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Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB) Presents 'Free' Multidisciplinary Training for Child Welfare Professionals

Brevard County, FL (May 26, 2009) The Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard (CACB), with funding from the Child Protection Team (CPT), is presenting a 'free' multidisciplinary training event for child welfare professionals on **Wednesday, June 24**, and **Thursday, June 25**, from **8 am to 4 pm** each day at the Brevard Community College Melbourne campus, Building 4 Auditorium.

Registration is required by **Wednesday, June 17**. Forms are available at www.cacbrevard.org, or by calling **(321) 637.7652**. The registration brochure may also be requested at teresa.munroe@wuesthoff.org, or jamie.johnson@wuesthoff.org. Topics and speakers for the two-day training are:

Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy—Identification & Response

Presented by Mary Stockett, MD 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: It's 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 CACB is a nonprofit organization affiliated with Wuesthoff Health Services. CACB is a multi-agency collaboration of the CPT, 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. Onsite services provided by the CPT include medical exams, medical consultations, and specialized and forensic interviews. In addition, 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 (321) **637.7652**, or visit our website at **www.cacbrevard.org**.

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