professor Gittler served as chief counsel of a subcommittee of the US Senate Judiciary Committee, with responsibility for oversight of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and the Runaway Youth Act, and more recently as a member of the American Bar Association (ABA) Steering Committee on Unmet Legal Needs of Children and as a member of the ABA Advisory Committee for the Center on Children and the Law. Professor Gittler is well recognized for her leadership in national advocacy efforts on behalf of maternal and child health.

### **Child Protection Services Agency**

#### ***Patricia A. Barto, Program Manager, Iowa Department of Human Services***

Patricia Barto, MSW, has been with the Iowa Department of Human Services (IDHS) since 1990. Patricia began her career with IDHS working in the field in Child Abuse and Case Management Services. After ten years in the field she moved to IDHS Central Office as a Program Manager. Over the years in this position she has been responsible for the oversight and management of numerous program areas and grants under child protection services. Patricia completed her undergraduate at the University of Northern Iowa and her Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Iowa, School of Social Work.

### **Health and Mental-Health Professionals**

#### ***Regina Butteris, MD, Medical Director, St. Luke's Child Protection Center***

Dr. Regina Butteris was appointed to the Child Protection Council in July 2008. Dr. Butteris has been a family physician for more than 10 years. She received her BA and MD from the University of Iowa, College of Medicine. She is currently the Medical Director for the St. Luke's Child Protection Center in Cedar Rapids. Dr. Butteris provides physical examinations for children suspected of abuse and/or neglect, to aide in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse, while reducing the level of trauma experienced by the child.

#### ***Kenneth McCann, DO, Clinical Director, Regional Child Protection Program, Blank Children's Hospital***

Dr. McCann received his medical degree from Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience. He completed his residency in pediatrics at Blank Children's Hospital. After residency, Dr. McCann completed a fellowship in child abuse pediatrics at Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University in Rhode Island. He is currently the medical director of the Regional Child Protection Center, Blank Children's Hospital, Des Moines. Dr. McCann is board certified in general pediatrics and child abuse pediatrics. Dr. McCann has experience evaluating children of all ages for child physical abuse, child sexual abuse, child neglect, medical child abuse, in utero drug exposure and failure to thrive. Dr. McCann has worked as part of multidisciplinary teams to evaluate child abuse and has testified as an expert witness in child maltreatment trials.

***Resmiye Oral, MD, University of Iowa Child Protection Program, Department of Pediatrics***

Dr. Resmiye Oral is a professor of pediatrics, who is board-certified in child abuse pediatrics. She has completed her child abuse pediatrics fellowship at Ohio State University and is currently working as the director of the Child Protection Program at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa. She has been involved with child abuse and neglect since 1993 and has assessed close to 3000 patients involving physical and sexual abuse, utilizing a multidisciplinary approach. Dr. Oral is the author of close to 50 original articles and two training kits on child abuse and neglect. She gives 50-60 lectures a year to medical and non-medical professional audiences on child abuse and neglect to regional, national, and international audiences.

***Beverly Saboe, RN, MN, University of Iowa***

Beverly Saboe is a Registered Nurse who retired from the University of Iowa as Assistant Professor Emeritus. Beverly had practice and faculty positions as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Staff Nurse at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and as an Assistant Professor at the College Nursing. She was involved in teaching parent-child, pediatric, and community health nursing. Beverly has participated in interdisciplinary assessments of children and families referred by community service providers and the Juvenile Court due to abuse/neglect concerns. Beverly was a member of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Child Protection Team.

***Barbara Small, RN, BSN, MS, Manager Mercy Child Advocacy Center***

Barbara Small is a Registered Nurse with Mercy Medical Center. She worked in the emergency trauma department for twenty-eight years before becoming the manager of the Child Advocacy Center in 2000. The Center provides medical examination, illegal drug testing, interviews, family advocacy, mental health services for children and developmentally delayed adults to determine if they have been physically or sexually abused, drug exposed, or neglected. Education for parents and children is also provided along with training for multidisciplinary team members. Barb also serves on the board of the Iowa Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers, is a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee, Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, Provider's Coalition, Siouland Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, and Siouland Human Investment Partnership.

***Susan Tesdahl, LISW, St. Luke's Child Protection Center (Retired), Cedar Rapids***

Susan Tesdahl was the Director of the St. Luke's Child Protection Center since the Center first opened in 1987. She retired from her position in December of 2011 but continues to serve on the Advisory Board for the Center. The Center, an NCA accredited Child Advocacy Center, provides forensic medical examinations and psychosocial interviews to suspected victims of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and exposure to illegal drugs. Susan's 47-year practice as a social worker has included positions with the Iowa Department of Human Services, the Grant Wood Area Education Agency, Linn County Services to Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, Mercy Medical Center Child Guidance Center, and in private practice. Susan served as

the Chairperson of the Iowa Governor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse Prevention for 20 years. Susan currently serves as a member of the Iowa Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers, as a member of the Linn County Early Childhood Iowa Governance Board and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Partnership for Safe Families. In the past, Susan has held the position of Co-Chair of the Child Protection Council.

***Chaney Yeast, LMSW, JD, Director of Government Relations, Blank Children's Hospital***

Chaney Yeast completed her Juris Doctorate through Drake University in 2014 and accepted a new position as Director of Government Relations with Blank Children's Hospital. Despite her new position, she plans to fulfill her term on the Council and will bring a fresh perspective to the group. Until just recently Chaney was the Manager for the Regional Child Protection Center at Blank Children's Hospital. The Center conducts medical examinations and forensic interviews of children to determine if they have been physically, sexually abused or neglected. Prior to this position, Chaney was a case manager with the Des Moines Public School District coordinating services for at-risk children and their families.

**Individuals Experienced in Working with Children with Disabilities**

***Cheryll A. Jones ARNP, CPNP, Health Services Coordinator Ottumwa Regional Center***

Cheryll Jones is currently employed as the Health Services Coordinator for the Ottumwa Regional Center of Child Health Specialty Clinics, Iowa's Title V Program for Children with Special Health Care Needs. She has held this position since 1977. In her capacity as Health Services Coordinator she provides diagnosis, evaluation and care coordination services for children with special health care needs that include children exposed to drugs prior to or after birth. As part of the services provided through CHSC, Cheryll participates in the evaluation and follow-up of children with special health care needs through the use of telehealth. Cheryll also works as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Ottumwa Regional Health Center, Ottumwa, Iowa. In this capacity she provides newborn nursery care.

**Individuals Experienced in Working with Homeless Youth**

***Stephen B. Quirk, Executive Director, Youth Emergency Services & Shelter***

Stephen Quirk was nominated to the Child Protection Council in 2011 for his experience working with homeless youth and children in the Des Moines Metro and surrounding area. Stephen received his BA in Political Science (1992) and his Master's in Public Policy (1994) through the University of Northern Iowa. Stephen has held both public and private leadership positions in public health, fundraising, and education. Stephen has been the Executive Director of Youth Emergency Services & Shelter (YESS) in Des Moines since 2008 and also serves as an adjunct instructor for Des Moines University teaching coursework in Public Health Management, Community Engagement, and Health & Poverty.

**Judges and Attorneys Experienced in Civil and Criminal Juvenile Court Proceedings**

***Jerry Foxhoven, Attorney, Director of the Joan & Lyle Middleton Center for Children's Rights (Defense Experience)***

Jerry Foxhoven is Director of the Joan & Lyle Middleton Center for Children's Rights at the Drake University School of Law. The Middleton Center is part of the Drake Legal Clinic. The Center advances children's rights through the legal process, training, public information and through public policy formulation. Law students provide legal services to children and families in need as part of an interdisciplinary team approach that includes a social worker and a licensed teacher. The Center also trains attorneys, judges, teacher, social workers, and other professionals working in the juvenile justice system.

***Sylvia Lewis, Retired Judge, Sixth Judicial District of Iowa***

The Honorable Judge Sylvia A. Lewis was appointed to the Child Protection Council in 2011. Judge Lewis earned her undergraduate degree from Coe College in 1971 and her Juris Doctor from the University of Iowa in 1974. Following her graduation she practiced with Legal Services of Iowa, primarily in the areas of family law and civil rights litigation, before her appointment to the bench in 1982 as a Juvenile Court Judge. Judge Lewis served until 1989 when she was appointed as a District Associate Judge where she continued to preside over a caseload which was at least half made up of juvenile court cases. Judge Lewis has chaired the Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Juvenile Procedure and has served on numerous other committees including the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, Iowa Juvenile Home Foundation, the Council on Chemically Exposed Infants and Children, and the Juvenile Laws Committee. Judge Lewis is a member of the Iowa Judges Association, the Johnson County Bar Association, and the National Association of Women Judges. As a Senior Judge she founded the Johnson County Family Treatment Court. In January 2016 Judge Lewis retired from her position as Senior Judge for the Sixth Judicial District of Iowa, but continues to bring her experience to the Council.

***Mary Timko, Associate Judge, Third Judicial District of Iowa***

The Honorable Judge Mary L. Timko was appointed to the Child protection Council in 2012. Judge Timko earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa in 1979, her Juris Doctor, with Honors, from the University of Iowa, College of Law, in 1982, and her MA from the University of Iowa in 1984. Judge Timko served as the Assistant Johnson County Attorney from 1982-1988 when she was appointed as Associate Juvenile Judge to the Third Judicial District in NW Iowa. Judge Timko serves on numerous judicial committees and has played a critical role in the development and implementation of the Family Treatment Court in Cherokee/Ida counties and the Buena Vista County Family Drug Court.

