



The Advocate



September 2007

September In-Service

FILMS

Topics: Understanding traumatized and maltreated children and the impact of exposure to violence on a child's developing brain

Thursday, September 26
5:30-7:00p.m. at
Child Care Coordinating Council, 650 E. Main St, GV

Upcoming Hearings

Sep 13 Paula Brown
Bobbie Rowlands
Julie Osburn

Sep 24 Paula Brown

Oct 4 Mark Schaefer
Kathy Jones
Suzanne Ashmead

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Thank you to CPS for submitting the following article...

The Family Preservation Team at CPS

The Family Preservation Team was created in 1997 to promote and support the needs of families in Nevada County by providing in home support services to enhance parental functioning, child development and the preservation of the family.

The team's focus is to enhance and increase the family's capabilities to utilize resources in the community and empower families to lead healthy, productive and joyful lives.

Some of the services that the Family Preservation Team provide are parenting support and education, budgeting and financial management, child care resources, drug and alcohol counseling, health promotion and maintenance, housing support as well as many other services.

The team consists of two social workers, a public health nurse and a therapist. At this time, the team is working with more than 40 families in Nevada County.

Cally Sheller is a social worker with a masters degree in marriage, family and child counseling. She has worked in a variety of settings in Nevada County including Manzanita Family Center, Kare Crisis Nursery and the Child Abuse Prevention Council. She is married with two children, ages 22 and 19. She has lived in Nevada County since 1989 and loves the outdoors and access to the Sierras. She especially loves helping the families of Nevada County improve the quality of their lives.

Susie Rafferty-Lace is a social worker with a masters degree in Clinical Social Work. Originally from Pittsburgh, PA, she worked as a psychotherapist in family counseling agencies in Philadelphia, Tucson and Seattle, before settling in Nevada City in 1999. She has worked the past 3 years as a triage worker on the Nevada County crisis line. Since this past March, she has been deriving much satisfaction in her new role empowering families on the Family Preservation Team. Susie is a single mom with a 9-year-old son and a local family of friends. She loves music, camping, traveling, and enjoying quality time and adventures with her son.

Peggy Pullen is a Public Health Nurse who earned her BS in Nursing with an emphasis in pediatrics from CSU Chico. She was a home nurse visitor for Sacramento County, working exclusively with women who were pregnant for the first time. She recently left the big city for the calm, peaceful surroundings of Nevada County and she thoroughly enjoys the beautiful nature in this part of the state. Peggy has three "adopted" adult children and eight "adopted" grandchildren. They are all very special blessings!

Family Preservation Team cont'd...

Jenene Sowell is a licensed Marriage and Family Counselor who works with the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department and has been on the Family Preservation Team for 10 years. As a member of the Family Preservation Team she provides mental health consultation, linkage to mental health services, and therapy to families served by the team. To balance her life, she enjoys gardening, cats and a dog, sailing, and family time with parents, children, and her husband.

In the News...

Half kids labeled bipolar may be misdiagnosed

Study questions the surging number of those doctors say have disorder

AP Associated Press

Updated: 2:09 p.m. PT Sept 3, 2007

CHICAGO - A new analysis suggests there's been a huge increase in the number of U.S. children diagnosed with bipolar disorder, but experts question whether the surge is real and say some kids have been mislabeled. [Read more at....](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20576306/)

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Child Abuse Videos on YouTube

I'm not very familiar with YouTube but this video clip was sent throughout the CalCASA email exchange. What I found interesting was the number of Child Abuse videos that are on YouTube and more interestingly, how many people (visits) these videos have received. Click on the link below to view the video and then look for "related" videos on the same YouTube page.

YouTube Broadcast Yourself™



[watch video](#)

Video Description

This powerful animated commercial encouraging more reporting and responsibility about Child Abuse was completed by Mike George, a 2nd year Bachelor of Communications student at AUT in Auckland, New Zealand.

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GOVERNOR SIGNS BUDGET

Budget Includes Group Home and PAARP Increases, Fully Funds EPSDT and AB 3632

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the \$103 billion 2007-2008 State budget on Friday, August 24th that reflects continued bipartisan support for improving the lives of children in foster care by raising the rates for group homes and county foster homes (and associated rates), and by increasing reimbursements to private agencies for children adopted from the foster care system, the first increases in five and six years respectively.

The budget also provides for full funding of housing for emancipated foster youth under THP-Plus, of mental health services for eligible children under EPSDT, and of mental health services for special education students under AB 3632.

Mark Your Calendars For...



The Child Advocates of
Nevada County

Fall Gala

Saturday September 29, 2007
5:30—11:00 pm
At the Historic Miner's Foundry in Nevada City

Featuring....

- ***Dinner***
- ***Dancing to music by Sols***
- ***Live & Silent Auctions***
- ***Friendship & Fun***

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call (530) 265-9550*

FAMILY COURT

For those of you involved in Family Court, or are interested in getting involved, please note the following seminars available to the public...

SAVE THE DATES

**A Presentation of the Nevada County Superior Court
Hosted by Family Court Services A Series of Free Public
Seminars for Parents, Guardians, Professionals & the Public**

EVERY YEAR...

Millions of children are affected by the breakdown of the family. Find out how the court handles the transitions of the family, including guardianships.

OCTOBER 19, 2007 - Emily Gallup, MFT – Happy Holidays After the Split

NOVEMBER 16, 2007 - Eugene Roeder, Ph.D – Mental Illness as an Issue in Child Custody Cases

JANUARY 18, 2008 - Paul Jaffe, LCSW – Substance Abuse & Family Court

FEBRUARY 5, 2008 - Marilyn Stahl, MFT & Carmella Smith, MFT – How to Interview Children as Part of A Custody Evaluation

FEBRUARY 26, 2008 - Commissioner Thomsen & Family Law Facilitator, Gretchen Serrata – Calculating Child Support in California

MARCH 21, 2008 - Judge Sean Dowling – Probate/Dependency Guardianships and the Unified Family Court

APRIL 18, 2008 - Rich McCutchan, Ph.D, MFT – The Effects of Domestic Violence and Anger on Children of Divorce and Separation

MAY 16, 2008 - Kevin Dugah, Ph.D – Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse in Child Custody Cases

JUNE 20, 2008 - Janet A. Harley, Esq. & A Panel of Attorneys – Alternatives to Litigation

** Space is limited, so call (530) 265-1733 to reserve your seat at this event.*

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