



Mission Statement

The Child Advocacy Center of the 7th Judicial District provides coordinated and professional assessment and investigation of child abuse, and a safe place at the Dolphin House for children and families to get help.

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Memberships

- National Children's Alliance
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- Colorado Children's Alliance
- Colorado Coalition Against
Sexual Assault (CCASA)
- Colorado Nonprofit Association
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The Dolphins Tale

President's Message:

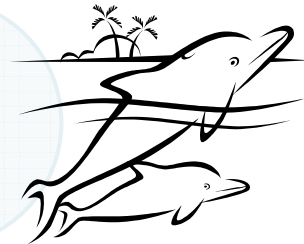
The Dolphin House is moving forward through major changes!

Our Executive Director, Kay Alexander, has retired after many years of devoted work getting the Dolphin House up and running. Along with Kay, we say goodbye to Donna Rose, who helped out in so many ways and was a true friend of the Dolphin House. The Dolphin House would not be here today without Kay's long hours and commitment to the children of our communities. We thank Kay and Donna, and hope they enjoy a more relaxed pace of life!

Jan Touslee continues her dynamic work as program coordinator, and is now wearing the hat of Acting Executive Director. The Board has begun the search for a new permanent Executive Director.

With Jan's new leadership role and the continued great work of the MDT, the Dolphin House continues to serve an ever greater number of children in the Seventh Judicial District. The Board remains committed to our mission, and is excited about the future of The Dolphin House!

Dan Hotsenpiller
President, Board of Directors



A big "THANK YOU" to Del Abbott, Fran Noonan (of Noon*and* Night) and the rest of the gang who put on the "First Annual Uncle Del's Celebrity Roast" fundraiser at the Elks Club on May 15th. Paul Nystrom graciously accepted the role of 'roastee' and then entertained us with music later in the evening.

MDT Members attend regional training

Members of the MDT (Multidisciplinary Team), including our District Attorney, Forensic Interviewer, Supervisor of Intake at Montrose County DHHS, Investigator from Delta County Sheriff's Office, Pediatrician and Team Coordinator attended Regional MDT training in Colorado Springs in April. The three and a half day team development training, brought teams from rural and metropolitan areas to share experiences, improve intra-team communication and collaboration, and set agency-specific goals for improvement. The Dolphin House team has already successfully implemented some changes which have been well-received by the larger MDT.



Jan Touslee, Acting Executive Director holds one of two child exam gowns made and donated by Jane Nannestad and Pat Lambert.



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*Acting Executive Director
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Facts

- 1 in 3 girls is sexually abused before the age of 16
- 1 in 7 boys is sexually abused before the age of 16
- Evidence that a child has been sexually abused is not obvious, and many children never report that they have been abused
- Children who experience sexual abuse are more likely to experience physical health problems, such as headaches, stomachaches, insomnia, etc.
- Adolescent victims of violent crimes have difficulty in the transition to adulthood, are more likely to suffer financial failure and physical injury, and are at risk to fail in other areas due to problem behaviors and outcomes of victimization

Ten Signs of Child Abuse

Some signs that a child is experiencing violence or abuse are more obvious than others. Trust your instincts. Suspected abuse is enough of a reason to contact the authorities. You do not need proof.

1. **Unexplained injuries.** Visible signs of physical abuse may include unexplained burns or bruises in the shape of objects. You may also hear unconvincing explanations of a child's injuries.
2. **Changes in behavior.** Abuse can lead to many changes in a child's behavior. Abused children often appear scared, anxious, depressed, withdrawn or more aggressive.
3. **Returning to earlier behaviors.** Abused children may display behaviors shown at earlier ages, such as thumb-sucking, bed-wetting, fear of the dark or strangers. For some children, even loss of acquired language or memory problems can be an issue.
4. **Fear of going home.** Abused children may express apprehension or anxiety about leaving school or about going places with the person who is abusing them.
5. **Changes in eating.** The stress, fear and anxiety caused by abuse can lead to changes in a child's eating behaviors,

which may result in weight gain or weight loss.

6. **Changes in sleeping.** Abused children may have frequent nightmares or have difficulty falling asleep, and as a result may appear tired or fatigued.
7. **Change in school performance and attendance.** Abused children may have difficulty concentrating in school or have excessive absences, sometimes, due to adults trying to hide the children's injuries from authorities.
8. **Lack of personal care or hygiene.** Abused and neglected children may appear uncared for. They may present as consistently dirty and have severe body odor, or they may lack sufficient clothing for the weather.
9. **Risk-taking behaviors.** Young people who are being abused may engage in high-risk activities such as using drugs and/or alcohol, carrying a weapon, or sexual promiscuity.
10. **Inappropriate sexual behaviors.** Children who have been sexually abused may exhibit overly sexualized behavior or use explicit language.

If you suspect a child is in danger, call 911.



Celebrating Volunteer Appreciation Month in April were volunteers Dee Arnold and Tammy Jay with Kay Alexander (above) and Mary De-Clute and Judy Newbould (below).



Dolphin House 2009 (Jan-Jun) Facts at a Glance

- 44 new children received services at the Dolphin House (28 female, 16 male)
- Ages: 0-6 (17), 7-12 (16), 13-18+ (11)
- Relationship of alleged offender:
 - Parent - 7
 - Stepparent - 2
 - Other relative - 9
 - Parents boy/girlfriend - 8
 - Other known person - 11
 - Unknown relationship - 4
- Types of abuse:
 - Sexual abuse - 32
 - Physical abuse - 7
 - Witness to violence - 2
 - Other - 3
- SANE/PFME (Pediatric Forensic Medical Exams) - 9

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Summer, 2009

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The average cost for a Forensic Interview at the Dolphin House is \$240. This includes services of a skilled, specially trained forensic interviewer; intake, short-term crisis intervention, support and referral by trained staff; pre- and post interview consults for law enforcement and other involved professionals; recording interviews and summary reports for law enforcement and health & human services; follow-up family advocacy; plus child friendly items like fresh-baked cookies, a hand crafted quilt and a plush dolphin for the child.

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The Dolphin House has a new look at the front entrance through generous donations by TEI Rock Drills, Inc. (new railings) and Allen Frigetto (concrete caps). Thank you, both!



The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.

Albert Einstein

Helping Families to Heal in a Safe and Loving Environment!

Wish List

- Ink Cartridges for Printers:
 - + Canon S900, #6 All Colors;
 - + HP LaserJet P2015d, #53X;
 - + HP OfficeJet J5780, #75XL and #74XL
- Juice Boxes for Kids
- Snacks for Kids
- Paper Towels
- Clorox Wipes
- Granola Bars
- Pre-made Cookie Dough in Tubs
- 12 ft Grounded Extension Cord
- Power Strip Electrical Cord
- Copy Paper: White, Light Blue, Yellow
- Manila Envelopes (9x13)
- Bottled Water

On-Going Training Programs:

- August 13 - "Commercial Exploitation" with Sharon Cooper, MD
- August 27 - "Ethics and Documentation" with Bob Mitchell, SW
- Sept. 10th - "Trauma Related Cognitive Behavioral Therapy" with Laura Merchant
- Sept. 24th - "Seeing is Believing" with Jan Bays, MD
- Oct. 15 - "Detecting Deception" with Anna Salter, PhD
- Oct. 29 - "Effects of Trauma on Child Development & Adult Functioning" with Geraldine Crisci, LCSW