***Andrea S. Vitzthum, JD, Assistant Polk County Attorney (Prosecuting Attorney)***

Andrea Vitzthum is an Assistant County Attorney at the Polk County Attorney's Office where she has been employed in the Juvenile Bureau since 2003. She is a 1999 graduate of Iowa State University with a degree in Journalism and Mass Communication, a double major in History and a minor in Political Science. She graduated from Drake Law School in 2002. While at Drake, she was among the first

group of students to participate in the Middleton's Children's Rights Clinic. Andrea currently serves on the Juvenile Committee of the Iowa County Attorney's Association and is a member of Polk County Child Sexual Abuse Resource Coalition. She has previously served on the Governor's Race and Detention Task Force, the State Disproportionate Minority Contact Committee, and Board of Directors at the Young Woman's Resource Center in Des Moines. She taught a semester of juvenile law at Grandview College, and has been certified in Finding Words, Interviewing Children and Preparing for Court through the National District Attorney's Association and the National Child Protection Training Center. She has lectured on Iowa's Indian Child Welfare Act and frequently provides case law and statutory updates to fellow prosecutors at the Iowa County Attorneys Association continuing education conferences.

### **Law Enforcement Community**

#### ***Robert Greenlee, Retired Law Enforcement & Community Representative***

Robert Greenlee was a member of the Waterloo Police Department for more than 20 years. Within the Police Department Robert headed the Juvenile Division. This area jointly investigated sexual and serious physical abuse cases in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Human Services. Robert had previously been appointed to the State Wide Task Force representing law enforcement but has continued to serve as a representative of the community following his retirement.

### **Parents and Parent Group Representatives**

#### ***RaeAnn Barnhart, Parent Partner Coordinator, Partnership for Safe Families***

RaeAnn Barnhart was appointed to the Child Protection Council in 2010. RaeAnn graduated Magna Cum Laude from Mount Mercy University in 2009, obtaining her BA in Social Work. RaeAnn was awarded the Anne K. Stenzel award for showing outstanding promise in the field of Social Work. RaeAnn has been the Linn County Parent Partner Program Coordinator, and a member of the Parent Partner State Steering Committee, since 2006. RaeAnn is also an experienced Family Team Meeting and Youth Dream Team Facilitator & Coach and a Parent Partner Master Trainer & Coach. RaeAnn is known throughout her community, and the state of Iowa, as a champion for families who truly believes in the possibility of change.

#### ***Kayla Stevenson, Parent Partner, Partnership for Safe Families***

Kayla Stevenson was appointed to the Child Protection Council in 2010. Kayla is one of the original Parent Partner Mentors in Cedar Rapids, IA. She has actively mentored parents involved in the child welfare system since 2007 and she is a trained Parent Orientation facilitator. Kayla has served on various local committees including the Linn Co. Family Drug Court Treatment Team, the Linn Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse, and the Linn County Partnership for Safe Families Steering Committee. Kayla is an approved Master Trainer of the Building a Better Future curriculum and an approved Family Team Meeting Facilitator. Kayla is extremely passionate about empowering families in her community.

**APPENDIX B:  
Current Membership Terms**

**CPC Membership Terms (approved January 2014)**

<b>Required Representative</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Years on CPC</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Term Ends June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Organization</b>
Individual with Experience Working with Children with Disabilities	Beverly Saboe, RN	24	2017	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City (retired)
Health Care Professional	Sue Tesdahl, LISW	24	2017	St. Luke's Child Protection Center, Cedar Rapids (retired)
Law Enforcement	Robert Greenlee	24	2017	Waterloo PD (retired)
Health Care Professional	Resmiye Oral, MD	14	2017	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Child Protection Program, Iowa City
Health Care Professional	Chaney Yeast, LMSW (Vice Chair)	14	2017	Blank Children's Hospital, Des Moines
Child Advocate – Defense Attorney	Jerry Foxhoven (Chair)	11	2018	Drake Law School, Middleton Clinic, Des Moines
Child Advocate	Liz Coz	1	2019	Prevent Child Abuse Iowa, Des Moines
Individual with Experience Working with Children with Disabilities	Cheryll Jones, ARNP, CPNP	8	2018	Ottumwa Regional Center CHSC, Ottumwa
Health Care Professional	Barb Small, RN	8	2018	Mercy Child Protection Center, Sioux City
Health Care Professional	Regina Butteris, MD	7	2018	St. Luke's Child Protection Center, Cedar Rapids
Representative of Parents' Groups	RaeAnn Barnhart	5	2019	Partnership for Safe Families, Parent Partner Program, Cedar Rapids
Health Care Professional	Kenneth McCann, DO	5	2019	Child Protection Center Blank Children's Hospital, Des Moines
Child Advocate <i>and</i> Legal	Josephine Gittler	5	2019	College of Law, University of Iowa, Iowa City
Judiciary	Sylvia Lewis	5	2019	Senior Judge, Sixth Judicial District, Johnson Co.
Individual Experienced in Working with Homeless Youth	Stephen Quirk	5	2019	Youth Emergency Services & Shelter, Des Moines
Parent	Kayla Stevenson	5	2019	Parent Partner Ally
Judiciary	Mary Timko	4	2019	Associate Judge, Third Judicial District, Buena Vista Co.
Prosecuting Attorney	Andrea Vitzthum	3	2019	Polk County Attorney's Office, Des Moines
Adult Former Victim of Child Abuse or Neglect/Victim Advocate	Leslie Marquez	3	2019	N/A
Court Appointed Special Advocates	James Hennessey	2	2020	Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
Child Protective Services/Coordinator	Lisa Bender, LMSW	5	N/A (Ex-Officio)	Iowa Department of Human Services

**APPENDIX C:  
MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCES**

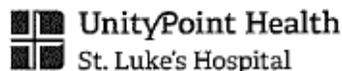
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### Registration information

Tuition is \$75. This fee includes a light breakfast, refreshments, lunch, course syllabus and certificate of attendance.

### Register online or by mail

Payment is required at time of registration.

Online: Go to [unitypoint.org/cedarrapids](http://unitypoint.org/cedarrapids) and click on Classes and Events.

By mail, please complete the registration form and mail to:

St. Luke's Staff Development  
UnityPoint Health St. Luke's Hospital  
PO Box 3026  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-3026

### Cancellations

A full tuition refund will be made on cancellation requests on or before September 30, 2016. Transfer of tuition to another person may be done without penalty. Tuition will not be refunded to participants who fail to attend.

### Conference site

The Hotel Kirkwood Center  
7725 Kirkwood Boulevard SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404  
(319) 848-8700 • (877) 751-5111 toll free  
[thehotelatkirkwood.com](http://thehotelatkirkwood.com)

Standard rooms are available at a special conference rate of \$109 plus tax. Reservations must be received on or before 5PM CST on Thursday, September 22, 2016 to obtain the conference rate. In order to receive the special conference rate you must identify yourself as a conference participant at the time the reservation is made. All reservations must be cancelled by 4 pm on the day of your arrival or your credit card will be charged.

### Registration form

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
[unitypoint.org/cedarrapids](http://unitypoint.org/cedarrapids)  
click on Classes and Events

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Dietary Restrictions:  Vegetarian  Dairy Free  Gluten Free

Full payment of \$75 must accompany this form.

You may pay by check or credit card.

Enclosed is my check for \$75, made payable to St. Luke's Hospital CPC Conference

Please charge my credit card:  Visa  Mastercard

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3 digit security code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount charged \$75

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form and payment to:

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UnityPoint Health St. Luke's Hospital  
PO Box 3026  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-3026

No confirmations will be sent. For questions about your registration, call (319) 369-8750.

## Conference faculty

### Scott J. Modell, Ph.D.

*Dr. Modell is currently serving as the Deputy Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Most recently he has served as the Deputy Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Prior to moving to Tennessee, Dr. Modell spent fifteen years as a Professor at California State University, Sacramento. Over his last five years at the university, he additionally served as Director of the university's Autism Center for Excellence. He is an expert in child abuse, crime victims with disabilities, disability etiology, and interview techniques. He has authored nine books and has over 250 published articles and abstracts. Dr. Modell is frequently invited to lecture at national and international conferences regarding child abuse and crime victims with disabilities. Dr. Modell has taught for the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC), National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA), and the Singapore National Council of Social Service (NCSS). He has conducted workshops and trainings reaching thousands of police officers, educators, child protective service and adult protective service professionals across the country. He has received international recognition for his work in the area of crime victims and interview techniques for individuals with disabilities.*

*\* The presenter has disclosed that he does not have interest in commercial support.*

## Target audience

All professionals interested in the protection of children and families including, prosecuting attorneys and judges, law enforcement officers, department of human services (DHS)/ social workers, forensic interviewers, healthcare providers including emergency medicine, ER staff, pediatricians, family practitioners, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, medical examiners and medical examiner investigators, nurses, psychologists, mental health counselors and therapists, victim advocates and victim witness coordinators and FSRP/Safety Services providers.

## Program purpose

An in-depth examination of interdisciplinary approaches to child abuse investigation and prosecution.

## Educational objectives

Following this conference, participants should be able to discuss techniques to improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse, as well as current child abuse issues.

## Participants will:

- Describe the unique characteristics of individuals with intellectual, physical, and communication disabilities that increase the risk of abuse
- Demonstrate an understanding of verbal communication in the context of communicating with and interviewing children with disabilities
- Recall specific interview techniques for use in the investigative and legal environments to optimize communication with children with disabilities.

