

## **What is The Children's Assessment Center?**

Give your audience a broad overview of The Children's Assessment Center (CAC), its history, leadership, philosophy and services. From a task force to an international model, The CAC has changed the system by providing the most comprehensive resources for victims of child sexual abuse. Help people know where to go for help!

## **A Look at the System**

This story takes a look at the entire process by following a victim throughout every stage. From reporting to assessing to investigating to prosecuting to treatment, take a look at what the victim endures, the impact on their family and the differences made by the multi-disciplinary team approach provided at The CAC.

## **April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

What is the outlook for victims of child abuse today? What is being done in our community to prevent child sexual abuse? Discuss innovative therapeutic interventions being used at The CAC. Educate parents as to what to look for and what to teach their children. Build awareness of the problem on a local, regional and national scale.

## **The Forensic Interview and Why It Works**

Discuss how the interviewing process has changed over the years and highlight the benefits of forensic interviews conducted by professionals trained in this specialty. Forensic interviewers at The CAC can explain the process and why it's so much better for the child and for those investigating and prosecuting the case.

## **Who are Sexual Offenders?**

Would you know one if you saw one? This story outlines the types of sex offenders and signs to watch for to keep yourself and your child safe. Discuss that more than 20-percent of all convicted and paroled sex offenders in Texas live in Harris County. Discuss adult and adolescent offenders.

## **New Therapies to Help Heal**

Discuss the multiple treatment modalities and innovative therapeutic interventions utilized at The CAC with victims, siblings and non-offending caregivers. One of the most interesting is our Animal Assisted Therapy.

## **Sexual Solicitation on the Web**

What can be done to prevent a child from being lured into an inappropriate relationship or viewing inappropriate materials? What signs should parents look for in their children? What kind of training is available to educate children of the dangers?

## **"Before and After"**

This story provides an in-depth, comparative look at how a sexual abuse case was handled in the past, how it is handled at The CAC now and why this is beneficial for the child.

### **Educating Our Children About Sexual Abuse**

This story explains The CAC's proactive education program and why it's so important to preventing child sexual abuse. In addition, you can highlight the need for more education on the subject in the schools for both students and education professionals.

### **Trends in Charitable Giving in Houston**

Take a look at the philanthropic community in Houston and the unique ways of giving, as well as living gifts that continue to generate funds for an organization. John O'Quinn's \$2.65 million donation and challenge grant is the perfect example of a living gift that can help an organization build an endowment for the future.