

"There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children."

*"There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected,
and that their welfare is protected."*

Kofi Annan



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

*child abuse
crime victim
response*



CJC 
CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER

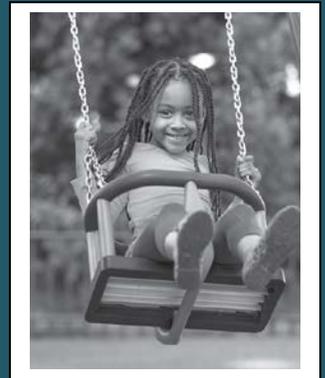
Arthur D. Curtis



Children deserve a chance to grow healthy and happy

CJC's MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

The Children's Justice Center (CJC) houses a multidisciplinary team that comes together from across both public and private agencies to coordinate a comprehensive response when a child abuse crime has been committed, which includes specially trained investigators, prosecutors, victim advocates, social workers, a pediatrician, mental health therapists and a civilian forensic interviewer.

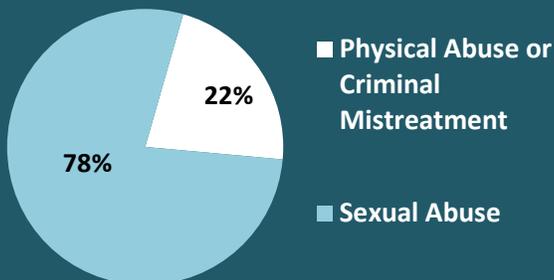


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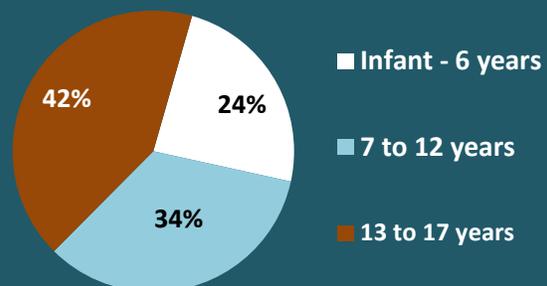
CJC is one of 600 nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center in the U.S., all having two main goals:

- *Have well-trained child abuse investigators and prosecutors who can effectively identify perpetrators of child abuse crimes locally and hold them accountable; and,*
- *Help victims access needed medical care, mental health, safety and victim advocacy services to prevent further harm to the child and provide a chance for healing and recovery from the abuse.*

