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2014 OCFIT Wrap-Up

Thanks to the hard work of the Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers, Portland State University's Child Welfare Partnership, the Regional Service Providers and the OCFIT Forensic Interviewer train-

ers, the OCFIT had another successful year.

To date, 232 professionals have received the training! The positive evaluations and 100% passage rate of attendees speaks to the quality of the curriculum and the skill and expertise of those delivering the training. While these results are outstanding, there is still work to be done. The RSP forensic interviewers will review the year's trainings

and curriculum and formulate recommendations for improvements. CAMI and the Network are reviewing feedback from attendees, faculty, staff and partners and are developing a plan for how we can best use our resources to continue and improve the training.

We are very fortunate to have a forensic interviewer training here in Oregon. Providing this

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What is OCFIT?

OCFIT is the Oregon Child Forensic Interviewer Training. The training is one of only a handful of trainings recognized by the National Children's Alliance (NCA), the national organization for Child Abuse Intervention Centers. The training is

based on the *Oregon Interviewing Guidelines*. It is an introduction level training. It focuses on interviews conducted at Child Abuse Intervention Centers (CAICs), but it is intended for everyone who interviews child victims of abuse: CAIC

staff, law enforcement officers and DHS Child Welfare workers who conduct child forensic interviews at CAICs or elsewhere. Ideally, everyone who may talk to kids about abuse would have completed this training.



CAMI Regional Service Providers

CARES Northwest

Serving: Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Hood River, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington & Yamhill Counties

Children's Advocacy Center of Jackson County

Serving: Curry, Jackson & Josephine Counties

KIDS Center

Serving: Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake & Malheur Counties

Kids FIRST Center

Serving: Coos, Douglas & Lane Counties

Mt. Emily Safe Center

Serving: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa & Wheeler Counties

What You Need to Know about Karly's Law Training Video Update

Over 1000 individuals have completed Karly's Law training! Those who have completed the training include school professionals, district attorneys, CASA staff and volunteers, mental health and medical providers, advocates, CAIC staff, DHS Child Welfare workers and law enforcement officers. To date, over half the individuals who have completed the training are law enforcement officers. Kudos to you for completing the training so promptly! If you have not yet completed the

training, it's not too late! The training takes approximately 30 minutes and is available at <http://www.childabuseintervention.org/karlyslaw/>.

All CAMI MDT members will be required to have completed the training as a condition of eligibility for CAMI MDT grant funding in 2015-17. That means that all those named as MDT members in the grant application must have completed the training by the application deadline. Of course, our

goal is for every person in Oregon who has contact with children to understand the basic principles of Karly's Law. We encourage MDT members to promote the video to their agencies and to their community partners.

What You Need to Know about Karly's Law was made possible through funding from the Children's Justice Act Task Force Subcommittee of the Oregon Child Welfare Advisory Committee.

Reminders

MDT Protocols

Your protocols are a tool for communicating among MDT partner agencies the roles, responsibilities and procedures for child abuse intervention in your county. When was the last time your MDT reviewed and updated your protocols? MDT protocols should

be updated anytime there is a statutory or system change that affects child abuse intervention. Protocols must be reviewed a minimum of once every two years to comply with CAMI grant requirements. Please be sure that your MDT sets aside time to review

your protocols, make any necessary changes, and ensure that they are the best resource they can be. If you would like information or assistance updating your protocols, please contact us. We would be happy to help in any way we can!

Have you had staff or MDT member changes?

You must update E-Grants whenever you have staff or MDT member changes. We rely on this information being current when we need to contact you. Please review your E-Grants

information. If it is not current, make updates as soon as possible! If you don't know how, please contact us and we will help you with the process.

Child Fatality Reporting System

Thank you all for registering for the National Child Death Review Reporting System (CDRCRS). Using this system is mandatory for CAMI grantees as of 1/1/2014. All child fatality reviews must be up to date before the deadline for the 2015-17

CAMI grant applications. CAMI staff are currently checking in with county Child Fatality Review Coordinators regarding status of outstanding reports. With the new CDRCRS you should receive notification from the Oregon Health Authority anytime there is a child fa-



tality in your county. If you have had a fatality in your county in 2014 but you have not received a notice, or if you have any other questions or concerns about the new system, please contact us.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Training is so important for us! It keeps us up to date on current research and practices related to child abuse intervention. It provides us an opportunity to meet others in our communities and across the state and the country doing intervention work. We network, we compare approaches and experiences, we offer and seek support. Training is also a great way to reinvigorate our approach to this work. It is a break from the quotidian. Regretfully, training is often one of the first budget items to be cut when resources are scarce. Below are some excellent training opportunities that I hope that you can participate in.

