

## **CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY**

Since opening our doors in 2000, the Child Advocacy Center has served over 2600 children and families in Rockingham County. In 2006, over 340 children were interviewed at the center, and 3 families were from Newton.

Multiple interviews of a child abuse victim can not only increase the trauma to a child, but it is also counterproductive to conducting a solid investigation. The Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County (CACRC) brings together all of the individuals of the multi-disciplinary team to a child friendly, neutral location so that one interview can be conducted and all relevant parties are represented. Each team member has the opportunity to have their questions asked by a trained forensic interviewer who is sitting with the child in a separate room. The National Children's Alliance reports that in municipalities where a Child Advocacy Center is not utilized as opposed to prior to the center's involvement, there is a 40 % increase in successful prosecution of these cases.

In 2003, a second site was opened in Derry so that families, as well as professionals on the western-side of the county could have better access to the safe and child friendly atmosphere that the CACRC provides. The Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County strives to improve our response to child abuse and neglect by presenting continuous training in the areas of recognizing, preventing, reporting and investigating these difficult cases. As part of our Outreach and Educational component of our program we offer education and support to our fellow multi-disciplinary team members. This is always at no charge to them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi Richardson, MSW

## **DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS, INC.**

D.A.D. Inc. (Drugs are Dangerous) is asking for your continued support by asking for \$2,000.00 to help fund our efforts. Please continue to put us on the Town ballot.

We have continued our efforts with supporting Red Ribbon Week with needed supplies and speakers. We continue to support our families and youth with roller skating parties at Skateland. We offer a night of Teen Bingo at the Middle School. Every Father's Day for the past 18 or so years, we have sponsored a family fun day at Camp Lincoln. Food, sodas, popcorn, cotton candy, music, swimming, boating, rock wall climbing, giant jumping tent and our BIG whipped cream battle and more, have entertained and provided a safe drug free environment for our Sanborn Families to share.

We continue to try to enrich the communities with Project Safeguard for all seventh graders and their parents and also Project Stand-By Me for all incoming sixth graders. Please support our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristy A. Lacroix, President