## Continuing education credits

This program has been approved for continuing education credits for the disciplines listed below. A certificate of attendance will be available at the end of the day to those who attend the entire training. No partial credit will be given. For professions not listed, conference attendees must submit information to their own state licensing board for CEU approval.

**Nurses and Nurse Practitioners:** 0.81 CEU's will be awarded by St. Luke's Hospital, provider #48. Registration for CEUs will be at the door. For questions or further information on CEU process or grievance policies, contact Allison Kamerling at (319) 368-8750.

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**Substance Abuse Counselors:** This program has been approved by the Iowa Board of Certification for 6.75 hours of continuing substance abuse education credits.

**Attorneys:** Post accreditation has been given in previous years to attorneys who have attended this conference.

## Program schedule

### Friday, October 14

7:30 a.m.	Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:15 a.m.	Welcome Session I Workshop Scott J. Modell, Ph.D. Child Victims with Disabilities
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Session I Workshop, continued
12:00 p.m.	Lunch and Announcements
1:00 p.m.	Session I Workshop, continued
2:30 p.m.	Break
2:45 p.m.	Session I Workshop, continued
4:30 p.m.	Conclusion

Facility temperatures fluctuate, so dress accordingly.

In compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, UnityPoint Health St. Luke's Hospital will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities at all conferences.

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- Behavioral Health:  Mental Health Counselor  Psychologist
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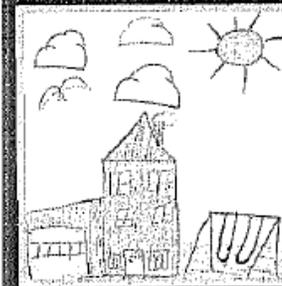
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## AGENDA

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

7:30-8:15	Check-In/On-site registration
8:15-8:30	Welcome & Opening Remarks
8:30-10:00	Children with Problematic Sexual Behavior: Who Are They and How Can We Help? <i>Erin K. Taylor, Ph.D.</i>
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11:45-12:45	Lunch
12:45-2:15	Water-Related Abuse and Pedophilia <i>Andrea Zaferes</i>
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30-4:00	Water-Related Abuse and Pedophilia <i>Andrea Zaferes</i>
4:00-4:15	Conclusion/Evaluations/Certificates

### Course Description:

#### Children with Problematic Sexual Behavior: Who Are They and How Can We Help?

*Erin K. Taylor, Ph.D.*

Society holds many myths about children who have problematic sexual behaviors. Policies, treatment, and responses are often based on these myths. This presentation will focus on discussing normative and problematic sexual behavior in children, as well as the origins of problematic sexual behavior. In addition, the session will focus on evidence-based treatment for children with sexual behavior problems and how professionals and the community can support children and families affected.

#### Water-Related Abuse and Pedophilia

*Andrea Zaferes, Death Investigator*

- **Homicidal Drowning** – A hysterical mother calls 911 screaming that she found her toddler son in their pool. PD arrive in rescue mode, replacing the mother who is performing CPR with dispatcher instructions.

All attention is on saving the child. Hearts are with the grief-stricken, panicked mother. Will CSI be dispatched to process the scene if the child dies? Will insurance policies be checked? Will there be an on-scene assumption that cause of death is drowning? What if the toddler was found dead in the basement with the same hysterical mom? Think about how differently these two scenes would be treated. Would law enforcement's antennae be up asking why is the child in the basement and why is he dead? Would CSI process the scene?

- **Submersion Child Abuse** – Abuse with scalding water is well known in the child abuse community because its signs are blatant and horrific. A lesser known, yet likely more common, form of abuse and punishment is submersion in normothermic or cold water. This type of abuse is easily missed, especially when it does not result in death, and thus requires specialized knowledge to investigate, recognize, and prosecute.
- **Pedophilia** – When is it "okay" to touch the private areas of a naked child, and when is it considered okay to be naked with a naked child? When can a pedophile have private access to a naked child? Sexual assault in a pool or bathtub/pool can be purposeful or accidental. Submergence can be done to silence a screaming child, to kill the child so they cannot "tell", or it can occur accidentally when the pedophile is fixated on the assault and not paying attention to the location of the child's airway.

### Faculty:

**Erin K. Taylor, Ph.D.**

Erin K. Taylor, Ph.D. is a postdoctoral fellow at the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC). She completed her doctoral work in clinical child psychology at the University of Missouri and her internship training at the OUHSC Consortium. Dr. Taylor's clinical experiences include evidence-based interventions for children with disruptive behavior disorders, posttraumatic stress disorder and other trauma-related disorders, and children with problematic sexual behavior. Further, her research interests include the dissemination and implementation of evidence based treatments for youth, moderators of treatment outcomes for youth, and child abuse and neglect.

### Andrea Zaferes, Death Investigator

Andrea Zaferes has been investigating aquatic deaths and teaching water rescue/recovery with TeamLGS for 24 years. She is a medicolegal death investigator with Dutchess County Medical Examiner's office, and she helped start a nonprofit organization, RIPTIDE, to assist with submerged evidence/body recovery and aquatic abuse and homicide investigations. Ms. Zaferes has spoken at more than 70 forensic conferences; is one the leading public-safety dive trainers in the U.S. and Canada; serves as a court-certified aquatic death expert; is a pro bono consultant to NCMC; has taught thousands of law-enforcement personnel and death investigators; and assisted with adult and pediatric investigations internationally. She received several awards such as a DAN/Rolex and Beneath the Sea Diver of the Year Awards and is a charter member of the Women Diver Hall of Fame.

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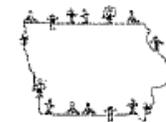
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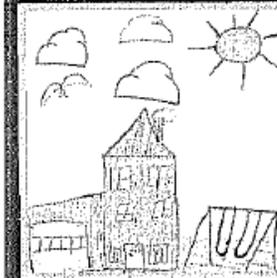
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## AGENDA Friday April 21, 2017

7:30-8:15	Check-In/On-site registration
8:15-8:30	Welcome & Opening Remarks
8:30-10:00	Suffer From Burnout? Give'em the F.I.N.G.E.R.! Mark Yarbrough
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:45	It Takes a Team: Successfully Prosecuting a Case with a Recanting Victim Mary-Ann Burkhart
11:45-12:45	Lunch
12:45-2:15	Working with the Non-Offending Caregiver Mary-Ann Burkhart
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30-4:00	Overcoming Defenses in Child Sexual Abuse Cases Mary-Ann Burkhart
4:00-4:15	Conclusion/Evaluations/Certificates

**Target Audience:** All professionals interested in the protection of children and families including physicians, physicians assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, psychologists, social workers, mental health counselors, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other interested professionals.

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### Course Description: Suffer From Burnout? Give'em the F.I.N.G.E.R.! Mark Yarbrough

Burnout affects millions of Americans each year and has been called the "disease of our civilization." The unhappiness and detachment burnout causes can threaten your job, your relationships, and your health. But there's good news—burnout can be healed. Former 20-year elected District Attorney, Mark Yarbrough, from Littlefield, Texas (hometown of Waylon Jennings), personally experienced burnout, learned how to successfully overcome it, and went from "Burnout" to "On Fire!" He has since become a "burnout expert". Mr. Yarbrough is a very entertaining, motivating and inspiring speaker. He has taught thousands of people how to overcome burnout—from companies like Blue Bell Ice Cream and Xcel Energy, to teachers and doctors/nurses, to a variety of government workers (police officers, CPS workers, attorneys, victim's rights advocates, counselors, mental health professionals, etc.). Audience members will learn the definition of burnout and the symptoms thereof. But more importantly, attendees will be laughing, and at the same time learning how to apply Mr. Yarbrough's F.I.N.G.E.R. philosophy to help themselves or their co-workers avoid and/or recover from burnout. This is a training that you won't want to miss!

### It Takes a Team: Successfully Prosecuting a Case with a Recanting Victim Mary-Ann Burkhart

Recantation is common in cases involving children as victims and witnesses. Children recant for a multitude of reasons, and recantation does not signal the end of prosecution. This workshop will delve into the most common reasons for recantation, how to avoid and prevent recantation, and how to deal with it if it does occur in your case, even if it occurs unexpectedly on the witness stand.

### Working with the Non-Offending Caregiver Mary-Ann Burkhart

As child abuse professionals, we work closely with our victims of child abuse and neglect. We need to not forget the child's network of individuals who will also need to help him or her through the process of disclosure, investigation and prosecution. Understanding the non-offending caregiver and what they are going through will serve us well as we work with them to help our child victims.

### Overcoming Defenses in Child Sexual Abuse Cases

Mary-Ann Burkhart

Child sexual abuse cases are some of the toughest cases prosecutors will handle in their careers; from having our smallest victims of crime on the stand and all that entails, to having to face untrue defenses that must be met and overcome. This workshop will focus on those defenses most commonly faced in a courtroom, as well as some that are not as common, and will explore ways to diffuse them and overcome them.

### Faculty:

**Mark Yarbrough** graduated from Texas School of Law in 1989. He was elected to five terms as the Lamb County District Attorney. He served 20 years prosecuting everything from death penalty cases to DWI's. During his tenure he was awarded the M.A.D.D. regional prosecutor of the year. He also served on the board of directors for the Texas District & County Attorney's Association and is a member of the National District Attorney's Association. He is one of the founding fellows of the Texas Prosecutor's Society. Mr. Yarbrough retired as District Attorney in 2012 and travels the country give motivational speeches regarding burnout. He has also written and been published on the subject of Burnout.