2014 INVESTIGATIONS

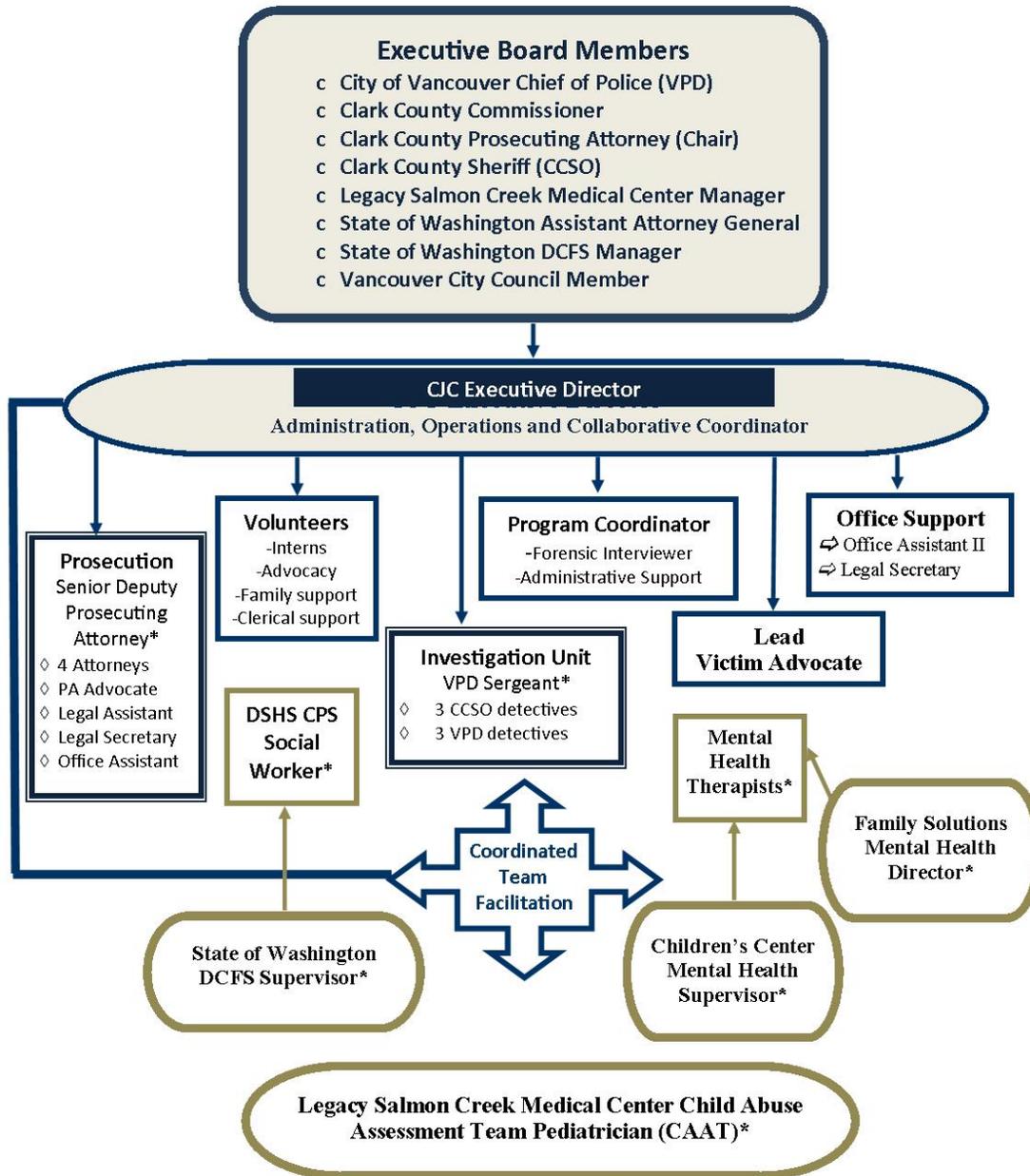


AGE OF CHILD VICTIMS



Public and Private Agency Coordination From Leadership to Direct Service and Response Work

Children's Justice Center (CJC) Cross-Agency Collaborative Organization



* NOTE: indicates team program areas where supervision that is specific to the discipline is provided by the home agency

CJC's multidisciplinary response team comes together at the center to coordinate a comprehensive response that includes child protection, support, healing and justice for child crime victims

**Multidisciplinary
Center Team - 2014**

Forensic Interviewer

Kim Christly, MSW, LICSW

Mental Health

Helen Sullivan, Children's Center
Lisa Carpenter, Family Solutions

Medical

Dr. Kim Copeland, Pediatrician



Investigations

- Sergeant Barb Kipp, Vancouver Police Department
- Detective Julie Carpenter, Vancouver Police Department
- Detective Jason Hafer, Clark County Sheriff's Office
- Detective Monica Hernandez, Vancouver Police Department
- Detective Brendan McCarthy, Clark County Sheriff's Office
- Detective James Phelps, Clark County Sheriff's Office
- Detective Deanna Watkins, Vancouver Police Department

Administration and Support

- Mary Blanchette, Executive Director
- Gwen Browne, PA Office Assistant
- Randi Buker-Gay, Office Assistant
- Sally Conaway, Legal Secretary
- Nicole Davis, PA Legal Secretary
- Peggy Watson, PA Legal Assistant

Prosecution

- Camara Banfield, Senior Deputy Prosecutor
- Julie Carmena, Deputy Prosecutor
- Colin Hayes, Deputy Prosecutor
- Patrick Robinson, Deputy Prosecutor
- Luka Vitasovic, Deputy Prosecutor

Victim Advocacy

- Deedee Pegler, Lead Victim Advocate
- Cheri Hoffman, Victim Advocate
- Sharon Eastman, Victim Advocate

