

CAP4Kids

The Children's Advocacy Project



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The Background

2 Counties

Winnebago and Boone

Nearly 100,000 *Children*

Approximately 33,000 *Living in Poverty*

Over 250 *Child-Related Service Agencies*

1 *Website Coordinates It All*

with 21 Categories

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Mission Statement

To bridge the gap between the many quality social service agencies in Winnebago and Boone Counties and the families that need their help the most.

The Children's Advocacy Project (CAP) will provide health care professionals and social service providers with the tools necessary to connect families to the appropriate social service agencies which will help to meet their needs.



History

- The Children's Advocacy Project of Philadelphia (Cap4Kids) was developed in 2004 by 2 pediatric residents to help busy practitioners learn more about social service agencies, advocacy programs, and laws in their geographic area.
- It has since spread to many locations across the nation including Baltimore, Columbus, Hawaii, Kansas City, Miami, New York City, Penn State, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Utah

... and now **ROCKFORD!**



A True Collaborative Effort

- Dr. Steven Schulz, Pediatrician, Crusader Community Health in Belvidere, started the project here in Rockford and it has quickly gained support and help from many community organizations and members with the assistance of Chief Judge Janet Holmgren and the Prenatal to 6 Committee of the 17th Circuit Court.



Sponsors



-The Prenatal to Six Committee of the 17th Circuit Court, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford, Winnebago County Health Department, Rockford Health Council, University of Illinois Division of Specialized Care for Children, Easter Seals, Youth Services Network, United Way of the Rock River Valley, United Way of Boone County, Early Learning Council, Rockford College Early Childhood Program, Actual! Authentic Solutions, Come Together Rockford, Rockford Mental Health Association, City of Rockford Health and Human Services Department, The Workforce Connection, Rockford Public Schools District #205, Hoffman Law Office, Ltd., Winnebago County Juvenile Probation, Rockford Public Library, Roosevelt University

Thank you all for your efforts!!

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How To Use This Site

Thank you for your interest in The Children's Advocacy Project. As stated in its mission "The Children's Advocacy Project (CAP4Kids) was developed to help bridge the gap between quality social service agencies in various locales and the families that need their help the most." This site provides child advocates and families in need with the tools necessary to effectively connect with appropriate social service agencies in their area as well as providing tools that can more effectively empower families and children to make a positive difference in their lives.

To see how the Children's Advocacy Project accomplishes its mission, please select a city from the middle column (example, Philadelphia), and check out the Parent Handouts, Resources, Laws and Definitions, and Helpful Links sections.

If you have any questions, please email us at Daniel.Taylor@DrexelMed.edu.

Language Translators:



Note. This site uses Google's online translation services to provide this feature. While results may not be perfect, they are usually adequate to convey an understanding of the information provided.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Children's Advocacy Project is to help bridge the gap between the many quality social service agencies in a city and the families that need their help the most. To bridge this gap, we aim to empower and to inform those that care for the children of a city through this web site. The CAP will provide health care professionals and social service providers with the tools necessary to connect families to the appropriate social service agencies which will help to meet their needs. In doing this, our ultimate goal is to foster the self-empowerment of families, by educating them about their own rights.

JOIN THE MAILING LIST!

Interested in CAP? This mailing list will update you on any changes to the website including: new advocacy organizations, announcements, and



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First of all, we would like to thank you for your interest in The Children's Advocacy Project of Rockford IL and its mission and contents. Within this site you will find a user-friendly, comprehensive listing of many social service agencies that exist to improve the lives of families that need our help the most.

Please become familiar with the [Parent Handouts](#). They are the backbone of this project. They are broken down by category and within each handout, you will find a description of the social service agency, their address, and a phone number. You may also find a link to the agency's web site that you can access and learn more about that agency. You can also easily print any parent handout by clicking on the handout, and choosing print from your web browser. Your selected parent handout will be sent to your printer in a custom printer friendly format.

For providers, download these parent handouts, and give them to the families that you have identified that are in need of a particular service. After you distribute the handout, document which handout you gave so that you can get feedback at the next encounter. Suggested ways to use the Parent Handouts are located in the document below.

PARENT HANDOUTS

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FEATURED SITE



[Crusader Clinic](#)

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- Pregnancy Resources and Infants
- Safety Resources
- Shelters
- Special Needs/Autism
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Early Intervention/Development

Early Intervention via Child and Family Connections of Access Services of Northern Illinois
Access point for Early Intervention services for children 3 years of age and under with suspected developmental delays. Home based evaluations and services. No fees.

- 1752 Windsor Road Suite 102, Box 16390
- Loves Park, IL 61111
- Phone: 815-654-6170 Toll Free 800-921-0094
- Fax: 815-654-6197

- <http://www.accessni.com/cfc>

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