**Mary-Ann Burkhart** is the Director of the Child Abuse Prosecution Project Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh and Barry University receiving the Professional Achievement Award and from the University of Miami School of Law with her Juris Doctor degree. Ms. Burkhart began her career as an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County, Florida specializing in domestic violence and child abuse. In 1997 she joined the staff of the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse as a Senior Attorney. From 1997 to 2003, she traveled worldwide and taught extensively on all aspects of child physical and sexual abuse and child homicide cases. As Senior Attorney at NCPA, Ms. Burkhart also published numerous articles and book chapters on various issues relating to investigating and prosecuting cases of child physical and sexual abuse, as well as issues relating to child victims. In 2003 Ms. Burkhart went back into the courtroom as a homicide prosecutor and then as Training Director at the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, Maryland. She also works as a Faculty Advisor to the Child First Maryland Course, a five-day forensic interviewing course for child victims and witnesses.

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**APPENDIX D:  
CAC MINI-GRANTS**

**MDT Training Final Report Form**

*(Instructions: Fill out one form for each training project completed)*

<b>CPC/CAC Name:</b>	<b>Allen Child Protection Center</b>
<b>Service Area (County or Counties):</b>	<b>The Northern Iowa DHS Service Area</b>
<b>Title of Training:</b>	<b>Making the Case: How to Investigate and Prosecute Crimes against Children</b>
<b>Date(s) of Training:</b>	<b>September 15, 2016</b>
<b>Section 1: Summary of Training Provided</b>	
<b>Project Overview</b>	
<i>(Provide an overall description of the training completed including, (a) a description of the training completed; (b) information on attendees of the training (i.e., demographics, field of practice, total attendees, etc.), (c) evaluation efforts, including qualitative and quantitative feedback (i.e., comments and pre/post surveys); and (d) next steps (if applicable) to continue building on the training outcomes.)</i>	
<b>A. Provide a description of the training completed.</b>	
<p>The Allen Child Protection Center sponsored a multidisciplinary team training for law enforcement, Department of Human Services, County Attorney's, Advocates, and support staff who investigate cases of child and dependent adult abuse. The morning session featured three presenters who presented about collaborative approaches in child abuse investigations. The afternoon session featured Chad Opitz, a FBI Task Force member, who presented about technologies used in Human Trafficking. All four presenters utilized a power point presentation, open discussions, and a question and answer session.</p> <p>Please see Appendix A: Promotional Flyer with biographies for the presenters</p>	
<b>B. Provide information on attendees of the training (i.e., demographics, field of practice, total attendees, etc.).</b>	
<p>The total number of attendees was 62 (35 females and 27 males). There was representation from:</p> <p>Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office          Butler County Sheriff's Office          Cedar Falls Police Department          Charles City Police Department          Clear Lake Police Department          Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office          Dyersville Police Department          Fayette County Sheriff's Office          Grundy County Sheriff's Office          Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations          Eldora Police Department          Elkader Police Department          Fayette County Sheriff's Office          Forest City Police Department          Lake Mills Police Department          Mason City Police Department          Tama County Sheriff's Office          Waterloo Police Department</p> <p>Black Hawk County Attorney's Office</p>	

Bremer County Attorney's Office  
Cerro Gordo County Attorney's Office  
Grundy County Attorney's Office

Department of Human Services (Allison Office, Charles City Office, Mason City Office, Waterloo Office)

Riverview Center (Advocacy)  
Crisis Intervention Services

New Directions (Counseling)  
Black Hawk Grundy Mental Health

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University of Northern Iowa  
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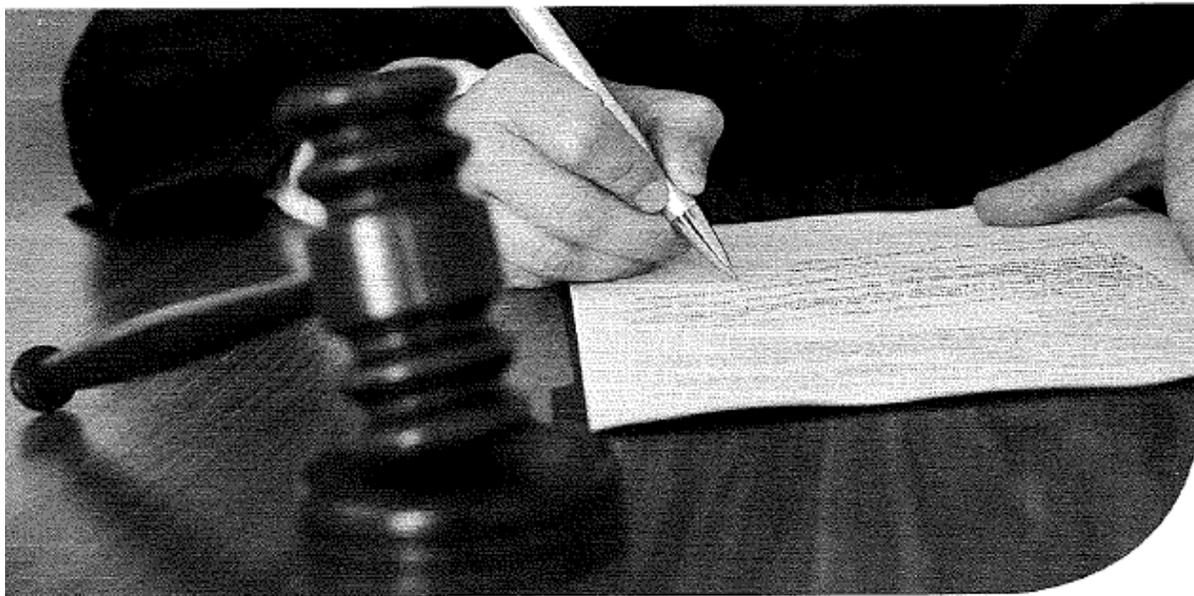
***C. Describe any evaluation efforts conducted for the training, including qualitative and quantitative feedback (i.e., comments and pre/post surveys).***

A training evaluation survey was handed out at the conclusion of the training. 47 attendees completed the evaluation. There were 9 questions with the choices of Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, and N/A. Excellent was given a point value of 5; Good was given a point value of 4; Fair was given a point value of 3, and Poor was given a point value of 2. The average score of each question is listed below.

1. Overall, how would you rate this presentation/training? **4.8**
2. Did your trainer have a thorough grasp of the subject? **4.9**
3. Did your trainer actively invite questions? **4.9**
4. Did your trainer answer the questions posed? **4.8**
5. Was your trainer prepared for class? **4.9**
6. Did this class meet your expectations? **4.8**
7. Was the level of instruction appropriate? **4.8**
8. Was the length appropriate? **4.7**
9. How would you rate the handouts/visual aids? **4.6**
  
10. Based on your experience at this training class, how likely are you to attend future presentations/trainings with us? **Very Likely (44) Somewhat Likely (3)**
  
11. Will you be able to use the information presented today in your daily life/professional life? **Very Likely (42) Somewhat Likely (5)**

There was an option to leave additional feedback and comments. The majority of comments were positive. The only suggestions that were given were to have the presenters hand out a copy of their presentation so attendees could follow along and take notes. Overall, the attendees had good feedback and enjoyed the training.

Please see Appendix C: Evaluation Data
<b>D. Describe any next steps (if applicable) to continue building on the training outcomes.</b>
Based on the feedback from the attendees at the training, the Allen Child Protection Center would be interested in sponsoring a multidisciplinary team training every year.
<b>Section 2: Project Budget</b>
<b>Project Budget</b> <i>(Please provide a brief overview of the final cost of the training. Include a line item budget indicating the total cost of the training and the amount remaining to be billed under the contract)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presenter(s) travel expenses: \$1,837.88</li><li>• Presenter(s) speaking fees: \$1,200.00</li><li>• Food expenses: \$762.38</li><li>• Misc. expenses: \$168.00</li> <li>• <b>TOTAL TRAINING EXPENSE: \$3,968.26</b></li></ul>
Please see Appendix D: Expense Report
<b>Section 3: Promotional Material</b>
<b>Promotional Material</b> <i>(Please attach any promotional materials such as brochures etc. regarding the training.)</i>
Please see Appendix A: Promotional Flyer



# Making the Case

How to Investigate and Prosecute Crimes Against Children

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**September 15, 2016 | 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

McBride Classroom, Allen College  
1990 Heath Street, Waterloo, IA 50703

*Sponsored by Allen Child Protection Center*

The Allen Child Protection Center is hosting a multidisciplinary team training for law enforcement, Department of Human Services, and county attorney staff in northern Iowa who investigate cases of child and dependent adult abuse. The event will focus on ways to collaboratively work together to present a winning case to the prosecution. This training event is free of charge and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to [lisa.jurgensen@unitypoint.org](mailto:lisa.jurgensen@unitypoint.org) no later than September 9.