Health Disparities for Communities of Color: Addressing Barriers to Care

Monday, October 6, 2014 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM

[Register HERE!](#)

The Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (OCADSV) is pleased to partner with the Office of Equity & Inclusion to host a webinar on Health Disparities for Communities of Color: Addressing Barriers to Care. The featured presenters include Carol Cheney, Equity Manager at the Office of Equity & Inclusion and Choya Adkison-Stevens, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator at OCADSV.

As domestic violence and sexual assault advocates partner more with health care providers under Oregon health care transformation in serving survivors, advocates and their programs can play a critical role in helping to dismantle barriers that contribute to the many health disparities that communities of color in Oregon face. Please join us for this webinar as we learn more about these health disparities and their effect on the people we serve.

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Safer Futures
Improving the health and safety of families



Oregon Coalition
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

2014 Rural Institute on Child Abuse

Mt. Emily Safe Center Rural Institute on Child Abuse, Monday October 20, 2014

The rural institute will be on Monday October 20, 2014. This is our day-long conference. Click on the hyperlinks below for Conference & Registration Information.

[2014 Rural Institute on Child Abuse Conference REGISTRATION](#)



Register Now for A Clinical Response to Child Abuse Conference!

This year's focus will be on **Children Exposed to Domestic Violence**, looking specifically at the following topics:

The Impact of DV Exposure on Children, Polyvictimization & Children's Exposure to Violence,
Working with DV Survivors & Assessing for Lethality Indicators, Assessment of Children
Who Have Been Exposed to Violence

Training Date & Time: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 from 8:30 am—4:30 pm

Location: Legacy Emanuel Medical Center – Lorenzen Center Auditorium

Cost: This training is free of charge and funded by the Department of Justice CAMI grant.

Target Audience: Priority will be given to professionals from our 14-county region associated with county multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs) and/or child abuse intervention centers (CACs). Space is limited to 120 attendees. Professionals from MDTs and CACs outside our region are welcome to register & will be confirmed as space permits.

To apply for this training: [Please provide the requested information HERE!](#)

NOTE: *You are not registered to attend this training until you have received an email confirmation.*

Please contact Shannon Campbell at sjcampbe@lhs.org with any questions you might have. Thank you!



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Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel



The mission of the Crime Victims' Services Division (CVSD) is to reduce the impact of crime on victims' lives by supporting statewide victim services programs, promoting victims' rights, and providing victims access to information and resources in a compassionate, responsive, and dedicated manner.

We want to hear from you!

Do you have a great story idea? Want to write an article? Have feedback on articles? CAMI questions?

Contact us at:

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Visit the CAMI webpage!

<http://www.doj.state.or.us/victims/pages/cami.aspx>

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training locally significantly reduces expenses and staffing burdens on agencies whose employees are required to attend forensic interviewer training. It also means that the training is specific to Oregon's laws and practices. Turnover among MDT members, DHS Child Welfare workers and law enforcement officers means that there is an ongoing need for training. Multiple trainings at different times throughout the year are necessary to ensure that those who must meet National Children's Alliance (NCA) standards or CAMI requirements can do so

without waiting a year or more. We anticipate, based on other states' experience, that turnover will necessitate 2-3 trainings per year.

This is a truly collaborative effort. Without the contributions of time and talent of all of the partners, this training would not exist. This endeavor also requires funding. Grants from the Children's Justice Act Task Force Subcommittee of the Oregon Child Welfare Advisory Committee and the Western Re-

gional Children's Advocacy Center as well as assistance from the Regional Service Providers and CAMI fund provided the

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capacity necessary to make three trainings (in Salem, Eugene and Bend) possible this year. Establishing ongoing funding for this project is a priority. This training must be sustainable!