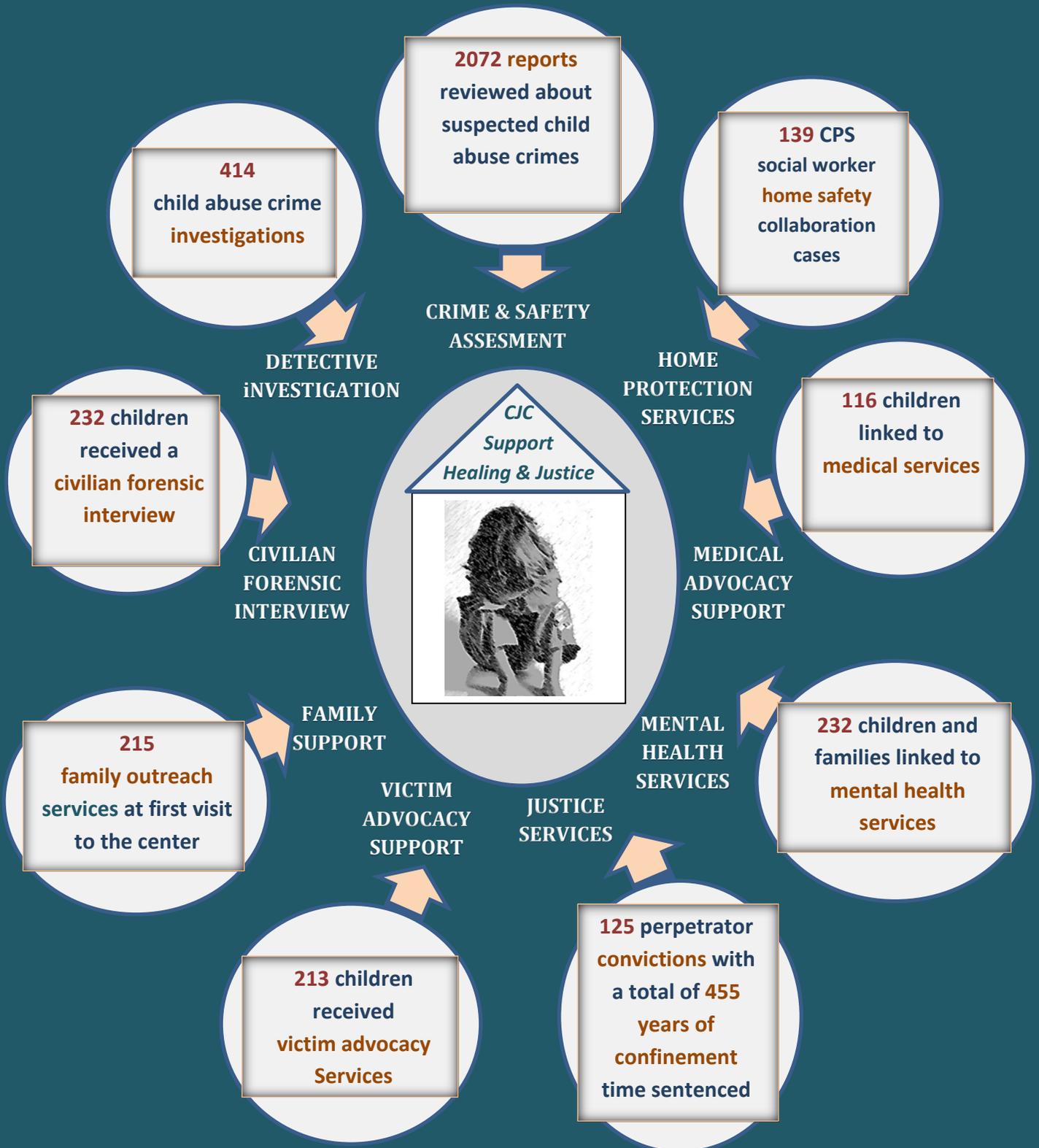
Social Work

Kim Karu, State of Washington DCFS Social Worker
Jen Gorder, State of Washington DCFS Social Worker



PHOTO: Service Coordination Team L to R:
Mary Blanchette, Colin Hayes, Lisa Carpenter,
Sgt. Barb Kipp, Renata Rhodes, Dr. Kim
Copeland, Kim Christly & Helen Sullivan

2014 COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE





She needs our help
now while there
is still hope for
recovery and
a bright future
for her tomorrow

A Comprehensive Intervention is Critical to our Community's Future

CJC strives to help abused children gain safety, justice and access to healing and supportive services, because without sufficient interventions and treatment, an abused child is more likely to grow up becoming our community's future health or crime problems of tomorrow

Without effective intervention and healing, child abuse crime victims will grow to become more likely to:

- Enter into domestic violent relationships
- Become a victim of sex trafficking
- Repeat the cycle of child abuse as an adult
- Engage in crime as a juvenile or adult
- Develop addictions to substances or engage in self-destructive behaviors
- Develop a serious mental health illness
- Commit suicide

Childrens Justice Center (CJC)

(formerly known as Justice For Children)

Friends



Our Kids, Our Town



Left to Right—Danette LaChapelle (Vice President), Nancy Baker (Secretary), Chris O'Malley (Treasurer), Pat Jollota (President), Edri Geiger (Legislative Committee), and Julie Hill (Community Outreach Committee).

