



YORK COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



Domestic violence has traditionally been looked at in regards to the impact on the adult victim and the abuser. More recent research, has begun to look more fully at the effect of domestic violence (DV) on the family unit. Children are often used by abusers to control and manipulate victims, children in homes with DV are more likely to experience other forms of abuse and children exposed to DV are at a higher risk for numerous mental and physical health concerns than their peers.

[Read more about the effects of exposure to Domestic Violence in children.](#)

At the CAC, we have been working with the District Attorney's Office and the Office of Children, Youth and Families to provide forensic interviews to children who have witnessed severe domestic violence. We recognize that these children have experienced trauma and deserve the same trauma-informed care we offer to other victims of child abuse.

SAVE THE DATE

The 4th Annual Charity Wine Dinner will be held April 17th, 2020 at Wyndridge Farm. Click on the picture below for information about sponsorship opportunities.



PA Family Support Alliance Child Abuse Prevention Symposium

We were excited to send five members of the CAC staff to an excellent training hosted by the PA Family Support Alliance. Staff attended seminars on a variety of child abuse topics and ended the day with a closing message from PA State Attorney General, Josh Shapiro.

This training happened to coincide with the official resignation of PA Senator Mike Folmer who was charged with possessing child pornography the day before ([Read more here](#)). AG Shapiro reiterated that no one is above the law when it comes to protecting child abuse victims and provided encouragement to those in the field that advocate for our most vulnerable on a daily basis.



Multidisciplinary Investigative Team Training:

Several members of the MDIT had the opportunity to attend the Children with Problematic Sexual Behavior: Current Findings and Implications for Community Response and Treatment Training, sponsored by Northeast Regional CAC in September. Team members travelled to Rhode Island to learn more about youth with problematic sexual behavior and how we can better respond as a MDIT.

Pictured above from left to right: Amber Wagman (Turning Point), Kim Hine (CAC), Betty Markle (CAC), Erin Kraska (DA's Office) and Ashley Rohrbaugh (CYF).



Look Who's Been Working Their Tail Off...

Kim Rice-Davis is a caseworker with York County Office of Children, Youth and Families. Kim was nominated for the care and dedication she demonstrated during the investigation of the tragic death of a 5 year old boy in York County. The case had an emotional toll on the family as well as the professionals involved.

Despite the emotional toll, Kim listened to the interviews, took the other children involved to get something to eat, and then worked late into the evening to make sure the kids were in a safe environment for the evening. Kim was also

instrumental in keeping the family and law enforcement in communication since Kim had developed a good working relationship with the family.

More about Kim:

Where are you from?

I'm from Baltimore, MD

What would someone be surprised to know about you?

Someone would be surprised to know that I'm a dedicated Poker player also that I'm allergic to all fruit. I do sometimes sneak and eat it if I have a Benadryl on hand. Shhh I would never admit that to my doctor though.

What is your favorite snack?

Favorite snack is chocolate although I don't need it!

How long have you worked in child protective services?

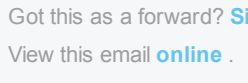
I've been with the agency since June 2018

What do you like most about working with the investigative team?

What I like most about working with the investigative team is being able to be there as a support for children from the beginning stages of their traumatic experiences and establishing a trusting relationships between the families and all the agencies that are involved. I enjoy being able to help the other professionals I work with, so that everyone is not working so hard wearing all the hats. I enjoy just being able to help.



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