



March 2019

### ***TIME FOR TIP-OFF***

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our “March Madness” fundraising dinner tomorrow night (March 1st). The response has been overwhelming and we couldn’t be more excited.

A quick shout-out to our fundraising dinner committee, dinner sponsors, everyone who donated an item for the auction or who made a monetary donation. Together, we can’t lose!

Stay tuned to next month’s newsletter for a total recap and pictures!



***DID YOU KNOW:*** Since opening its doors in 1990, Advocacy Network for Children has served over 5,000 child victims of abuse and neglect through our Children’s Advocacy Center Programs and has been a voice for hundreds of children through our CASA Programs.

Our services and programs continue to expand in order to serve the most vulnerable members of our community, the children. One thing will never change, however, and that is our dedication and commitment in protecting these children.

***STAY TUNED:*** April is National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Stay tuned for upcoming agency events!

***Wishing everyone a happy and safe St. Patrick’s Day!***



#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

##### **March**

- 01 Fundraising Dinner - Quincy
- 14 Noon Networking - Quincy office

##### **April**

- 11 Noon Networking - Quincy office
- 19 Office closed

We currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Happy Bear Presentations
- CASA Volunteers
- 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

## ***CHILD ABUSE VS. CHILD NEGLECT***

Child neglect is failure of a caregiver to provide a child their basic needs. Neglect can be:

- Physical (failure to provide food, shelter, supervision, etc.)
- Medical (failure to provide necessary health or mental health treatment)
- Emotional (failure to provide adequate support for a child's emotional needs)

Child abuse covers many areas and can include:

- Physical abuse (including any non-accidental physical injury)
- Sexual abuse (including activities by a parent or caregiver such as fondling a child's genitals, penetration, incest, rape, sodomy, indecent exposure, and exploitation through prostitution or the production of pornographic materials)
- Emotional abuse (terrorizing, rejecting, isolating, ignoring, corrupting, etc., a child)
- There are many other types of child abuse that will be categorized differently based on the situation. For example, an incident where a child is exposed to illegal drugs may depend on whether the child was being appropriately supervised when they ingested drugs, whether they were exposed prenatally to drugs, whether the child was present during the manufacturing of the drugs and many other considerations.

<http://www.childabuseqc.org/what-is-child-abuse>

### ***WE NEED YOUR HELP***

We still need volunteers to help with our Happy Bear child abuse prevention presentations. No experience or special background is necessary. Training will be provided. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about this program, please call the office at 217-223-2272 or Karolina Anton, Prevention Specialist, at 217-617-5347.

### ***SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS***

If you are a member of a church, business, or service organization and would like more information about our agency and its mission of protecting the children in our community, we would love to schedule a time to speak with you. Just call the office to set up a time.

### ***THANK YOU***

We received a \$3,015.00 Capacity Building Grant from the Tracy Family Foundation. The grant will be used to send Children's Advocacy Center staff to the Illinois Children's Advocacy Centers conference in Itasca, IL on March 11th and 12th.

We truly appreciate your support of our agency, its mission and programs!

**\*\* When shopping at *Amazon Smile*, choose Advocacy Network for Children as your charity and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to us!\*\***



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