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National Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick-Off Event

We all play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect.



Join us on Tuesday, April 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Colorado State Capitol to kick-off National Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Bring your children, help plant a pinwheel garden at the Capitol and hear from inspirational speakers who embody the belief that we all play a role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. In essence, the pinwheel has come to serve as a physical embodiment, or reminder of the healthy starts we want for all children and has become one of the national symbols for child abuse prevention. Communities across the nation and Colorado are planting pinwheel gardens and wearing blue as a sign of our collective commitment to prioritizing children and families. This event will help kick-off a month of community events and prevention activities throughout Colorado!

Imagine the possibilities of children who are able to follow their dreams!



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and at DCAC, we are investing in early childhood education. DCAC's community outreach mental health initiative is reaching vulnerable families before abuse can damage children's developing brains.

Early intervention helps children succeed and society realizes savings through reduced spending for remedial K-12 education, unemployment, criminal justice, welfare and teen pregnancy. All of us are impacted if children's potential isn't unlocked.

The Piton Foundation, which has supported our early childhood community outreach work since 2015, has offered DCAC and our donors a challenge: if we can raise \$35,000 for National Child Abuse Prevention Month, they will match it with a grant of \$35,000!

Please help us reach this goal and make an investment in children today!

**DONATE NOW**

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**Let's Celebrate Together!**



Do you have an upcoming birthday? Celebrate your special day with DCAC through our newest campaign, Donate to Celebrate! Currently, about 1 in 10 children will be abused before their 18th birthday. At DCAC, we believe birthdays should be a celebration, not a statistic of abuse. By pledging your birthday, you can create a customized fundraiser through CrowdRise to support our community's most fragile children and raise funds for DCAC's programs. Please visit our [Donate to Celebrate webpage](#) to learn more about the campaign, browse current birthday fundraisers, and view a step-by-step guide.

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# Denver Children's Advocacy Center's Young Professional Event

Join us on Wednesday, March 22nd from 5:30 p.m. to  
7:00 p.m. at Renegade Brewing Company!

Enjoy free food and drinks and learn about how to get  
involved with the Denver Children's Advocacy Center.



Join us for a fun evening dedicated to young professionals in the Denver metro area - mingle, network, and learn more about the work we do at DCAC! The event will take place on **Wednesday, March 22nd** at Renegade Brewing Company from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to our generous sponsor, Waddell & Reed, every attendee who RSVPs before the event will receive two drink tickets and one food ticket at no cost! Please feel free to invite your colleagues, coworkers, and friends to learn how to get involved with DCAC and how you can make a difference in the lives of Denver's most vulnerable children.

**When?** Wednesday, March 22nd

**Time?** 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Where?** Renegade Brewing Company - 925 W 9th Avenue Denver, CO

[RSVP NOW](#)

## Young Philanthropist Donates to DCAC's Forensic Interview Program



**In February, Justice celebrated his 8th birthday! Instead of receiving gifts from his friends, he collected stuffed animals for DCAC's forensic interview program. We were so excited to learn that he wanted to support DCAC. When Justice came to our campus to deliver his 20 brand new stuffed animals, we explained to him that his stuffed animals would be given to children who come to DCAC for a forensic interview and that many of these children might not have a lot of toys at home. It is so special to see young donors who want to support other children!**

**Happy belated birthday & thank you again, Justice!**

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**Save the Date - Art from the Heart 2017!**



**Mark your calendars for the evening of Thursday, September 14th!**

**Art from the Heart** is our unique annual fundraiser and will be held again this year at the unique SPACE Gallery in the Santa Fe Art District. **Art from**

the Heart draws attention to the transformative power of art and the art therapy utilized by DCAC in working with traumatized children. This distinctive event will help raise much needed funds for the many programs we provide.

To learn about available sponsorship opportunities, contact Meghan Parman at [MParman@DenverCAC.org](mailto:MParman@DenverCAC.org) or [click here](#).

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### *DCAC's Upcoming Trainings*

DCAC has various upcoming trainings for professionals, community members, and individuals who work with children. Many of the trainings are located in rural Colorado counties and are free of charge to participants. To view a complete list of all of DCAC's upcoming trainings, please [click here](#).

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### DCAC's Problematic Sexual Behavior Program



We are continuing to work with the University of Oklahoma to establish a treatment program for children with problematic sexual abuse behaviors and their families. This program is designed to eliminate problematic sexual behaviors and improve pro-social behaviors and adjustments in children. It is also designed to reduce stress and enhance skills in parents and other caregivers.

For more information about treatment for problematic sexual behavior in youth, please contact:

Gizane Indart, PsyD. at [Gizane@DenverCAC.org](mailto:Gizane@DenverCAC.org) or (303) 996-8580.

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# Staff Corner

## Meet new Office Manager & Program Assistant, Anna!

Anna joined DCAC's team in 2017 after four years working in the finance industry. In 2014, Anna received her bachelor's degree in Journalism and Public Relations from the University of Northern Colorado. During her time at UNC, Anna committed her time to serving her community by volunteering and organizing fundraising events for Habitat for Humanity, Weld County Food Bank and United Way. Anna is excited to combine her skills with her passion for the Denver community at DCAC.



*Q: What is your role at DCAC?*

A: I'm kind of everywhere all at once! I do everything from replacing light bulbs to cutting checks for bills to helping with donor support. I'm also learning the training administration side of things, too. My days go by in a flash.

*Q: What do you find most rewarding?*

A: There's something really sweet about knowing the little things I do every day, no matter how mundane they may seem on the surface, add up to help make DCAC run smoothly. Because I do what I do, the therapists and the interviewers can do their jobs and help kiddos-which really, at the end of the day, is the whole point!

*Q: What do you find most challenging?*

A: Even though my work isn't directly with the kids and their families, I'm still privy to a lot of emotionally heavy material. The hardest part about this job so far has been to not bring the emotions of work home, and learning how to process those emotions in a healthy way.

*Q: If you had a superpower, what would it be and why?*

A: Without a doubt, I would want to be able to heal people. I mean, Jesus did it, which was awesome. It would be so cool to walk up to someone with an incurable illness and just BAM! - illness gone.

*Q: What do you love to do when you are not working?*

A: I practice yoga nearly every day. I also am in committed relationships with Netflix and the library. Living in Denver has been awesome because I adore trying new restaurants and breweries, and there's always some new place opening up!

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