



# Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers

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Dear Ms. Kelley-Siel,

I am writing on behalf of the Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers (the Network) to request membership on the Child Welfare Advisory Committee (CWAC).

The Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers was established in 1995 to improve the availability of quality, comprehensive services for child abuse victims throughout the state. Our mission is to "Ensure every child and youth in Oregon has access to high quality, comprehensive services and resources to address child abuse." The Network is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose executive leadership is comprised of directors from 19 child abuse intervention centers throughout the state. A Network Coordinator helps facilitate our work. I currently serve as the Chair.

This past year, the Network successfully became an accredited chapter of the National Children's Alliance, one of the first state chapters in the country to achieve that distinction. The Network's Child Abuse Intervention Centers are core members of the county multidisciplinary team response to child maltreatment. Based on a national model, we work closely with DHS, law enforcement, mental health, health care providers and other professionals to provide a collaborative, coordinated response that minimizes trauma to children and promotes their safety, healing, and well-being.

The Network has been a member of the CJA Task Force for more than a decade. At our October 2010 Network meeting, we became aware the structure of CJA Task Force would be changing, with the CWAC assuming more oversight of the projects the CJA Task Force had been working on. Knowing the Network's mission fit well with the CWAC, and believing that we could offer valuable input to the work of the committee, we agreed to contact you and request the Network be considered for membership on the CWAC.

Please feel free to contact me at (503) 276-9046 with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dowling  
Chair, Oregon Network of Child Abuse Intervention Centers