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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND OUR THANKS

Happy Holidays from us at the CMEP. We want to thank all of you for the amazing work you do for kids. This has been a good year here and we appreciate your efforts to make that happen. The evaluations you perform are so critical to the accurate diagnosis of child abuse and the safety of children in North Carolina.

21st Annual "Reflections" Symposium on Child Abuse & Neglect
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
September 29 - October 1, 2015

We would like to thank Deana Joy, Executive Director, and Angie Brown, Training Coordinator, with the Children’s Advocacy Centers of North Carolina (CACNC) for their continued support in providing the medical education tract for the medical providers rostered with the NC Child Medical Evaluation Program. CACNC has been supporting this education since 2007.

Ms. Joy was able to secure a grant from the Governor’s Crime Commission to fund a special one day medical training on child sexual abuse prior to the official start of the conference this year. Dr. Cindy Brown and Dr. Sara Sinal were instrumental in developing 7.5 hours of education targeting the evaluation of children presenting for concerns of child sexual abuse. We were only expecting approximately 15 participants and had 30 complete the training so we were very excited by the participation.

This special grant will support a total of 6 trainings over two years for medical providers providing child medical evaluations for maltreatment concerns. More information will be provided about the future trainings as soon as the dates are formalized.
The regular medical tract was held September 29–October 1, 2015. The medical tract hosted 60 participants. Dr. Christopher Greeley, Professor of Pediatrics with the Center For Clinical Research and Evidence Based Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, presented on numerous topics for both the medical providers and the multidisciplinary participants. Dr. Karen St. Claire, Medical Director for the Duke Child Abuse Neglect Medical Evaluation Clinic provided a session on the “Updated Guidelines for the Medical Assessment and Care of Children Who May Have Been Sexually Abused.” Dr. Nancy Henderson, Medical Director of the Division of Forensic Pediatrics, Greenville Health System, Greenville, SC & Medical Director for Children’s Advocacy Center of Spartanburg, SC and the Julie Valentine Center in Greenville, and retired Detective Patsy Lightle, Training Coordinator, University of South Carolina Law School Children’s Law Center, Columbia, provided two sessions on the medical and legal evaluation of Medical Child Abuse. A CMEP update was provided by Dr. Molly Berkoff, Dr. Sara Sinal and Ms. Stacey Craven.

Meet Leroy:

Left: Rhonda Robbins  Right: Beth Browning, NP  Front: Leroy

Leroy was quite the popular fella at the CACNC Symposium this year. He is one of the newest members of Southmountain Children's and Family Services. Leroy is providing support to the children being seen at the child advocacy centers maintained by Southmountain.

He has been quite successful in reducing the stress of medical evaluations for children being seen for maltreatment concerns. Leroy is also developing experience with the legal system by attending court with the children he provides support to. We hear he is doing a great job and hope to hear more in the future about what other achievements he is making.

CAC SURVEY OF CONFERENCE AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

For those who attended Lake Junaluska CAC conference, we want to hear from you. Please remember to complete the survey from NC CAC to better understand your needs for future speakers and interests for next year’s topics.

NEW PROVIDERS

Join us in welcoming the following providers to our program:

Stephanie Freeman in Wake County
Katherine Haynes in Pitt County
Paige Temple in Edgecombe County
Meredith Peters in Edgecombe County
WELCOME STACEY CRAVEN TO CMEP STAFF

Stacey Craven joined the CMEP staff this summer. You will hear from her more and more as she settles into her role here. We asked Stacey to tell us a little about herself and her role at CMEP and here is what we learned:

Stacey received her MSW from UNC and is a licensed clinical social worker. She is a rostered TFCBT clinician as well as a CFE provider. She has worked in mental health and early intervention fields but has spent the last 10 years working in child welfare investigations.

Role at CMEP:

As a Clinical Social Work Practitioner, Stacey functions as the program manager for CMEP. She works on program development of medical and mental health consultation with county agencies investigating child maltreatment and she assists with the educational development of providers and social workers. She will assist in the management of CFE authorizations and consultation for these evaluations.

CFEP PROCEDURAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark Everson offers the following reminder to CFE providers.

The CFEP provider must have two documents in hand before starting the evaluation:

A. The Authorization Request form with CFE office approval
B. The Parental Consent form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Both forms should be provided by the CPS social worker requesting the evaluation.

UPCOMING TRAINING

Please periodically check our website for upcoming trainings http://www.med.unc.edu/cmeplservices/cmeptaining