



Garfield County Child Advocacy Council, Inc. History

November 1997

- Senator Robert Milacek contacted Carole Wade, then employed by CDSA, about the need for a place to interview abused children. Group of interested persons were contacted and meeting held.

January 1998

- Garfield County Advocacy Council formed. By-laws written and approved by membership. Articles of Incorporation submitted. Officers elected. (John Provine was the first Chairman of the Council).
- MCART formed and began meeting in jury room at courthouse.
- Later in this year 501(c) (3) non-profit determination made by IRS.

1999

- Property purchased
- Renovation completed of the white house
- Reunification visits began.

2000

- Renovation of yellow house completed and child interviews began.
- MCART began meeting monthly in the yellow house.

2001

- First staff hired.
- CASA program added to advocacy center programming.
- MCART increased meetings to twice monthly.
- First Child Abuse Prevention Seminar held at NWOSU.

2002

- Full membership, accreditation, in the National Children's Alliance awarded.

2003

- MCART begins meeting weekly.
- CASA programming expanded to Blaine County.
- Accepted as United Way participating agency.

2004

- First juvenile detective officed on site.
- Remodel of corner building begun.
- NCASAA Quality Assurance (self-assessment) completed without deficiencies.

2005

- Third year interim site review completed without deficiencies.
- VISTA program assists with Blaine County CASA expansion.
- United Way Self-Assessment completed.

2006

- CASA program expands staff to Blaine County.
- Charter Sponsors established.

2007

- Multi-disciplinary Child Abuse Response Team (MCART) established in Blaine County.
- Five year NCA accreditation received.

2008

- Renovation of the office building on the corner of 10th and East Broadway was completed.
- Tenth Anniversary of GCCAC was celebrated.
- NCASAA Self Assessment completed without deficiencies- Certification awarded.

2009

- Renovation of Interview/Testimony Room begun to make it handicapped accessible.
- Multi-disciplinary Child Abuse Response Team (MCART) begun in Kingfisher County.

2010

- Renovation of Interview/Testimony Room continued with added video conferencing capabilities.
- Interview/Testimony Room dedicated to memory of Senator Robert Milacek

2011

- First Annual Luncheon held.

2012

- Five year NCA accreditation received.
- Forensic Interviewer employed by GCCAC.