## Program Schedule:

- 8 am. .... Registration and Arrival
- 8:15 a.m. .... Welcome and Announcements
- 8:30 a.m. .... **Collaborative approach to child abuse investigations**  
*Dave Betz, Lieutenant (Retired), Leanda Daniels, LCSW-C, Judge Sue Hazlett*
- 10:30 a.m. .... **Presenting a winning case to the prosecution**  
*Judge Sue Hazlett*
- 11:30 a.m. .... Lunch (Provided)
- 12:15 p.m. .... **Technologies used in Child Abuse Investigations and Human Trafficking**  
*Chad Opitz (Beaverton Oregon Police Department, FBI Task Force)*
- 4 p.m. .... Conclusion

### **DAVID A. BETZ, LIEUTENANT (RETIRED)**

David A. Betz is a twenty-five year veteran of the Harford County, Maryland Sheriff's Office and is the former director for the Harford County Child Advocacy Center. He is currently employed with the National Children's Alliance as the Coordinator for Strategic Partnerships and was recently employed with Deere and Company as the Manager for Security in Black Hawk County, Iowa. He has additionally served in many capacities during his career to include the investigation of child abuse cases; Public Information Officer/Spokesperson; member of the Special Response Team, assignments within the Patrol Division and instructor for workplace violence prevention. He also has served as a member of the NCA Board of Directors, an advisory board member of the Child Protection Center in Waterloo, Iowa, the Maryland Children's Alliance, and the board of the Iowa Chapter of Child Protection Centers. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Liberty University and a Master's Degree in Management from Johns Hopkins University.

### **CHAD OPITZ**

Chad Opitz is currently a Detective with the Beaverton Police Department in Beaverton, Oregon and a Task Force Officer on the Portland FBI Child Exploitation Task Force. He is a seventeen year law enforcement officer and has been a detective for the last nine. Detective Opitz is also assigned as an Investigator to the Washington County Major Crimes Team. He has worked sex trafficking related crimes since 2008, with the focus on protecting victims of child prostitution and targeting the pimps that exploit those minors. Detective Opitz is currently the primary investigator on all sex trafficking cases with the Beaverton Police Department. Detective Opitz has also done extensive undercover work in sex trafficking and prostitution investigations. Detective Opitz worked child pornography cases while assigned to the Portland FBI Innocent Images Task Force and spent five years assigned to the Proactive Team (street crimes) of the Beaverton Police Department. Detective Opitz obtained his bachelor's degree in Communication Arts from George Fox University (Newberg, Oregon).

### **LEANDA DANIELS, LCSW-C**

Leanda earned her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Akron in 1993. Her first job was working with Community Mental Health. Leanda transferred to the Ohio Department of Child Protective Services where she worked for the next three years. Her next assignment was with Custody Court where she made recommendations for custody and visitation. In 1998, Leanda moved to Baltimore, Maryland. That same year she started working for the Baltimore County Department of Social Services investigating child abuse cases. She was employed by Baltimore County DSS for seven years. Leanda earned her Master's Degree from the University Of Maryland School Of Social Work in 2004. Leanda moved to Harford County in 2005 and transferred to the Harford County Department of Social Work where she was assigned to the CAC. In July of 2015, Leanda became the supervisor of the CPS unit located at the CAC.

### **JUDGE SUZIE HAZLETT**

Judge Hazlett comes from Baltimore County where she was a child abuse prosecutor, Finding Words faculty and now a District Court Judge in Hartford County. She is a champion for children and an advocate for the multidisciplinary team response.

**MDT Training Final Report Form**

*(Instructions: Fill out one form for each training project completed)*

<b>CPC/CAC Name:</b>	<b>Mercy Child Advocacy Center</b>
<b>Service Area (County or Counties):</b>	<b>Woodbury County</b>
<b>Title of Training:</b>	<b>Woodbury County MDT Review, Revitalization and Renewal</b>
<b>Date(s) of Training:</b>	<b>Sept 1,2016</b>
<b>Section 1: Summary of Training Provided</b>	
<b>Project Overview</b>	
<i>(Provide an overall description of the training completed including, (a) a description of the training completed; (b) information on attendees of the training (i.e., demographics, field of practice, total attendees, etc.); (c) evaluation efforts, including qualitative and quantitative feedback (i.e., comments and pre/post surveys); and (d) next steps (if applicable) to continue building on the training outcomes.)</i>	
<b>A. Provide a description of the training completed.</b>	
<p>Creating a cohesive, communicative multidisciplinary team is essential in the response to a child's outcry of abuse. This presentation will discuss the importance of successful team chemistry. Supporting a child's disclosure through corroborative evidence is the most fundamental step in child abuse investigations and prosecutions. This presentation covers the potential areas to discover corroborative evidence and explains the importance of technology-based corroboration. The audience will be shown detailed examples of how statements made during disclosure leads to corroborative evidence.</p> <p>Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn ways to create team chemistry in handling child abuse investigations.</li> <li>2. Discover potential areas of corroboration for child abuse investigations.</li> <li>3. Understand the technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and how technology may provide additional corroboration.</li> <li>4. Learn potential techniques to develop corroborative evidence from involved witnesses and the offender.</li> </ol> <p>The workshop speaker was Justin Fitzsimmons, attorney and Program Manager of the SEARCH Group, INC. He is a nationally recognized legal authority on crimes against children. He trains and lectures at national, regional and local conferences on the subject of child sexual and physical abuse. He also speaks on the importance and effectiveness of multidisciplinary teams.</p>	
<b>B. Provide information on attendees of the training (i.e., demographics, field of practice, total attendees, etc.).</b>	
<p>Total number of attendees was 35:          Mercy Child Advocacy Center—6          Local IA CPS workers—5          Local NE CPS workers—1          Woodbury County Sheriff's Office—3          Sioux City Police Dept, Detectives—3          South Sioux City Police Dept, Detectives—3          Siouxland District Health Dept—1          Dakota County Sheriff's Office—2          Mental Health Therapists—3          Woodbury County Attorney's Office—2          Dakota County Attorney's Office—2          Juvenile Court Services—1          Sioux City School District—1          Merville IA Police Dept—2</p>	

<p><b>C. Describe any evaluation efforts conducted for the training, including qualitative and quantitative feedback (i.e., comments and pre/post surveys).</b></p>		
<p>Pre and post tests were conducted by attendees. Questions included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why do juries believe child witnesses in child abuse cases?</li> <li>2. What are sensory details?</li> <li>3. Name 3 potential areas of non-technical corroboration evidence?</li> <li>4. Name three potential areas of technical corroboration evidence.</li> </ol> <p>After reviewing pre and post-tests, attendees showed a 53% increase in learning. A Program Evaluation was also conducted. All responses received a good to excellent response.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Objectives were met – 85% excellent, 11% very good, 4% good</li> <li>2. Overall content – 85% excellent, 15% very good</li> <li>3. Relevance of content to practice – 77% excellent, 19% very good, 4% good</li> <li>4. Presentation Materials – 77% excellent, 13% very good</li> <li>5. Speaker organization – 100% excellent,</li> <li>6. Speaker knowledge – 100% excellent</li> <li>7. Presentation technique – 88% excellent, 12% very good</li> </ol> <p>Comments included outstanding, excellent, thank you for sharing this speaker, great examples and hypotheticals, great information that can be used in the field, motivating and refreshing, great info regarding prosecution and court proceedings and great materials regarding corroboration, good to think outside the box especially in cases where evidence is limited.</p>		
<p><b>D. Describe any next steps (if applicable) to continue building on the training outcomes.</b></p>		
<p>Twice a year Mercy Child Advocacy Centers sponsors 2 multidisciplinary conferences that are well attended by regional IA, NE, and SD MDT members. We also send these team members to national and regional workshops including Crimes Against Children, San Diego Child and Family maltreatment, Huntsville Child Abuse Conference, APSAC conference, and Omaha Protecting Our Children workshop. If there is a topic that needs to be addressed, we have offered a training i.e.: drug endangered children and newborns, human trafficking, and fetal alcohol. Every five years as members age out on the MDT team, we offer a review, revitalization, and renewal of the MDT with a featured speaker. Justin Fitzsimmons fulfilled that role this year.</p> <p>As we send MDT members to conferences we ask that they report what they learned at the following MDT and to suggest speakers for the next Protecting Families conference or MDT training.</p>		
<p><b>Section 2: Project Budget</b></p>		
<p><b>Project Budget</b> (Please provide a brief overview of the final cost of the training. Include a line item budget indicating the total cost of the training and the amount remaining to be billed under the contract)</p>		
<p><b>Iowa DHS MDT Training Grant, 9-1-16</b></p>		
Speaker Fees	Justin Fitzsimmons, SEARCH Group, INC	\$2500.00
Speaker Lodging	Stoney Creek, 1 night at \$89.27	89.27
Airfare	Chicago to and from Omaha	254.70
Taxi	To and from Chicago airport \$77x2	154.00
Car Rental	Gas only	14.00
Conference Food	Breakfast (142.25) and lunch (\$152.25)	297.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3309.47</b>
<p>Mercy CAC has already received \$3000.00. Remaining amount is \$309.47.</p>		

<b>Section 3: Promotional Material</b>
<b>Promotional Material</b>
<i>(Please attach any promotional materials such as brochures etc. regarding the training.)</i>
<b>Attached invite brochure.</b>

Mark your calendar!

## REVITALIZATION & REVIEW RENEWAL

Please mark your calendar to hear  
**Justin Fitzsimmons, Program Manager of  
SEARCH Group, Inc.**

**Thursday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - 8:30 to 1:00 p.m.**

(After the MDT meeting)

**Leiter Room**

Justin is a nationally recognized legal authority on crimes against children. He trains/lectures at national, regional and local conferences on the subject of child sexual and physical abuse. He will speak on the importance and effectiveness of multidisciplinary teams.

Please invite your colleagues. Lunch will be included.

