



# MDT Quarterly

## A Good Year

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Looking in the rearview mirror, it turns out that 2013 was a pretty good year for CAMI. While we've yet to escape the shackles that seemingly bind us to our work...we haven't cured that accursed disease *Child Abuse*...we still have accomplished much to combat it.

We started off the year in exciting fashion, kicking off the first of five Forensic Interviewer trainings here in Oregon. Now, with five formal Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Trainings under wraps, we're really excited by everything we've learned, all the feedback that participants provided, and what we're planning for improvements in 2014. Stay tuned for more information for the next round of OCFIT opportunities.

Later in the Spring, we saw multitudes of partners converge on Salem and rally around victim services funding during the Legislative Session. This was exciting for CAMI, culminating in CAMI's first increase in funding in over four years. With the 2013 increase, we were able to restore every MDT's funding from where it was cut in 2009, and even increase it a little!

We saw some big changes in leadership and management among Child Abuse Intervention Centers across Oregon, including welcoming the Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay as our newest center.

Good blocks on which to build! And may we all have a safe and productive 2014.

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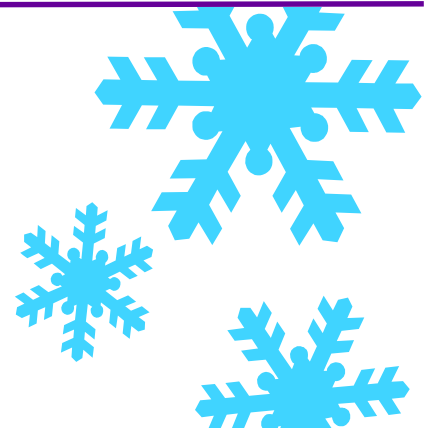
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# Resources to Improve the Investigation, Prosecution, and Judicial Handling of Child Abuse

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Oregon's Children's Justice Act Task Force Subcommittee (CJA) administers a competitive grant program designed to promote innovative ideas, implement new programs, and support training for multidisciplinary child abuse intervention professionals across the state. The CJA Task Force operates



as a subcommittee to DHS's Child Welfare Advisory Committee. The group meets monthly to review proposals, evaluate funded projects, and conduct research to establish program needs and priorities for child abuse response and child safety.

Recently funded projects include implementation of Oregon's new Child Fatality Review data system including funding for a staff person to help train fatality review teams in the field; development of a Karly's Law training video; a grant to Youth, Rights and Justice to develop a training to combat bias in the child welfare process, and a grant to Portland State University's Child Welfare

Partnership to upgrade the Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training.

Among other projects currently being considered, the CJA Subcommittee is reviewing two different proposals to develop programs about Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC).

For more information, or if you have ideas you'd like the CJA Subcommittee to consider, go to:

<http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/children/pages/committees/cja/cja.aspx>.

## Spotlight on: The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers

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The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers, or The Network, is the centralized organization pulling together and supporting Child Abuse Intervention Centers (CAICs) throughout Oregon. The Network focuses on collaboration, building relationships among the centers so that children in every community can receive comprehensive child abuse intervention services. The Network is an accredited State Chapter of the National Children's Alliance, bringing NCA support to Oregon's centers and partnering not only with local providers but also with regional and national programs to promote best practices and improve services for abuse victims and their families.

2013 was a good year for the Oregon Network, which is good for everyone involved in child abuse intervention. The Network partnered with the DOJ's Crime Victims' Services Division to develop and facilitate two very important training programs including the Oregon Child Forensic Interview Training (OCFIT), and the soon-to-be-released Karly's Law training video. To support these efforts, The Network applied for and received multiple grants, including two grants from the Children's Justice Act Subcommittee (CJA) of the Child Welfare Advisory Committee. The Network also received CJA funding to support the 2012 updates to the Oregon Interview Guidelines. Without Network facilitation and CJA

funding, these projects would not be happening.

In 2014, Shelly Smith and Tina Morgan, members from The Network, along with Oregon Representative Sara Gelser and CAMI Coordinator Mike Maryanov, will travel to Washington, D.C. to deliver a Karly's Law training at the National Children's Alliance's Annual Leadership Conference (see Persistence, Page 3). National recognition aside, the Oregon Network is already busy working on updates to the OCFIT including building a new relationship with Portland State University's Child Welfare Partnership, and preparing a training for new CAIC directors. Much thanks to the Oregon Network for all this great work!

## Boardman Kiwanis and Morrow County MDT Join Together to Make Blankets for Children

Two Morrow County groups banded together as a holiday project to keep at-risk children warm. On December 9 and 10, members of the Boardman Kiwanis and the Morrow County Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) worked together to make 16 blankets for children involved with the Department of Human Services (DHS). The blankets will be donated to DHS so they can be given to children who have been taken into DHS care.

Justin Nelson, the elected Morrow County District Attorney had this to say about the event,

*"During one of our monthly Morrow County MDT meetings we discussed how many of the children in*

*DHS care enjoyed the blankets that have been made for them. We wanted to make sure that DHS had an adequate supply of blankets to provide to children in their care, so we contacted the Boardman Kiwanis to see if they could assist us in providing blankets. The Boardman Kiwanis group has a long history of public service to Morrow County. As a joint venture we were able to make a total of 16 blankets over a two night period. I want to thank the following individuals for helping us make the blankets: Mickie Ebert, Deona Siex, Jim and Margie Hollandsworth, Karen Dike, Carolyn Carter, Cindy Isham, Cheryl Taylor, Miranda Taylor, and Jane Pope. Because of this hard work,*

*there will be a continued supply of blankets."*

This is a great event for kids in Morrow County, and a great community collaboration too!



