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CAPstone

Capstone opened its doors January 2000, it was staffed with a part time director and the center was used only by Law Enforcement and CPS workers. In August 2004 a new full time director was hired. Then Capstone received it's accreditation in 2005. In October 2005 a full time child advocate was hired and April 2007 a administrative assistant was hired. Since then we have gone full speed ahead.

In each issue of the Voice we will be spot lighting the area of the accreditation.

CAPstone has been working on satellite interview offices in Alliance, Sidney and Chadron. Offices in Alliance and Chadron will be up and running soon. We have yet to find a place in Sidney. Satellite offices should be up and running by the end of the year.



CAPstone's New Director



Community leader Joy McKay says she's excited about the

new change in her life, director of the Capstone Advocacy Center.

McKay, who's been in banking for 12 years, including eight and a half in Scottsbluff with First National Bank, says she's returning to what she trained for in college.

McKay has degrees in criminal justice and social services.. Before her banking career, McKay served as a juvenile probation officer and a director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

McKay, begin her new duties on July 21, 2008.

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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Accreditation Standard 1

Standard 1: Child-appropriate/child friendly facility: a CAC provides a comfortable, private, child friendly setting that is both physically and psychologically safe for diverse populations of children and their families.

Provide a description of your CAC, detailing how the facility meets the child-appropriate/child friendly facility standard. You should provide a separate answer for each of the standard's criteria and clearly label each.

Criterion A: The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is designed to provide complete separation of victims and alleged offenders to the maximum extent possible.

Criterion B: Facility allows for interviews to be observed by team members while interview is taking place.

Criterion C: CAC is maintained in a manner, which is physically safe

a manner, which is physically safe and "child-proof" for children of all ages.

Criterion D: Children and families can be observed or supervised by staff/volunteers/team members at all times.

Criterion E: Separate and private areas are available for case consultation and discussion, meetings with family members, and waiting areas.

Criterion F: CAC provides access to materials and toys that reflect the needs and interests of the diverse population of children served.

Criterion G: The CAC setting reflects the social, cultural, and ethnic make up of the community served.

Criterion H: The location of the CAC is convenient to clients and team members to the maximum extent possible.

Criterion I: The CAC makes reasonable accommodations to make the facility physically accessible for children and their families.

Number's Matter

From
January - July
2008
CAPstone
has done
127
Interviews

Jason Vesper Memorial Golf Classic
Riverview Golf Course
Saturday, August 23, 2008

For More Information

Contact: Jon Vesper

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Part of the proceeds will be donated to
CAPstone

Upcoming Events and Trainings

Three day training conference designed to provide instruction, information, and assistance in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and victim assistance in child enticement, child pornography and child sexual assault cases.

United States Attorney's Office

5th Annual Protect Our Children Conference

September 10-12, 2008

In Omaha, Nebraska

Contact: Nebraska LECC

Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Conference
will be September 23 and 24, 2008 at the
Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Kearney,
NE.

Information 402-476-7226 or
www.nebraskachildren.org

September 8 & 9, 2008

North Platte Community College

Unspoken Crimes: A Community Response To
Sexual Assault in Nebraska.

The conference will cover Sexual Assault
Dynamics and the Role of the Advocate, Sexual
Assault Investigation, Interviewing Techniques,
and Role of Prosecution, Sex Assault Exams,
Pre-Sentence Investigation, Functions of the
Attorney General's Office and Case Study.

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A new round of SANE Training will begin on
September 29, 2008 thru October 4, 2008 from
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Memorial Health Center in
Sidney, NE. If you are interested or know
someone who is please contact Memorial Health
Center at 308-254-5825.