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Mission Statement

The Larimer County Child Advocacy Center opened its doors in 1997 and began serving abused children and their families, focusing on the needs and well-being of the child during the investigation process. The Larimer County Child Advocacy Center serves approximately 400 children and families per year.

The mission of the LCCAC is to reduce trauma to children during child abuse investigations. We provide a child-friendly setting for forensic interviews and the coordination of services while ensuring children and families receive effective and sensitive support.

The LCCAC strongly believes that by coordinating services, we can reduce the trauma children experience during a abuse investigation. Within Larimer County, child protection, law enforcement, mental health providers, and legal systems provide a high level of service to meet the complex needs of vulnerable and abused children.

Our goal is to make sure child victims do not have to tell their story multiple times. We want to make sure that children and families know that they are not alone.

Support the LCCAC with Purchase with a Purpose!
Buy gift cards from stores you already use and the LCCAC receives 8%.
Simply log onto www.larimercac.org and click on the link shown here!



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Prevention Leads to Protection

Adult Prevention Training

The Larimer County Child Advocacy Center would like to inform our community about the Stewards of Children Prevention Program!

Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program believes and teaches that a child's safety is an adult's job.

Incredibly, there are over 39 million sexual abuse survivors spread across every socioeconomic class. You can help lower these numbers and protect the children in our community by attending our next prevention program.

Please contact Ana Sluss at
(970) 407-9739
Or email at
ana@larimercac.org

School Prevention Program

The School-Based Prevention Program utilizes the Talking about Touching curriculum in order to provide children with the safety skills needed to prevent victimization.

Taught to children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, this program teaches children techniques to guide them toward safe decision making skills and focuses on several issues of safety.

The Talking about Touching curriculum teaches school-aged children about; definitions of safe touch, advocating for personal safety in a assertive manner, and identifying who and how to ask for help when faced with uncomfortable, and unsafe situations.

Internet Safety Program

Fort Collins Police Department and the Child Advocacy Center have teamed up to keep kids safe while using the internet!

Fort Collins Police will be hosting an Internet Safety presentation for families help the first Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. February through May.

Families will be divided into adults and 5th grade through high school for age appropriate presentations. The goal of this presentation is to give your family awareness and tools to keep everyone safe from the dangers of the Internet.



**April is
Child
Abuse
Prevention
Month!**

**Statistics
state that
1 in 4
girls and
1 in 6
boys will
be
sexually
abused
before
their
18th
birthday**

Darkness to Light Training Dates

Upcoming trainings will be held on Tuesday, April 28th, and May 19th, from 6:00pm-8:30pm.

Trainings will be held at the Fort Collins Police Dept 2221 S. Timberline Rd. EOC Room
Cost is \$15.00

For more information about the School Based Prevention program, please contact Kit Harden at (970) 407-9739 or email kitharden@comcast.net

Please attend one of our next trainings: April 7 or May 5, 2009 at the Fort Collins Police Department Community Room at 2221 Timberline Road. Trainings will be held from 6:30pm-8:30pm. RSVP to Ana Sluss at (970)407-9739 ext. 14 or email ana@larimercac.org.

Calendar of Events

Guardian Award Luncheon

The LCCAC will be hosting our 12th annual Guardian Award Luncheon. This event focuses on the recognition of one professional who has shown outstanding advocacy for child abuse victims.

Those nominated have had a positive impact on children and families involved with sexual abuse investigations.

Thank you to every professional working within our multi-disciplinary team. Reducing trauma to children would not be possible without your teamwork and collaboration.

The Guardian Award Luncheon will be held April 23rd, at the Lincoln Center, from 12:00pm-1:30pm.

To attend please contact Ana Sluss at (970-407-9739 or at ana@larimercac.org

Bocce y Bella Sera August 22nd, 2009 1:00pm-7:00pm

Get your teams together and join us for a fun-filled day. Bocce y Bella Sera is an afternoon filled with a bocce tournament, a catered italian meal, a silent auction, and a live auction. All proceeds go to the Larimer County Child Advocacy Center.

For more information please contact us at (970) 407-9739

Hope Charity Ride

The Larimer County Horseman's Association's 3rd Annual Hope Charity Ride is Sunday, April 5th (Pancake Breakfast begins at 8:00am. Riders start at 9:00am at Lory State Park in Soldier Canyon. A minimum of a \$25 donation fee is required. A Colorado State Park pass is required on Event Day!! All donations will go to A Kid's Place, Namaqua Center, & The Larimer County Child Advocacy Center. Raise at least \$50 and enter to win a saddle pad.

Contact Ted Newport at (970) 397-9591

Lunch with the CAC

Please join us for the upcoming training April 8th, from 12:00-1:30pm. This presentation will be held at the Ft. Collins Police Dept.

Topic will be: *Effects on Children who Witness Domestic Violence:*

Presenter: Rosemarie Fritz
Contact Liz Rowe to RSVP.
(970) 407-9739

liz@larimercac.org



Thank you for your continuous support! Together we can protect the well being and safety of children in Northern Colorado!

K99's 28 Hours of Hope

The 11th Annual 28 Hours of Hope will begin at 5:00am April 16th and last until 9:00pm April 17th. Last year 28 Hours of Hope raised over 106,000.00.

Proceeds go towards Namaqua Center, A Kid's Place, and the LCCAC.

For More Info visit www.k99.com.

To Donate call 1-800-500-2599

The Larimer County Child Advocacy Center is excited to announce that this year's Run for A Child's Sake will team up with the Taste of Fort Collins! The race will take place on June 13th, 2009 and will feature a new downtown course.

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Ana Sluss at (970) 407-9739

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to be removed
from our mailing
list or know
someone who
would like to be
added, please
contact Liz Rowe***

***(970) 407-9739 or
liz@larimercac.org***

For the Spirit of A Child One donation can make a world of difference

\$5.00 provides a ream of copy paper

\$15- Provides a week of snacks for children who attend the center

\$25 Provides 20 family resource folders

\$50- Provides sexual abuse prevention training to better protect 20 children

\$100- Provides sexual abuse prevention training to one elementary school class

\$250- Meets one child's need for support and protection during the investigation process.

\$500- Provides family advocacy services to eight families

\$1,000- Supports one day of programming at the LCCAC

\$1,500- Provides sexual abuse prevention training to one elementary school

WISH LIST

- * Pop in Cans
- * Juice Boxes
- * Paper Towels
- * Leaf Rake's
- * Reams of copy/printer paper
- * Gift Cards to Sam's and Office Depot
- * DVD's (MUST BE DVD-R)
- * Welcome Mats
- * DVD Cases
- * New Board Games
- * Hand Sanitizer
- * Two Pocket Folders
- * Locking Filing Cabinets
- * Baby Changing Table
- * Kid Appropriate DVD's
- * Individually wrapped snacks (the healthier the better)
- * Toilet Paper