Members working on blankets. Left to right: Margie Hollandsworth, Justin Nelson, and Mickie Ebert.

## Persistence Pays Off: Time to talk Karly's Law

After two years of submitting proposals to speak at the National Children's Alliances Annual Leadership Conference, the Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers application was awarded. The Network will deliver a substantive overview of Karly's Law, Oregon's physical abuse response law governing specialized medical response when physical abuse is concerned. The presentation will summarize legal requirements, difficulties with im-

plementation, outcomes since implementation, and the recent project to create a video training for MDTs to use when new partners join, to share with community medical providers, and as a basic refresher for anyone involved in child abuse intervention.

The NCA leadership conference takes place in June. Presenters include Oregon State Representative Sara Gelser, who sponsored Karly's Law in the 2007-2009 Legislative

Session, Network President and KIDS Center director Shelly Smith, Network liaison and former Kids FIRST Center director Tina Morgan, and CAMI Grant Coordinator Mike Maryanov.

Congratulations to the Oregon Network. The NCA's call for papers process is highly competitive; this is an exciting opportunity to promote the good work happening in Oregon in the continual effort to fight abuse and keep kids safe.

# 15th Annual Child Abuse & Family Violence SUMMIT, *The Power of One in Collaboration with Others*

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The 15th annual Child Abuse & Family Summit this year is taking place from April 22–25, 2014 at the Red Lion Hotel on the River in Portland, Oregon. This 3 ½ day multidisciplinary conference again highlights an expansive list of presenters (57) in 7 different tracks (Law Enforcement/Investigations, Medical, Interviewing, Treatment, Law, Family Violence, Computer Crimes), as well as 2 computer labs and over 100 sessions.

The Summit is hosted by Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Child Abuse Team. The Summit's goal is to educate professionals on the complex issues associated with child abuse and family violence, to broaden each professional's knowledge base in multiple areas, and to increase understanding of the other agencies' roles and responsibilities with the latest research and promising practices.

Registration is limited. Early reg-

istration is strongly encouraged. Fee includes all workshops, continental breakfast each day, refreshment breaks & one conference notebook and USB thumb drive.

For more information, registration fees, and to register on-line go to

[www.childabusesummit.com](http://www.childabusesummit.com).

Also feel free to contact Conference Coordinator Julie Collinson at [jcollinson@co.clackamas.or.us](mailto:jcollinson@co.clackamas.or.us) or 503-557-5827.

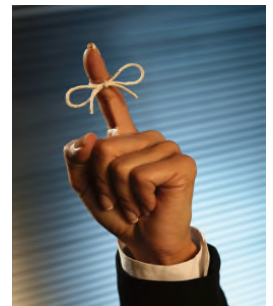
## REGISTRATION FEES

- ◆ **\$375/group of 5** from same agency (postmarked or registered online by **March 21, 2014**)
- ◆ **\$395** for **early** individual registration (postmarked or registered online by **February 28, 2014**)
- ◆ **\$450** for **regular** individual registration (postmarked or registered online between **March 1 or – March 28, 2014**)
- ◆ **\$495** for **late** individual registration (postmarked or registered online between **March 29-April 18, 2014**)
- ◆ **\$195** for **individual** one-day registration (postmarked or registered online by **April 18, 2014**)

## Save the Date!

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DOJ plans to convene MDT Day again this year. We are looking at April 21, 2014, again as a pre-conference event to the Summit. Look for more information about MDT Day on the MDT Members list serve. We also will keep your MDT Chairs and Coordinators apprised of any details as they emerge.



## Story Ideas & Feedback

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## New Fatality Review Data System

In early January, Child Fatality Review teams heard from the Oregon Health Authority and State Child Fatality Review Team. After months of review, vetting, testing, and enhancing, Oregon is ready to implement the new National Child Death Review system. This is an online database that will allow each community to track and analyze its data over time. The system is dynamic, walking review teams through an inquiry that narrows according to the details of the case. Furthermore, local teams can get assistance from the OHA because OHA can enter data into local records. In other words, when a reviewable fatality occurs in Marion County, (or any/every county), the Health Authority will enter key infor-

mation into that county's record. In some cases, the OHA can begin the review form even before the local team logs into the system. This is an exciting addition to the review process!



The National Center for the Review and Prevention of Child Deaths, which developed and manages the system, said, "Child Death Review (CDR) leads to a better understanding of how and

why children die and catalyzes actions to prevent other deaths. The National Center for the Review and Prevention of Child Deaths, in collaboration with state CDR programs, developed and manages this web-based reporting system. Users of this system can enter CDR case review data so that their findings can be tabulated at the local, state and national level. Findings from these reviews guide program, service and policy efforts to keep children safe, healthy and alive."

In the coming months, the State Fatality Review Team will provide local technical assistance, possibly including visiting teams during fatality review meetings.