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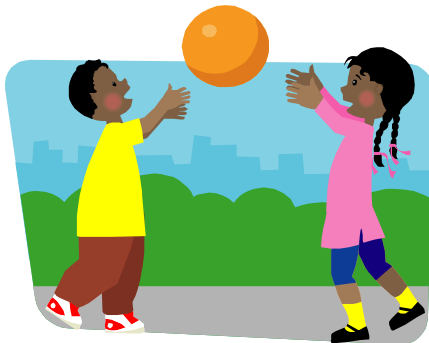
## Metropolitan Child Advocacy Coalition (MCAC)

### MISSION

To ensure children's safety and prevent child abuse through the organized efforts of child and family advocates from diverse disciplines who provide awareness, education, coordination, and advocacy to professionals who impact the lives of children.

### WHO BELONGS?

MCAC has hundreds of members in the Omaha metro area through all of our individual and agency memberships (all employees of each agency belongs)! Area professionals from a variety of disciplines including the medical community, law enforcement, the therapeutic community, child protective services, social services, county attorney offices, the court system, probation, the educational community, and other interested professionals are involved with MCAC.



### MCAC COMMITTEES

**MEMBERSHIP** The Membership Committee maintains an accurate and updated data base of MCAC active/paid members.

**NEWSLETTER** The Newsletter Committee publishes *M.C.A.C. News*, an 8 page newsletter, six times per calendar year as a benefit to MCAC members. Included inside these issues are: information about MCAC, our Board and Membership, along with resources and articles on issues related to child abuse and neglect today.

**PROGRAM** The MCAC Program Committee provides professional development and education of professionals dealing with children and families affected by child abuse and neglect. The committee sponsors 6 educational programs every year, including the August Conference and January Kick-off Breakfast.

### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Free continuing education units CEUs at the four yearly MCAC training programs
- Reduced rate at the MCAC Conference and continuing education units
- 6 emailed editions of the newsletter each year
- Addition (per request) of your name to the Therapy Resource List which is distributed to service providers in the community
- Agency website link from MCAC Website (for MCAC Agency Members)

### WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER?

MCAC membership runs from January to December with rates being \$15 per individual or \$100 per agency.

An agency membership allows anyone in the agency to take advantage of member benefits.

## MCAC COMMITTEES (cont'd)

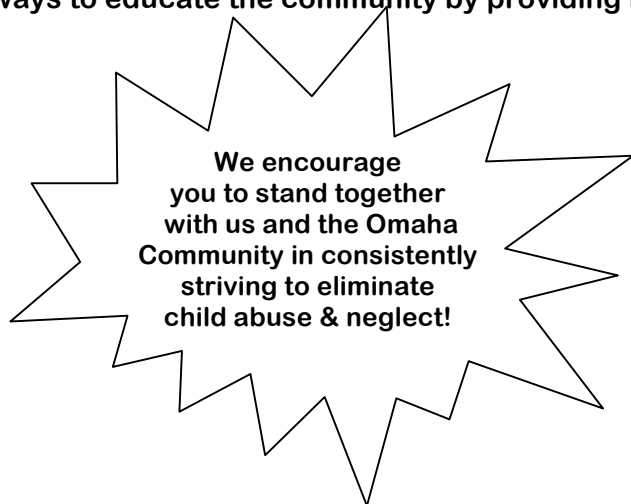
**PREVENTION** The Prevention Committee plans and implements activities that raise community awareness about the problem of child abuse. These activities support the strategic plans of Prevent Child Abuse Nebraska and MCAC.

**SEXUAL ABUSE** The Sexual Abuse Committee responds to the need of therapists and other professionals working with victims of child sexual abuse by providing awareness, education, advocacy, and coordination of sexual abuse issues.

**THERAPY** The Therapy Committee gathers and disseminates a therapist list of MCAC members.

**TRUANCY** The Truancy Committee continues to work toward finding solutions to truancy and to advocate for a best practices approach in the community. The committee has the following four subcommittees that focus on different aspects of this complex issue: 1) Primary Prevention, 2) Secondary Prevention, 3) Pre-Court Intervention, and 4) Justice Intervention.

**WEB SITE** The Web site Committee provides regular updates to the Web site and continually finds ways to educate the community by providing resources and useful links.



### 2016 MCAC Board

Chairperson: Ree Reimers, Project Harmony  
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