Photo courtesy of Aevum Studios

Justice For Children RECEIVES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARD from the NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE at their 2014 Washington, D.C. Conference

MISSION

To increase awareness of local child abuse and promote community safety for our children by strengthening supports and resources of the Children's Justice Center

**Join in support of our mission
"Like" us on Facebook**



Left to right: Danette LaChapelle, Board Vice President, Mary Blanchette, CJC E.D. and Pat Jollota, Board President

**STRONG
LEADERSHIP
PROTECTING THE
WELLBEING
OF LOCAL
CHILDREN**

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of Washington Asst.
Attorney General

THANK YOU

To our Community Partners, Supporters and Volunteers

THANK YOU CLARK COUNTY QUILTERS (CCQ)



Hundreds of abused children have received beautiful hand-made quilts and clothing donations from CCI members over the years. CCI is making a big difference for child victims of abuse.

Holding up Quilts L to R: Gerri Thompson, Kathy Stonich, Kathy Brown, Sandy Kristofferson & Kathy Miller

-Nuts n bolts Committee
-Charity Committee
-Vagabond Committee

WINDERMERE STELLER COMMITTEE RECOGNITION



Photo: Carol Miller receives a thank you hug from CJC's E.D, Mary Blanchette

Committee Award Winners

- Jennifer Barton
- Randi Buker-Gay
- Barbara Coligliano
- Bryanna Fletcher
- Katherin Fletcher
- Julie Hill
- Sheri Hunzeker
- Karu, Kim Photography
- Danette LaChapelle
- Keri Lippold
- Carol Miller
- Dania Milller
- Cherylee Mircovich
- Lisa Peterson
- Lynn Posselt

Gerry Latshaw-Dowdy,
Windermere Steller Broker
2014 Winner of the Community Children's Advocacy Star Award



iQ FOR KIDS DONATION PROVIDES HI-TECH FOR CJC



THANK YOU!



A donation from **iQ Credit for Kids** funded an **Elmo Cart** for CJC to provide high-tech courtroom evidence displays for child abuse crime case trials. This gift provides a useful tool for attorneys seeking justice for child victims.

MURAL DONATION FROM ARTIST SUE CLANCY



Two beautifully designed murals with hand-crafted paper and painted where largely donated by local artist Sue Clancy. They bring a vibrant feel to CJC's forest meeting room for kids. The artist donated many hours of hard work on this beautiful piece for the kids. Thank you Sue Clancy!

See more: [Sue Clancy's Facebook Page](#)

THANK YOU BURGERVILLE IN ORCHARDS



Photo: CJC E.D. and Tabitha receive a donation from Jodi Smith, Manager

Burgerville in Orchards has consistently donated to CJC for the past five years from their counter change-box customer donations. Every coin counts and their gifts have helped fund better specialized training for newer CJC staff members, improving the local expertise for kids.

2014 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



**SHARON
EASTMAN**

Sharon Eastman has been volunteering at CJC for approximately 2 years and has been a victim advocate for the past four years. She is a devoted and talented CJC team member in this important work and very deserving of this award.



CHERI HOFFMAN

Cheri Hoffman has been a volunteer at CJC for approximately two years and has been a victim advocate for seven years. Her dedication and talent is admired by the team. She has spent countless hours for kids in the past two years as a full time advocate and is very deserving the award.



**RANDI
BUKER-GAY**

Randi Buker-Gay volunteered at CJC for 1 ½ years as an Office Assistant and Family Outreach advocate. Her talent and devotion to this work made her a great asset to the CJC team at-large and the families she helped. She is very deserving of this award.



**WELCOME
LUNA CUBIAS**

The CJC Team welcomes the center's new bilingual volunteer, Luna Cubias, who has been assisting the victim advocates, and secretarial support staff at CJC.

CJC is lucky to have such a talented and competent volunteer on the team.

**Thank You
Sheri Sanders**
From the local
Charitable
Community Sewing
Group

"Stitches of Love"
who donated many
handmade essential
items which helped
provide so much for
our kids in need



LONGSHOREMAN Volunteer Award

**Thank you
Lacy
Dyer**



Lacy Dyer was awarded for her work in the past seven years leading the *Holiday Bike Drive*, along with her fellow Longshoremans and have brightened up the holiday season for abused children who, without their generous gifts, would likely have a very bleak holiday.

LONGSHOREMAN LOCAL UNION #4 HOLIDAY BIKES



In December 2014, the *International Longshore Local Union Local # 4* donated 100 bicycles and their *Longshoreman's Credit Union* also donated many holiday gifts for needy and abused children from their holiday "Giving Tree" drive. The generosity during the holiday season for kids from the Longshoreman's staff has been remarkable. This last December marks the seventh year in a row of holiday giving to CJC to distribute to needy children throughout their collaborative network. Social workers, therapists and advocates are able to identify children in need and even make special requests for the children on their caseloads. The Longshoreman have made dreams come true for hundreds of children during the holidays for so many years now. They have brought so much joy.

