

CAPSTONE NEWS



Panhandle Child Advocacy Center Newsletter

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We Have Updated Our Mission

Our Mission: To reduce trauma and promote healing for child abuse victims and their families in a safe, child friendly environment where children can be heard and supported.

Our Vision: Justice and healing for all child abuse victims and their families.

What We Do

CAPstone offers a child friendly and family-oriented center for victimized children.

Our goals are to reduce the trauma suffered by a child during an investigation; to increase successful prosecution of child abusers; and to assume a proactive approach to child abuse prevention through education, training, and networking.

The Center features state-of-the-art video and audio equipment to ensure quality recording of interviews .

"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world."

-Robin Williams



Our Facility

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Pictures from National Night Out



Upcoming Trainings

- ◆ 8/5, 5PM
National Night Out
Location: Scottsbluff downtown
- ◆ 8/13, 12-2PM
Providing Medical Services to
Child Abuse Victims on the
Reservation with Raquel Vargas-
Whale MD
Location: CAPstone Webinar
- ◆ 8/14, 12– 2PM
Understanding Perpetrators of
Sexual Crimes Against Children
Part II with Kenneth Lanning
Location: CAPstone Webinar
- ◆ 8/28, 12-2PM
Helping Non-offending Parents in
Child Sexual Abuse Cases with Jeff
Wherry, PhD
Location: CAPstone Webinar
- ◆ 9/4, 7AM
Light of Hope Breakfast
Location: Hampton Inn
- ◆ 9/10, 12-2PM
The Forensic Interviewer as a
Defense Expert with NDAA
Location: CAPstone Webinar
- ◆ 9/11, 12-2PM
The Front Line Worker: Child
Abuse and Injury Reconstruction
with Jim Holler
Location: CAPstone Webinar

**For more information or to register
for any of these trainings, please
contact CAPstone.**

National Children's Alliance Accreditation Standards



CAPstone is an accredited member of the National Children's Alliance. In 2015 we will be up for reaccreditation. Each newsletter will feature one of the ten accreditation standards in order to promote learning and to inform you of what your Child Advocacy Center is doing to meet them.

Cultural Competency and Diversity Standard

Culturally competent services are routinely made available to all Child Advocacy Center clients and coordinated with the multidisciplinary team response.

Essential Components:

The CAC has developed a cultural competency plan that includes community assessment, goals and strategies.

CAPstone has a Cultural Competency Policy, plan, timeline, and community assessment. This plan promotes culturally competent behaviors and services. Scotts Bluff County demographics indicate a population that is 47% male and 52% female; 75% of the population is considered white, 22% Hispanic, and 3% of the population Native American. The cultural competency plan, policy and timeline are reviewed on an annual basis.

The CAC must ensure that provisions are made for non-English speaking and deaf or hard of hearing children and their non-offending family members throughout the investigative process.

Provisions are made for the deaf or hard of hearing children and their non-offending caregivers throughout the investigative process. CAPstone has a contract with a certified sign language interpreter that can be used during the forensic interview and throughout the life of the case. For children or families that are non-English speaking CAPstone uses the resources available to the Nebraska State Patrol, when in need of a translator the NSP has made available the use of their translators. CAPstone does not utilize bilingual family members. Printed information and forms are available at CAPstone in Spanish.

Ten Standards

- ♦ Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)
- ♦ Cultural Competency and Diversity
- ♦ Forensic Interview
- ♦ Victim Support and Advocacy
- ♦ Medical Evaluation
- ♦ Mental Health
- ♦ Case Review
- ♦ Case Tracking
- ♦ Organizational Capacity
- ♦ Child Focused Setting





National Children's Alliance Accreditation Standards Continued...

The CAC and MDT members ensure that all services provided in a manner that addresses cultural and development throughout the investigation, intervention, and case management process.

MDT members are made continually aware of the cultural differences and need throughout the case. Because MDT members themselves are representative of diverse culture, alternative viewpoints are available throughout the case review process, ensuring culturally appropriate services. There are some decorations and toys at the center that reflect the diversity in the community. Our MDT members represent diverse cultures as well and come from various religions and socioeconomic statuses, and sexual orientations.

The CAC engages in community outreach with underserved populations

CAPstone provides outreach and education to all organizations and groups in the area. Special efforts are made to target outreach to the Latino and Native American communities, through our relationship with person in those communities and through various activities and events. CAPstone is always striving to have a Board of Directors that is diverse and represents our community's demographics. The Board represents different agencies in our community.

The CAC actively recruits staff, volunteers, and board members that reflect the demographics of the community.

CAPstone strives to maintain training and education of staff, volunteers, and board members to insure cultural sensitivity, appropriate responses and practices throughout the investigative process, case review, and referral process. If there is an opening on the Board, we make persons in different agencies and communities aware of the opening. Currently in order to be sensitive to the outlying communities we have two Board members from the Chadron area, two from Alliance, and two from the Sidney area.



Round of Applause!

CAPstone would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the recent Donors. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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We have moved!

Our Chadron Satellite office is now located at 1033 E. 3rd Street Chadron, NE 69337 in the same building as the Department of Health and Human Services. Pictures will be coming soon!