

THE PINWHEEL



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Pinwheels Family Fun Day



Our eighth annual Pinwheels event is evolving into a greater family-friendly, community awareness celebration. After Hurricane Harvey's devastation in the Coastal Bend in 2017, we decided to change the event focus from fundraiser to awareness and to encourage the community to donate instead to help support the hurricane victims. Because the community's response was so positive, the decision was made to drop the fundraising aspect of Pinwheels from that point on. This year's Family Fun Day theme will not only generate child abuse

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What: Pinwheels Family Fun Day
When: Saturday, Sept. 22, 9 a.m. to noon
Where: Cole Park Amphitheater
Cost: Free
Info: (361) 855-9058

awareness, but will also invite our partner agencies (local law enforcement, Driscoll Children's Hospital and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services) to participate, along with other child-serving agencies.

There will be youth performances, games and activities, door prizes and free food and drinks (while quantities last) donated by local businesses. The free Saturday event will allow for more families to join the fun.

"We've worked to create a safe and more welcoming environment for children," said Program Director Emma Sais. "Family Fun Day will also provide families an opportunity to visit with the CACCB and our partner agencies and learn about many other resources offered for kids in our city."

And like past years, there will be a pinwheel display. A total of 1,410 pinwheels will represent the number of children who were forensically-interviewed in 2017 due to allegations of abuse.

CACCB RECEIVES FUNDS FOR NEW RAINBOW ROOM



This fall, our new CACCB Rainbow Room will be open to all children who receive services at the Center. It will be similar to the Rainbow Rooms operated within local Child Protective Services (CPS) offices with supplies available for children who are victims of abuse or neglect.

If you or your group are interested in donating new items to the Rainbow Room, call (361) 855-9058. Used items not accepted.

Our Top 5 Wish List:

1. Diapers
2. School supplies
3. Personal hygiene items
4. New children's clothing
5. Blankets

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER: BELEN AGUILAR



Bilingual Family Advocate Belen Aguilar has been nominated by fellow staff for Employee of the Quarter. Aguilar, who started at the CACCB in June 2018, is often described as amiable and is one who is always willing to jump in and help with any task needed. She often demonstrates initiative and recently updated documents for our Spanish-speaking clients. Way to go, Belen!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Clarissa Mora

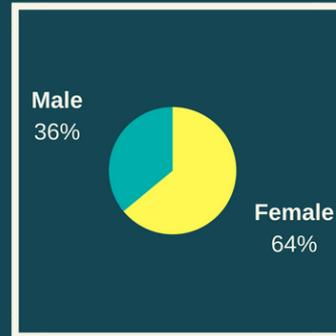
I am immensely humbled and proud to have the amazing opportunity to serve as the CACCB's Executive Director. Our Center has never had such a successful and progressive year, incorporating additional programs to better serve abused and neglected children and their families, in this great community.

Thanks to many contributors, Corpus Christi Athletic Club, Wells Fargo, and Kenedy Memorial Foundation, in fall 2018 the CACCB will be fully equipped with a Rainbow Room. This will allow us to offer clothing, shoes, diapers, school supplies, and many more items to children who come through our doors.

The CACCB Board of Directors and Staff are committed to the organization's long-standing efforts of providing essential programs and services to youth throughout the Coastal Bend. We will continue to work diligently and with tenacity for every child and every family affected by abuse.

Community members are always welcome to share ideas, give feedback, and get involved through volunteerism and participation in CACCB events. We are grateful to those who have joined our fight against child abuse, as donors, advocates, volunteers, and friends, and I ask for your continued involvement in helping keep children in the Coastal Bend safe.

CACCB FORENSIC INTERVIEWS CLIMB STEADILY EACH YEAR

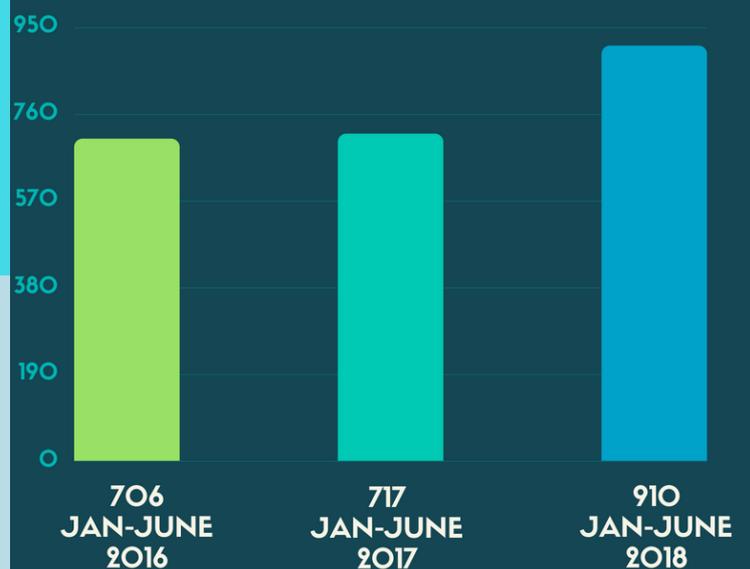


SERVING CHILDREN AGES 3-17 IN 12 COASTAL BEND COUNTIES

WHY FORENSIC INTERVIEWS?

- * FORENSIC INTERVIEWERS ARE SPECIALLY TRAINED TO WORK WITH CHILDREN.
- * FACT-FINDING
- * AGE-APPROPRIATE
- * LEGALLY-SOUND
- * AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDED

NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS



ROAST 2018: GOLD SPONSORS





PARTNER PROFILE: CHRISTIAN ESCAMILLA



When CPS Investigator Christian Escamilla sets up forensic interviews for children at the CACCB, her goal is for her families to get the help and hope they need to conquer the difficult times they are facing.

In her two years with the Department of Family and Protective Services, she has worked many times with the CACCB to get the investigation process started. Escamilla praises both

the forensic interviewers and the family advocates for playing their part to lessen the trauma to the victims.

With the help of the CACCB, families are supported and provided with the appropriate resources needed," said Escamilla CPS Investigator II (Unit 11 Sexual Abuse). "Many times, people believe that the children are just interviewed by forensics interviewers, but it should be known that the family advocates are there to also help the families with many different services that are offered at the CACCB."

The CACCB's caring disposition is in harmony with Escamilla's personal motto, "Be present, show support and provide the family with resources."

"It takes time for the healing process to begin for our children who have suffered from abuse and neglect, but with the help of the CACCB, everyone needs to know that they are in good hands once they step through those door," she says.

UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 3: CACCB closed for Labor Day

Sept. 22: CACCB Pinwheels Family Fun Day, 9 a.m. to noon, Cole Park Amphitheater

Oct. 25 - Valero Benefit for Children, 10 a.m.

TBA - Coastal Bend Day of Giving online event in Nov.

For details, follow us on Facebook; or call the Center at (361) 855-9058.

'KENDRA GIVES BACK' A SUCCESS!



A total of \$659.42 was raised for the CACCB during our "Kendra Gives Back" Fundraiser held June 15 at Kendra Scott at La Palmera Mall. Thanks to Kendra Scott and our friends who supported the event!