Thank You Local 4!

Photo: Union Hall decorated for the holidays with bikes purchased and assembled safely by the skilled Longshoremen

RUSSIAN SOCIAL SERVICES (ROSS) & CJC Partnership

Since more than 100,000 Russian-speaking refugees and immigrants reside in the Portland-Vancouver area northwest region of the US, it is essential to have their expertise in coordination with CJC victim advocates to more effectively service and support Russian-speaking community members in Clark County. In addition, *ROSS* staff have meet with the CJC team and provided very informative background information



history and unique cultural aspects of our local Russian community members.

To learn more about ROSS see: <http://emoregon.org/ross.php>

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Every year CJC provides the public with free information about child abuse and local services and supports that can help prevent child abuse and serious injury to children. Information tables are provided for the full month of April at City Hall in Vancouver and Clark County Public Service Center.

PHOTO:

Forensic Interviewer Kim Christly with free public info table for the month of April



New Children's Activity Room Dedicated to Windermere Steller



A reception was held at CJC to unveil the new *Windermere Steller Foundation Kids Activity Room*. Approximately, 70 community members visited the reception and took tours. The room was fully remodeled with a portion of the funds from the 2013 *Windermere Steller Foundation* donations. The offersmany child to teenage enrichment activities that help relieve stress for children who visit the center. This room was designed by the CJC victim advocates to establish a special place for children in need of some solitude time and relief away from the more public

reception area. It is a room for fun in a colorful, friendly and safe environment. This room will also be used in the future to provide mental health services onsite for children and their family members who need treatment services.



This *Children's Activity Room* was dedicated to our local Windermere Steller Foundation in honor of their very generous support of local kids over the years.

Photo: The *Children's Activity Room* provides home-style comfort with fun activities for toddlers to teens to provide some fun-time away from busy areas of the center or playtime relief from stressors.

2014 WINDERMERE STELLER CJC GALA

The *Windermere Stellar Realty CJC Gala "An Evening in Wonderland"* was a grand success, creating one of the most impressive and entertaining fund raising events at the Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver. A beautifully decorated event, with a spectacular dinner, live entertainment, silent auction, live auction, and group fun activities. All of this extravaganza was created by our local talented Windermere Steller group. Nearly \$117,000 was raised in one evening due to the generosity of the event sponsors and 200 supporters in attendance. Proceeds for the event were donated to the important work of CJC for child crime victims. The Windermere Steller Foundation has made a big difference in the lives of local child victims of crime for the past three years through their exceptional fund-raising events for CJC.



A Very Special Thanks to our CJC Gala Corp. Sponsors



Our Community CJC Gala Sponsors:

- ❖ Wheeler Family Foundation
- ❖ Dave & Lisa Leon
- ❖ Larry Kingsella



Time to sign up for the 2015 *Vintage Circus CJC Gala!*
See: <http://windermerevancouver.com/cjgala/>

Save the Date: October 3rd, 2015
5:30 p.m. @ Royal Oaks Country

CJC IS A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE PLACE FOR CHILD CRIME VICTIMS AND THEIR NON-OFFENDING FAMILY MEMBERS

Creating a safe, comfortable and child-centered environment is an important part of all Children's Advocacy Centers. CJC has worked hard to develop a child-friendly atmosphere with the a child's art walk, wall murals, livingroom-type meeting spaces and play spaces. Since many children come to us significantly traumatized by felony-level abuse this kind of sensitivity is essential.



In addition to the center environmental design and decor, CJC law enforcement personnel dress in plain clothes when meeting with children and families at the center with no visible weapons; and, the center prohibits the presence of suspects or perpetrators within CJC.



CJC'S CERTIFIED FACILITY DOG: TABITHA II IS ON THE JOB!



Thank you to *Canine Companion for Independence* for raising her to be such a great working companion for children and an amazing member of the CJC team. Her presence increases the level of comfort and sensitivity for child crime victims as they go through the investigative and judicial process



Tabitha II was bred and raised by the nationally recognized *Canine Companions for Independence (CCI)*. She was placed at CJC fully certified at 2 years old in 2011. Members of the CJC team participated in the 2014 1st Northwest Region Dog Walk fund raiser. All proceeds from the event went to support CCI for their dog breeding and training program to bring more dogs like Tabitha to join teams like CJC.

Learn more: www.cci.org



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