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Child Advocacy Center Earns Reaccreditation from National Children's Alliance



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National Children's Alliance recognizes the Child Advocacy Center of Frederick County for its ongoing delivery of high quality and effective services to child abuse victims through accreditation

FREDERICK, Md. – The Child Advocacy Center of Frederick County has been awarded reaccreditation by the National Children's Alliance following an extensive application and site review process. As the accrediting agency for Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) across the country, National Children's Alliance awards various levels of accreditation and membership to centers responding to allegations of child abuse. CACs respond with methods that are effective and efficient and put the needs of child victims of abuse first. Accreditation is the highest level of membership with National Children's Alliance and denotes excellence in service provision.

"We can all be proud of the work done at our Child Advocacy Center," Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner said. "Children and family members are treated with care and compassion during a traumatic time in their lives. The CAC is to be commended for their top-quality work to earn reaccreditation."

National Children's Alliance awards Accredited Membership based on a CAC's compliance with 10 national standards of accreditation to ensure effective, efficient and consistent delivery of services to child abuse victims. Accredited Members must utilize a functioning and effective multidisciplinary team approach to work collaboratively in child abuse investigation, prosecution and treatment. National Children's Alliance also considers standards regarding a center's cultural competency and diversity, forensic interviews, victim support and advocacy, medical evaluation, therapeutic intervention, and child-focused setting.

"As a team of individuals dedicated to responding to child abuse, we recognize the importance of maintaining Accredited status from National Children's Alliance. Reaccreditation not only

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validates the County's and our multidisciplinary team partners' dedication to proven effective approaches of child abuse intervention and prevention, but also contributes to consistency across the Children's Advocacy Center movement as a whole," said Robin Grove, Director.

"The Child Advocacy Center of Frederick County is to be commended for its continued commitment to effectively serving victims of child abuse. As the national association and accrediting body for Children's Advocacy Centers across the country, our goal is to ensure that every victim of child abuse has access to high quality services that result from professional collaboration. By requiring Accredited Centers to undergo reaccreditation every five years, we ensure that evidence-based practices are being implemented and the highest quality of service is being provided," remarked Teresa Huizar, Executive Director of National Children's Alliance.

For more information, please contact the Frederick County Child Advocacy Center at 301-600-1758 or via e-mail at CACinfo@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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