



September 2017

## ***MANDATED REPORTER TRAININGS***

Advocacy Network for Children provides mandated reporter trainings at no charge for individuals directly involved with children. Mandated Reporters include medical personnel, school personnel, social service/mental health personnel, law enforcement personnel, coroner/medical examiner personnel, child care personnel, and members of the clergy.

Mandated Reporters are required to report suspected child maltreatment immediately when there is "reasonable cause to believe" that a child known to them in their professional or official capacity may be abused or neglected. Mandated Reporters are required by law to report to one of the following: Department of Children and Family Services, local police department or sheriff's department.

Please call the Advocacy Network for Children at 217-223-2272 if you would like more information or to schedule a training. Training can be scheduled in Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, Pike, McDonough, Morgan, Schuyler or Scott County.

## ***WELCOME***

We would like to welcome Susan Tode as our new MDT Coordinator. Susan started with the agency on August 21st and will assist our Children's Advocacy Center Coordinators in our nine county area. Susan comes to the agency with many years of experience advocating for customers and clients.

***"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."***

— Unknown

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **September**

- 04 Office closed
- 11 Evening In-Service - Quincy
- 12 Brown Bag Lunch - Macomb
- 14 Noon-Networking - Quincy

#### **October**

- 09 Office closed
- 10 Brown Bag Lunch - Macomb
- 12 Noon-Networking - Quincy

We currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Happy Bear Presentations
- Fundraising
- Mailings

If you would like to help, please contact our office at 217-223-2272.

Our agency could not continue its mission of advocating for children without your help. You can help by:

- Monetary Donation
- Endowment Fund Donation
- Office Supply Donation

## ***DON'T FORGET TO EAT AT NUCCI'S***

Nucci's Pasta House in Pittsfield is donating money to support the Pike County Children's Advocacy Center. Every **Wednesday** from June 14th to September 13th, 10% of Nucci's total sales for the day will be donated. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, lunch, dinner or cocktail and know that you will be helping abused children in the Pittsfield area.

## ***TIME TO WRAP***

We will be gift wrapping at the Quincy Mall the week of December 11th through the 17th. We are looking for volunteers to work two-hour shifts. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this fundraising event to support our agency, please call Diane at the office. Groups or clubs are more than welcome.



## ***LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS***

It's not too late to join our fundraising dinner committee. The dinner will be held in March 2018 and is the agency's main fundraising event of the year. If you would like to join this fun group of volunteers, please call Diane at the office.

## ***THANK YOU***

The agency was awarded a \$3,130.39 grant through the Community Foundation Serving West Central Illinois & Northeast Missouri. Funding was made possible by a grant from the Brown County Endowment Fund and the Community Endowment Fund and will be used for the agency's Prevention Program. Pictured are Community Foundation Board Secretary, Lydia Ahrens, presenting the check to Diane Pieper, Executive Assistant.



A \$5,000.00 grant from the J.W. Gardner II Foundation was awarded to the agency and will be used to purchase new furnishings and toys for our Adams County Children's Advocacy Center's child & family waiting room and play area.

Your support of our agency is truly appreciated!

## ***GOVERNOR SIGNS LAW REMOVING SEX CRIME STATUTES OF LIMITATION***

On August 11th, Governor Bruce Rauner signed legislation that removed the statutes of limitation for sexual abuse crimes. Statutes of limitations restrict the time when authorities can charge someone after a crime occurs. Senate Bill 189 removes those limitations for felony criminal sexual abuse and sex crimes against children. Under previous law, victims had to report crimes within 20 years after they turned 18. The legislation goes into effect immediately.



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