



## News Release

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### Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard Presents Free Multidisciplinary Training for Child Welfare Professionals

Melbourne, Fla.—The Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB), with funding from the Child Protection Team, is presenting a free multidisciplinary training event for child welfare professionals on June 24 and 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Brevard Community College Melbourne in the Building 4 Auditorium.

Registration is required by June 17. The registration form is available at [www.cacbrevard.org](http://www.cacbrevard.org), or by calling 637.7652. The registration brochure may also be requested at [teresa.munroe@wuesthoff.org](mailto:teresa.munroe@wuesthoff.org) or [jamie.johnson@wuesthoff.org](mailto:jamie.johnson@wuesthoff.org). Topics and speakers for the two-day training are:

Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy—Identification & Response  
Presented by Mary Stockett, M.D. and Jeffrey Williamson, Ph.D.

CACB Clinical Intervention Program: The Who, What and Why  
Presented by Mary Bratsen, LCSW, and Terri Williamson, LMHC  
Clinical Intervention Program, Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard

Effects of Cultural Diversity on Intervention  
Presented by Lt. Mike Qualter, Brevard County Sheriff's Office

Human Trafficking  
Presented by Carmin Sanchez, J.D., Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Contrasts and Comparisons between Dependency and Criminal Legal Matters  
Presented by David Koenig, Esq., Office of the State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit and Barbara Dirienzo, Esq., Department of Children and Families, Children's Legal Services

Prescription Drug Abuse: Its Impact on Families  
Presented by Kathy Short, Department of Children and Families

Interviewing Children  
Presented by Jeanie Bondy, MSW, Child Protection Team of Brevard

Domestic Violence and its Effects on Children  
Presented by Melody Keeth, Serene Harbor

Established in 1996, the Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB) is a nonprofit organization affiliated with Wuesthoff Health Services. CACB is a multi-agency collaboration of the Child Protection Team, the Florida Department of Children and Families, both of which are onsite at the Advocacy Center; Brevard County Sheriff's Office and municipal law enforcement agencies, the Office of the State Attorney and community mental health professionals. Advocacy Center partners are involved in the most difficult child abuse cases in Brevard County, including cases of child sexual or severe physical abuse, and neglect. Major onsite services provided by the Child Protection Team include medical exams, medical consultations, and specialized and forensic interviews. The CACB Clinical Intervention Program provides onsite mental health crisis counseling for child victims and their non-offending family members.

For additional information about the Advocacy Center, the June training event, or to schedule a tour, call 637.7652, or visit our website at [www.cacbrevard.org](http://www.cacbrevard.org).

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