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**MDT Training Final Report Form**

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<b>CPC/CAC Name:</b>	<b>Mississippi Valley Child Protection Center (MVCPC)</b>
<b>Service Area (County or Counties):</b>	<b>Eastern Region Service Area</b>
<b>Title of Training:</b>	<b>Trends in Internet Crimes and Activities Involving Children (2 trainings in 2 different locations) Connections Matter</b>
<b>Date(s) of Training:</b>	<b>8/5/2016, 8/12/2016, 9/30/2016</b>

**Section 1: Summary of Training Provided**

**Project Overview**

*(Provide an overall description of the training completed including, (a) a description of the training completed; (b) information on attendees of the training (i.e., demographics, field of practice, total attendees, etc.), (c) evaluation efforts, including qualitative and quantitative feedback (i.e., comments and pre/post surveys); and (d) next steps (if applicable) to continue building on the training outcomes.)*

**A. Provide a description of the training completed.**

After completing and training needs assessment with MDT members, it was identified that additional training was needed in the area of internet crimes involving children related to social media as well as action based responses to the Iowa ACE Study.

**Trends in Internet Crimes and Activities Involving Children (conducted on 8/5/2016 and 8/12/2016)**

This training was customized by Investigator Joseph Schmitz, CFCE. Investigator Schmitz works for the Cedar Rapids Police Department and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force/Cyber-Crime Unit. He has been asked to provide expert witness testimony on the topics of internet crimes against children and is an expert at obtaining and preserving electronic evidence.

This training was designed to provide attendees with information and some skills necessary to more effectively understand and respond to instances involving the sexual exploitation of children. Included in this training was discussion on trends in technology and its use, search, seizure, and evidence collection, as well as procedures and resources for obtaining assistance in these investigations.

**Connections Matter (Customized for MDTs and presented on 9/30/2016)**

This training was presented and customized by Lindsey Hornbaker, Child Abuse Council's Community Education Program Manager. *Connections Matter* was originally developed as an action based response to the ACE Study. It is an evidence-based, interactive presentation that describes how stress impacts the brain and why relationships improve individual and community well-being.

Lindsey presented the Connections Matter Training along with additional information regarding the original ACE Studies and discussion on practical application/utilization from an MDT perspective.

**B. Provide information on attendees of the training (i.e., demographics, field of**

***practice, total attendees, etc.).***

**Trends in Internet Crimes and Activities Involving Children (8/5/2016)**

**# of Attendees:**

- 12 Total

**Professional Representation:**

- 3 MVCPC Employees (managerial, forensic interviewer, family advocate)
- 6 DHS Employees (supervisory, child protection workers, and social workers)
- 2 Law Enforcement Officers (DCI and PD)
- 1 Prosecutor (assistant county attorney)

**County Representation:**

- 1 Scott County
- 2 Muscatine County
- 1 Henry County
- 8 Des Moines County

**Trends in Internet Crimes and Activities Involving Children (8/12/2016)**

**# of Attendees:**

- 17 Total

**Professional Representation:**

- 4 DHS Employees (supervisory, child protection workers, and social workers)
- 2 Mental Health Providers
- 1 Area Education Rep.
- 4 Law Enforcement Officers (SO and PD)
- 1 Prosecutor (assistant county attorney)
- 5 Juvenile Court Representatives (JCS and JCSL)

**County Representation:**

- 12 Muscatine County
- 2 Scott County
- 1 Cedar County
- 2 Louisa County

**Connection Matters (9/30/2016)**

**# of Attendees:**

- 8 Total

**Professional Representation:**

- 2 MVCPC Employees (managerial and forensic interviewer)
- 2 Law Enforcement Officers (SO)
- 2 Juvenile Court Representation (JCS)
- 1 DHS Employee (supervisory)
- 1 Prosecution (public defender)

**County Representation:**

- 6 Muscatine County
- 1 Henry County
- 1 Lee County

**C. Describe any evaluation efforts conducted for the training, including qualitative and quantitative feedback (i.e., comments and pre/post surveys).**

Pre/post tests were administered for all trainings conducted in order to gauge knowledge gained by participants as a result of participating in the training. The following results were captured:

**Trends in Internet Crimes and Activities Involving Children**

- Average pre-test score: 43%
- Average post-test score: 68%
- According to pre/post test results, overall knowledge on this subject increased by 25%

**Connections Matter**

- Average pre-test score: 46%
- Average post-test score: 94%

**Overall Qualitative and Quantitative Training Evaluation Data**

A training evaluation survey was disseminated for the *Trends in Internet Crimes and Activities Involving Children* training following the completion of the presentation. Attendees were asked to rate the content and presenter on a scale from 1-5 (5=Strongly Agree, 4=Agree, 3=Neutral, 2=Disagree, 1=Strongly Disagree). Attendees were asked to rate the following:

96% of responses indicated agreement regarding the following questions:

- Topic was information and beneficial
- Topic was interesting to me
- Handouts were helpful
- I learned something from this presentation
- Information is applicable to my profession
- I plan to use knowledge I have gained in my work
- Presenter was prepared and organized
- Presenter was knowledgeable about content
- Presenter was enthusiastic and easy to listen to
- I would enjoy another presentation from the presenter

The other 4% of responses included a neutral or not applicable response.

Comments included on the evaluation surveys are as follows:

- "Great presentation – Thank you for the helpful information."
- "Very good presenter – he's passionate about this and very knowledgeable. Easy to listen to. Very good!"
- "Presentation was very informative. Good information I may use in my job, but information that is beneficial to my private life."
- "Very informative on both professional and personal basis. I'm a parent of teenagers so this is relevant all around. Anxious to check out the thumb drives!"
- "Use a larger font – could not read much of slides."

<b>D. Describe any next steps (if applicable) to continue building on the training outcomes.</b>
[Enter text here]
<b>Section 2: Project Budget</b>
<b>Project Budget</b> <i>(Please provide a brief overview of the final cost of the training. Include a line item budget indicating the total cost of the training and the amount remaining to be billed under the contract)</i>
Total Project Budget was \$2,818.35.  Presenter fees - \$2,462.80 Facility Rental - \$50.00 Supplies/Snacks - \$305.55
<b>Section 3: Promotional Material</b>
<b>Promotional Material</b> <i>(Please attach any promotional materials such as brochures etc. regarding the training.)</i>

I wanted to invite you all to a training the CPC will be providing from 9:30 to 11:30 on Friday, Sept. 30th. The training, Connections Matter, will be held at the Discovery Learning Center in Muscatine. Coffee and snacks will be provided. You will find a description of the training below. Please just email me back if you are interested in attending, so we can get a general head count. Also, please feel free to pass this on to anyone within your agencies as well as anyone else you feel would benefit from it. Thank you!

## Connections Matter: Developing Brain, Relationships, and Community

We all face tough times.

Ongoing stress from these tough times can lead to poor health and other challenges as the brain adapts to survive. But research is showing us ways to change these outcomes.

An action-based response to the [ACE study](#), Connections Matter highlights the importance of building caring connections with the children, families and adults in our lives to developing healthy brains, supportive relationships and thriving communities. This interactive presentation describes how stress impacts the brain and why relationships improve individual and community well-being. Attendees will leave with specific ideas for the actions they can take in their professional and personal lives, and will end the session by identifying their next steps.

**Together, we can engage more people in creating environments that strengthen families from the start and give children and adults with a history of trauma an opportunity to heal.**

*This project is led by the Central Iowa ACES 360 Steering Committee, Trauma Informed Care Project and Developing Brain Group. It is supported by the Eastern Iowa-Western Illinois Trauma Informed Care Consortium.*

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**Kadie McCorry**

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## ***TRENDS IN INTERNET CRIMES AND ACTIVITIES INVOLVING CHILDREN***

### **Training Description:**

This training will provide attendees with information and some skills necessary to more effectively understand and respond to instances involving the sexual exploitation of children. Included in this training will be discussion on trends in technology and its use, search, seizure, and evidence collection, as well as procedures and resources for obtaining assistance in these investigations.

### **Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this training, the participant will be able to:

- Identify how technology is used by offenders
- Identify current trends in social media and technology
- Identify and implement proper seizure and collection of evidence

### **Presenter:**

Joseph Schmitz, CFCE  
Investigator  
Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force/Cyber-Crime Unit  
Cedar Rapids Police Department

### **Training Dates and Times:**

Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
12:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
DHS – Des Moines County  
560 Division St., Suite 200  
Burlington, IA 52601

Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Discovery Park: Environmental Learning Center  
3300 Cedar St.  
Muscatine, IA 52671

