



Communications From Denver Children's Advocacy Center

Welcome to 2016's DCAC electronic newsletter. This is a monthly addition to our communications with you. So many things go on at DCAC on a regular (and not so regular) basis that a monthly electronic update will keep you informed in a current, cost-effective way. We will keep our information brief and up-to-date while reporting on upcoming activities, recaps of past events, introductions to our staff and the roles they each play here and other new and exciting things on the horizon. You will also see information on our work, volunteer opportunities and how we are investing the generous gifts from our donors.

Please send your feedback on our new e-newsletter to info@DenverCAC.org



Many Thanks for Holiday Gifts

The holidays are gone, but not forgotten by the 233 children receiving new toys and gift cards from generous friends of DCAC. Without these gifts, many children we serve, would have little or no Christmas. In addition, a food drive allowed us to give families more than 20 bags of food to help with holiday meals. Brand new children's coats were also a special gift from one donor. We cannot thank each of you enough for this very personal support. Gifts came from BOMA, Imagine Communications,

Norgren Inc, Steve Ellickson with University Hills Modern Dentistry, Asphalt Specialties Co, Mary Justice, Mary Gohr, Issac Quintanar, and Barbara Smith.

Updated Website with New Information



After months of staff work to make [website](#) improvements, including new information, easier navigation and customized graphics, our new website is now operational. We believe that it's new look better captures the spirit of DCAC, our services and campus. It has more information, is easier to use and you will see new sections written in Spanish. Because it is a work in progress, you will see other periodic additions as we continue to keep the site updated.

To keep this site relevant to users, we hope you will visit and provide feedback to us. All those sending thoughts and recommendations to us -- what you like, what we can improve or things to add -- *will be entered in a drawing for a \$20 Starbucks card*. Be sure to send us your feedback by Feb. 29, 2016!

Please send all recommendations to: info@DenverCAC.org

Upcoming Training Opportunities

In February, DCAC Executive Director Gizane Indart, PsyD will present "Childhood Sexuality" entirely in Spanish.

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Mile High United Way, 711 Park Avenue West 80205

Cost: \$65.00

To register, please click the link below.

[Register NOW!](#)

And Announcing:

In March, DCAC Executive Director Gizane Indart, PsyD will present "Problematic Sexualized Behaviors in Children: A Case Application"

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Mile High United Way, 711 Park Avenue West 80205

Cost: \$65.00

Registration will open Jan. 28, 2016!

Staff Corner

In an effort to help you learn more about Denver Children's Advocacy Center and the work we do we will be featuring a staff position each month.



Meet Victim Advocate Raquel Hernandez

Raquel Hernandez came to Denver Children's Advocacy Center in 2007. Prior to that she served as a victim advocate intern with COVA (Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance). Raquel specializes in serving Spanish-speaking families, but also works with all of the families who come to DCAC providing support from the moment they arrive at DCAC until their child's case has been resolved.

Q: What is the role of the Victim Advocate at DCAC?

A: Victim advocates are there for the family from the time they arrive at DCAC until the case is concluded. They provide immediate crisis counseling, ongoing support throughout the criminal investigation, and referrals to

treatment and community resources.

Q: What attracted you to this role?

A: I enjoy helping people, I went into the human services field to work with families. When families are going through this type of experience, they need a lot of support. I find that working with them to make the process less challenging and more understandable is fulfilling.

Q: What do you find most rewarding?

A: Seeing children get the services they need is most rewarding. Because families can fall through the cracks, my role as the VA is a voice for them and all the areas they have to navigate.

Q: What do you find most challenging?

A: All trauma cases are challenging, because each is so different, but it is more difficult to see the cases where there is a parent who is not protecting a child or a parent who does not believe their child when they report abuse.

Q: What have you learned from filling this role over the past eight years?

A: First, I have learned a great deal here. The Management Team has helped me grow personally and professionally. They have assisted me in expanding my experiences and although we work in different areas, everyone is very supportive and we work as a team. Also, not everyone can do this job, you have to be able to leave these images and experiences behind when you go home each day. You will have feelings as you work through each case, but you have to be able to leave those things at work so you can go home and enjoy your family and your life. What really helps is knowing that your work has made a difference.

Are You a Runner? Your Efforts Can Help Support DCAC!

Why not put your running skills to work in support of DCAC and enjoy a super fun activity. Once again, DCAC is partnering with the Colfax Marathon on May 14-15 to raise funds and awareness. You can run a full or half marathon or a 5K. There are three different routes, course entertainment and huge party at the end along with a Health and Fitness expo. Once you register, you will get your own fundraising web site and can ask friends and family to support your efforts, or better yet, get them to join you. It is easy to register just go to www.runcolfax.org and be sure to designate Denver Children's Advocacy Center as your charity partner. Look forward to seeing you on the course.



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