



NMAC Monthly Newsletter - July 2019



Cops & Doughnuts makes generous donation to NMAC

In honor of National Nurses Day, Cops & Doughnuts of Clare, MI, sold special nurse cookies in-store and on line. \$1.00 of each sale was designated to a local organization that serves children. Employees of Cops & Doughnuts spent the day selling the cookies and even had some fun dressing up as nurses. They chose the Northern Michigan Alliance for Children as their organization to receive the \$500.00 of raised funds. Thank you Cops & Doughnuts for supporting our mission of bringing healing, hope, and justice to abused children in rural Michigan!

Gov. Whitmer proclaims week of June 23 - 29 CAC Awareness Week

Governor Gretchen Whitmer proclaimed the week of June 23 - 29, 2019 as *Child Advocacy Center Awareness Week*. We thank Governor Whitmer for her continued support of CACs across our great state of Michigan. Working together, we can continue to serve the thousands of children who come through Michigan CAC doors each year.

Your support is appreciated, Governor Whitmer, and we thank you for recognizing the hard work done across our state. We are excited to continue serving the children of Michigan and are happy to have your support along the way.

Fun in the Sun - 2019 Summertime Kickoff hosted by NMAC

With games, activities, snacks, and even a dunk tank, the 2019 Summertime Kickoff event was filled with tons of fun. Families and agencies from around the area were in attendance. Children got to meet local law enforcement officers and play games with staff members of community partners. The event also allowed parents to get more information about what agencies in our area offer.

Thank you to all of our community partners who came out to our 2019 event and kicked off the summer with us!



Amazing Race to take place on Saturday July 13th!

After a successful first outing 2018, the Delta Regional CAC will be hosting their second annual Amazing Race for Child Advocacy on Saturday, July 13th. The event, which directly supports the Delta Regional CAC, puts runners through physical, mental, and other challenging tasks as they race throughout Escanaba, MI.

Each team member will receive a t-shirt, Swag Bag, Free Water Stations, Live Band at the finish line, an after party, and an entire day of FUN! To sign up today register your team head to the events page of the Delta Regional Child Advocacy Center Facebook page for more information!

Children Served
YTD 2019

164

Children Served
Since 2014

935

Our Community. Our Impact.

Prevention Education
Children Reached 2018-19 950

Canine Advocacy
Children Trigger Assisted 88

Upcoming Events

Circle of Parents; Every Monday 5:30 p.m.
Clare/Gladwin RESD Area School

Coffee & Connect; Tuesday, July 9th, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Cops & Doughnuts - Clare, MI

Amazing Race 2019; Saturday, July 13th, 9:00 a.m.
Ludington Park, Escanaba, MI

Safer, Smarter Kids program celebrates successful 2nd year

The *Safer, Smarter Kids* program was able successfully complete a second year in operation. The program teaches first and third graders the importance of body safety and sets out to teach children many topics such as: safety rules, body boundaries, respecting themselves and others, how to listen to their “guiding voice,” and to always tell a trusted adult when a situation makes them feel confused or uncomfortable.

This year children in Clare, Beaverton, Gladwin, Farwell, and Harrison were able to work with NMAC's Prevention Coordinator, Rosalyn Kindell, to go through the program. Kindell said that the program was able to impact over 950 students this school year.

Safer, Smarter Kids will be returning this fall for a third year with hopes that if we educate our youth we may be able to help future generations break the cycle of abuse.

★ ★ Team Member Spotlight ★ ★



Katie Osborne

Hello, My name is Katie Osborne and I am the intake coordinator here at NMAC. I have been a part of NMAC since the summer of 2017. I help facilitate the coordination of forensic interviews; bringing together the MDT, family and members of the CAC.

I am the initial point of contact for a family after a referral has been made by Law Enforcement or CPS. I believe first impressions are crucial for making a family feel comfortable and trusting of a CAC and I make it a priority to walk the family through what to expect for the day when they arrive. I am always sure to let the families know I can be contacted in the days leading up to the interview if they have any questions or concerns.

It is essential give the families a warm hand off from me to our MDT and CAC team. Some allegations and certain circumstances can be extremely exhausting, the coordination can be challenging, and I am often caught in the middle; but, one of the things that keeps me passionate and gives me a sense of purpose is the determination and urgency I feel with every case. I make it my priority to advocate for the children and their family. I feel a sense of purpose when our families, as well as our MDT, feel as though I have their best interest at heart.

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