**MDT Training Final Report Form**

*(Instructions: Fill out one form for each training project completed)*

<b>CPC/CAC Name:</b>	<b>St. Luke's Child Protection Center</b>
<b>Service Area (County or Counties):</b>	<b>Cedar Rapids Service Area</b>
<b>Title of Training:</b>	<b>Child Abuse &amp; Water Deaths</b>
<b>Date(s) of Training:</b>	<b>May 5, 2016</b>
<b>Section 1: Summary of Training Provided</b>	
<b>Project Overview</b>	
<i>{Provide an overall description of the training completed including, (a) a description of the training completed; (b) information on attendees of the training (i.e., demographics, field of practice, total attendees, etc.), (c) evaluation efforts, including qualitative and quantitative feedback (i.e., comments and pre/post surveys); and (d) next steps (if applicable) to continue building on the training outcomes.}</i>	
<b>A. Provide a description of the training completed.</b>	
Andrea Zaferes discussed various types of water related abuse including neglect, sexual assault, cold-water punishment, scalding and homicidal drowning. Ms. Zaferes also taught attendees how to determine if the incident was accidental or criminal through information gathered on the scene, from the autopsy, and during the ensuing investigation. Ms. Zaferes discussed these topics throughout the General and Evening Sessions.	
<b>B. Provide information on attendees of the training (i.e., demographics, field of practice, total attendees, etc.).</b>	
There were 63 attendees at the General Session. General session attendees consisted of Child Advocacy Center staff, DHS, law enforcement, prosecutors, physicians and medical examiner investigators. The Evening Session consisted of 14 Dive Team members from the Johnson County Metro Dive Team and Central Iowa Underwater Search and Rescue.	
<b>C. Describe any evaluation efforts conducted for the training, including qualitative and quantitative feedback (i.e., comments and pre/post surveys).</b>	
Ms. Zaferes helped develop a pre- and post- test specifically for attendees at this training. Attendees were given the same test prior to the start of the conference and again following the training. Correct responses from pre- to post- test generally increased by 50%. In addition to being "tested" on knowledge gained, attendees were sent a Survey Monkey link to evaluate the conference. Attendees were asked to respond to 9 questions. With the exception of 1 "neutral" response, 100% of attendees responded "strongly agree or agree" to the questions asked. Feedback included the following comments: "Andrea is a great trainer and she explains information and diagrams very well. She helped give me a better understanding of the whole picture", "Andrea is an excellent and engaging presenter. She is clearly knowledgeable about water deaths", "Andrea was very energetic and entertaining as she taught. She taught the science behind the theories and gave solid hints on what to watch for", and "I wish I would have had this training years ago."	
<b>D. Describe any next steps (if applicable) to continue building on the training outcomes.</b>	
There are no further steps to be taken at this time.	
<b>Section 2: Project Budget</b>	
<b>Project Budget</b>	
<i>{Please provide a brief overview of the final cost of the training. Include a line item budget indicating the</i>	

<i>total cost of the training and the amount remaining to be billed under the contract</i>	
<b>Child Abuse and Water Deaths Training</b>	
Speaker Fee	\$1,500
Airfare	\$542.20
Parking	\$62.71
Lodging - 2 Nights	\$345.16
Rental of Human Services Campus Conference Center	\$100
Breakfast, Lunch, Beverage and Break Service for 108 @ \$17.50/person	\$1,125.37
Dinner Service for 30 @ \$11.00/person	\$136.43
Misc Expenses (Printing, Pens, Paper, Nametags, etc)	\$69.54
Cab	\$36.00
Tolls	\$18.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>3936</b>
<b>Section 3: Promotional Material</b>	
<b>Promotional Material</b>	
<i>(Please attach any promotional materials such as brochures etc. regarding the training.)</i>	

# Child Abuse and Water Deaths Conference

**Thursday May 5, 2016**  
**8:30am-4pm General Session**

FREE (limited to 100 attendees, lunch provided)

**5-8pm Special Training for  
Rescue Divers**

FREE (limited to 30 attendees, dinner provided)

## **Location:**

Human Services Campus  
HSC Conference Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
317 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SE; Cedar Rapids, IA

*The Child Protection Center is bringing back Andrea Zaferes!*



Join us to learn more about water and ice rescue, drowning, homicidal drowning, bathtub and other crime scene preservation. Learn to ask the right questions when considering the scene. Discuss types of pediatric abuse that occur in the bathtub and what information should be gathered help determine if accidental or criminal.

We hope to see Iowa law enforcement, emergency responders, medical examiners, county attorneys and DHS at this informative, dynamic and important one day conference.

**Register on-line at:** [www.unitypoint.org](http://www.unitypoint.org); click classes and events; click community.  
Questions? Call – 319-369-7908

### **Andrea Zaferes**

- ✦ Fall 2015 CPC Conference Speaker invited back by popular request
- ✦ Aquatic Deaths Investigator
- ✦ Court certified aquatic death expert witness
- ✦ Women Diver Hall of Fame charter member
- ✦ Team Life Guard Systems Public Safety Dive Trainer
- ✦ Researcher
- ✦ Published Author
- ✦ International speaker
- ✦ Read more about Andrea on her LinkedIn page at <https://www.linkedin.com/in/andrea-zaferes-8727532>

**MDT Training Final Report Form**

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<b>CPC/CAC Name:</b>	<b>Regional Child Protection Center</b>
<b>Service Area (County or Counties):</b>	<b>Des Moines Service Area</b>
<b>Title of Training:</b>	<b>Technology Facilitated Crimes Against Children</b>
<b>Date(s) of Training:</b>	<b>August 18, 2016</b>
<b>Section 1: Summary of Training Provided</b>	
<b>Project Overview</b>	
<i>{Provide an overall description of the training completed including, (a) a description of the training completed; (b) information on attendees of the training (i.e., demographics, field of practice, total attendees, etc.), (c) evaluation efforts, including qualitative and quantitative feedback (i.e., comments and pre/post surveys);and (d) next steps (if applicable) to continue building on the training outcomes.}</i>	
<b>A. Provide a description of the training completed.</b>	
<p>This training provided an overview of what technology is being used for sexual exploitation and what types of technology facilitated crimes against children are committed. Sgt. Steve Del Negro provided the training. For 12 years of his career he was assigned to the Digital Evidence Media Section/ICAC Task Force and was the Commander for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in Massachusetts. He provided information on the impact of these crimes on victims, how technology is used by offenders, and the challenges new technology will create. This workshop was held twice at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.</p>	
<b>B. Provide information on attendees of the training (i.e., demographics, field of practice, total attendees, etc.).</b>	
<p>Attendees included: law enforcement, therapists, school professionals, child welfare services, county attorney staff, forensic interviewers, nurses, doctors, guardian ad litem, victim advocates, foster parents, and home visiting agencies. In total, 146 individuals attended both the AM and PM trainings. The majority of attendees were from Central Iowa, however we did attendees travel over two hours to attend the presentation.</p>	
<b>C. Describe any evaluation efforts conducted for the training, including qualitative and quantitative feedback (i.e., comments and pre/post surveys).</b>	
<p>RCPC utilized our typical evaluation for all Workshop Series so as to remain consistent. The evaluation results are attached. Overall this training was received positively with 145 of 146 evaluations stating that they were satisfied with the training that was provided.</p>	
<b>D. Describe any next steps (if applicable) to continue building on the training outcomes.</b>	
<p>Possible next steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Further training of online crimes</li> <li>2) More trainings on changes/updates to internet related crimes</li> <li>3) Possible training specific to parents about internet safety</li> </ol>	
<b>Section 2: Project Budget</b>	
<b>Project Budget</b>	
<i>{Please provide a brief overview of the final cost of the training. Include a line item budget indicating the total cost of the training and the amount remaining to be billed under the contract}</i>	
<b>Total Costs: \$4011.79</b>	
Speaker Fee and Travel Time: \$2100.00	

Speaker Flight: \$469.20 Speaker Hotel: \$255.36 Speaker Transportation: \$82.73 Catering: \$1104.50  <i>Received: \$3000.00</i> <i>Remaining: \$1011.79</i>
<b>Section 3: Promotional Material</b>
<b>Promotional Material</b>
<i>Attached</i>

# Regional Child Protection Center 2016 Workshop Series



## Series Overview and Purpose

The Regional Child Protection Center at Blank Children's Hospital seeks to improve outcomes for child victims of abuse by providing free educational opportunities for members of our professional community. The purpose of the Workshop Series is to impact the systemic coordination of services for children and families through increased professional knowledge and skills surrounding developmentally appropriate, child-focused interventions.

## Intended Audience

The Workshop Series is intended for professionals involved in the child protection field including: Department of Human Service professionals, law enforcement, attorneys, victim advocates, medical and mental health providers, family service professionals, nurses and school-based professionals.

## 2016 Summer Workshop

**Thursday, August 18**

### Technology Facilitated Crimes Against Children

Presented by: Sgt. Steven Del Negro

Learning Objectives (*attendees will*):

1. Identify how technology is used by offenders of crimes against children.
2. Recall the technologies and concepts that facilitate these crimes.
3. Identify emerging technologies that support criminal investigations and prosecution.

## Workshop Schedule

Please choose a morning **or** afternoon session as the information is **repeated**.

### Morning Session

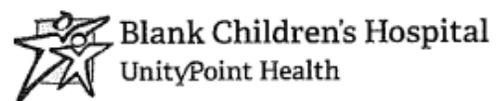
*Location: Kelly Conference Room*

8 a.m. Registration  
8:30 Presentation  
10 Break  
10:15 Presentation  
11:45 Evaluation  
11:50 Adjourn

### Afternoon Session

*Location: Virginia Thompson Auditorium*

12:30 p.m. Registration  
1 Presentation  
2:30 Break  
2:45 Presentation  
4:15 Evaluation  
4:20 Adjourn



## 2016 Summer Workshop

### CEU Information

Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners: 3 CEU credit hours

Iowa Board of Behavioral Science Examiners: 3 CEU credit hours

Iowa Board of Certification: Category A: Special Populations

Foster Parent Training Credit

Iowa Board for Treatment of Sexual Abusers: 3 credit hours of Sex Offender specific training

Continuing Legal Education: 3 CLE credit hours

Iowa Board of Psychology Examiners: 3 CEU credit hours

Iowa Board of Nursing Provider #31—UnityPoint Health—Des Moines:

36 CEU credit hours

### Location

The morning workshop will be held at the Kelly Conference Room and the afternoon session will be held in Thompson Auditorium in the Education and Research Center on the Iowa Methodist/Blank Children's Campus. Park in the south end of the parking ramp and take the southeast elevators to Level G.



