



Child Protection Matters

Fajman named lead physician

Nancy N. Fajman, M.D., M.P.H., is now the lead physician at the Child Protection Center at Children's at Hughes Spalding. She is nationally recognized for her knowledge of child abuse and neglect issues and has many years of experience as a child advocate and physician with Children's.

Dr. Fajman has been with Children's since she completed her residency in 1994. In 1996, she helped to create and was Medical Director of the Child Protection Program for what was then Egleston Children's Health Care System.

Dr. Fajman is working to build the program at Children's at Hughes Spalding to include in-house forensic interviews. In addition to her new responsibilities at Children's, Dr. Fajman plays an integral role in the Child Protection Center's ongoing education and training efforts. She is also a general pediatrician at Children's at Hughes Spalding and sees her own outpatients and works with the Emory University School of Medicine Mentor Program.

10th annual Child Abuse and Neglect Conference What you learn in two days could save a child's life

Join us Thursday, Oct. 28, and Friday, Oct. 29, for our 10th annual <u>Child Abuse and Neglect Conference</u>. Expanded to two days, the conference is at the Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort in Stone Mountain, Ga., and includes speakers from around the nation.

Topics include:

- Medical consequences of child abuse and neglect
- Child abuse and culture
- Child sexual abuse on the Internet
- Collecting a history
- Commercial sexual exploitation of children
- Evidence-based practices for reducing child abuse and neglect

Download the <u>registration form</u>. Contact Elizabeth Williams at <u>cpctraining@choa.org</u> or 404-785-5004 for more information.

Upcoming trainings

Medical Evaluation of Child and Adolescent Sexual AbuseTraining

Thursday, Oct. 21, and Friday, Oct. 22 Open to physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners

Annual Conference

Thursday, Oct. 28, and Friday, Oct. 29 Open to all

Stewards of Children: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, and Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011 Open to all

Webinar: What are Child Advocacy Centers and why are They Important?

Wednesday, Sept. 22

Open to all

Visit www.choa.org/cpctraining for more information.

Quarterly Child Protection Center tip

Adapted from Darkness to Light, Stewards of Children training

If a child discloses physical or sexual abuse to you, it is important to stay calm. If you respond emotionally or negatively, the child will likely shut down, take back or change his or her story, or even feel more guilty and ashamed. A child might try to gauge your reaction first, by pretending that the abuse happened to someone else or telling you only parts of what occurred.

- Do not ask any specific or leading questions. Let the child talk on his or her own and then seek the help of a professional who is trained to talk with children about abuse to avoid contaminating the child's memory of events.
- The most important thing that you can do is to tell the child that you believe him or her. Reassure the child that what happened is not his or her fault and commend the child for the courage it took to tell you. For more information, register for an upcoming Stewards of Children training.

Remember: Most individuals who work with children in a professional capacity are mandated reporters of suspected child abuse. <u>Ga. Code Ann. § 19-7-5</u>

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