## Registration and More Information

Please register online at [unitypoint.org/summer-workshop](http://unitypoint.org/summer-workshop)

For more information, call Sandra Brasell-Jasa, Regional Child Protection Center, at (515) 241-4233 or email [Sandra.BrasellJasa@unitypoint.org](mailto:Sandra.BrasellJasa@unitypoint.org).

**RCPC Workshop Series**  
**Evaluation Results for August 18, 2016**  
**Steven Del Negro**

**AM & PM Session-146**

1. The material presented was relevant to my job function.  
Strongly Agree=120  
Agree=24  
Neutral= 1  
Disagree=0  
Strongly disagree=0  
NA=1
  
2. The presenter(s) goals and objectives were addressed during the presentation.  
Strongly Agree=135  
Agree=10  
Neutral=1  
Disagree=0  
Strongly disagree=0  
NA=0
  
3. The presenter(s) offered information in a manner that was clear and easy to follow.  
Strongly Agree=137  
Agree=9  
Neutral=0  
Disagree=0  
Strongly disagree=0  
NA=0
  
4. The presenter(s) seemed well organized and had appropriate materials prepared for the presentation.  
Strongly Agree=138  
Agree=8  
Neutral=0  
Disagree=0  
Strongly disagree=0  
NA=0
  
5. I learned practical information that I can use on a daily basis.  
Strongly Agree=115  
Agree=27  
Neutral=4  
Disagree=0

Strongly disagree=0  
NA=0

6. There was ample opportunity for questions to be posed to the presenter(s).

Strongly Agree=137  
Agree=8  
Neutral= 1  
Disagree=0  
Strongly disagree=0  
NA=0

7. The facility was easily accessible and comfortable.

Strongly Agree=129  
Agree=15  
Neutral=2  
Disagree=0  
Strongly disagree=0  
NA=0

8. I am satisfied with the training that was provided.

Strongly Agree=136  
Agree=9  
Neutral=1  
Disagree=0  
Strongly disagree=0  
NA=0

9. I would like additional training/information on this topic.

Strongly Agree=130  
Agree=16  
Neutral=0  
Disagree=0  
Strongly disagree=0  
NA=0

**Comments and suggestion for future topic/speakers:**

- Steve had great information that I think is applicable to everyone. It can help parents in their personal life, not just professionals.
- Excellent information, thanks Steve!
- Great info!
- I've been to other trainings that you've put on and I like this conference room more than the other one. The set up was helpful to see things better
- Thanks
- Learned some new information
- The chairs in here are awesome! Much more comfortable than the other room.

- Treatment of sex offenders
- This was a great presentation
- Gender identity and transgender population: treatment and modalities
- Excellent presenter with very applicable information!
- Once again, thanks for the snacks and free CEU's
- Would like info on personality disorders

**APPENDIX E:  
CAC SATELLITE, MASON CITY, IA**

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## Allen Child Protection Center Mason City Satellite Project

Presentation to: Child Protection Council  
MAY 6, 2017

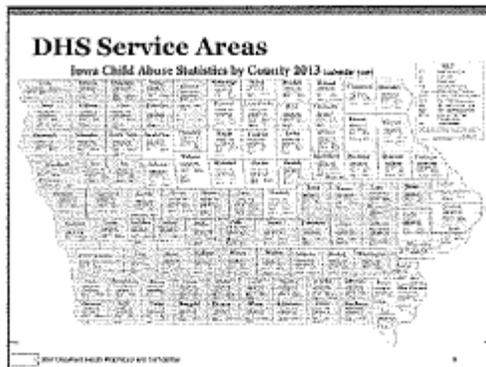
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### Iowa Child Protection/Advocacy Centers

- Six Accredited Centers
  - UnityPoint Health - Allen Hospital, Waterloo
  - UnityPoint Health - Blank Children's Hospital, Des Moines
  - UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's Hospital, Haworth
  - Mississippi Valley Child Protection Center, Muscatine
  - Mercy Child Advocacy Center, Sioux City
  - CHM Protection Response Clinic, Davenport

[www.unitypoint.org/waterloo/child-protection-center](http://www.unitypoint.org/waterloo/child-protection-center)  
[www.nationalchildrensalliance.org](http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org)  
[www.iseeccc.org](http://www.iseeccc.org)  
[www.mvccc.org](http://www.mvccc.org)

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### Growth Assessment

- 2014 Iowa Chapter Of Children's Advocacy Centers (ICAC) completed a state Growth Assessment designed to "assess Iowa's need for child advocacy centers and services."
- Analyzed data from the Department of Human Services, the five accredited Iowa centers at that time, an accredited Center in Nebraska (Project Harmony) and two non-accredited programs (University of Iowa Children's Hospital Child Protection Program and Davenport's Child Protection Response Center).
- Issued key recommendation that children/families be within one hour driving distance to an accredited CAC.
  - Two areas identified as underserved: Southern Iowa and North Central Iowa

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### Community Support

- Past interest in establishing a CAC in Cerro Gordo County
- Creation of Child Abuse Prevention Council (non-profit status) to fundraise and seek support
  - Awarded funds through United Way and others
- 2014 began discussion about establishing a satellite location with Allen CPC as a host and/or creation of stand-alone CAC
  - Funding considerations
  - Accreditation considerations
  - Allen CPC already existing in Service Area
- Began discussion with UnityPoint Health - Allen Hospital

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### Barriers & Opportunities

- Concern with taking away from Allen CPC's resources in Waterloo
  - Already existing staffing needs
  - Sustainability of program
- UnityPoint Health footprint in North Central Iowa
- Partnership for Victim Advocacy needs
  - Crisis Intervention Service
- Finding a location
  - Low renovation budget, easy to find, etc.
  - Equipment/IT needs
  - Partnership with North Iowa Community Action Organization

### Funding Opportunities

- Iowa Department of Public Health
- Children's Justice Act funds
- United Way of North Central Iowa
- Iowa Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers
- Exchange Club of Mason City
- Donations by: Diamond Vogel, Mason City Police Department, Mercy Hospital
- Cerro Gordo County Attorney's Office
- Mason City Rotary
- Most for start-up costs, capital expenses

### Current Set-Up

- Began Services January 18, 2017
- Team of three ACPC staff travel to Satellite on Wednesdays to provide forensic interviews and medical examinations
- Service to 2-4 patients per week
- Families still travel to Waterloo location if specific factors present
  - Emergent cases
  - Young children
  - No Satellite openings for two weeks
- Established Cerro Gordo County Case Review Team in April 2017

### Pictures

Observation Room



Waiting Area



### Pictures

Medical Room



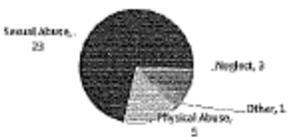
Interview Room



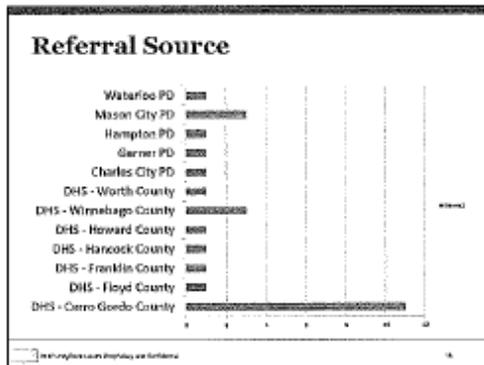
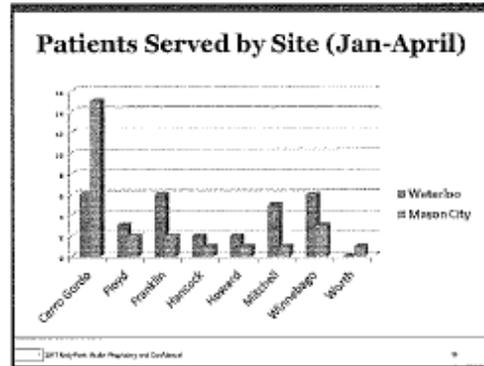
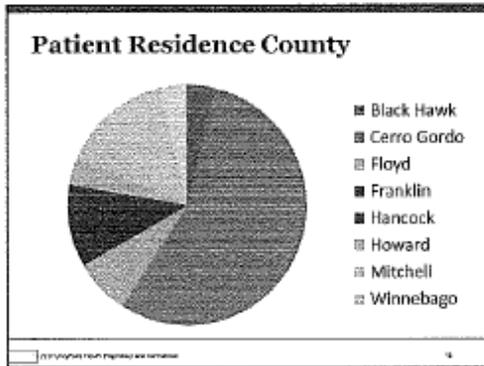
### 2017 Data (January – April)

- 12 service dates
  - 25 patients (age range 3-39 years)
  - 21 medical exams
  - 24 forensic interviews

Abuse Type



Abuse Type	Count
Sexual Abuse	23
Neglect	3
Physical Abuse	5
Other	1



- ### Up Ahead
- Increase time at Satellite
  - Seek funding opportunities for Satellite
  - Identify and train local medical providers as part of ACPC team
  - Satellite Accreditation through National Children's Alliance
  - Opportunities to continue child abuse prevention education and awareness throughout North Iowa Service Area
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