**April 2018: Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**Calendar of Events**

April 3 – EVENT: BEYOND WORDS client showcase

April 8 – EVENT: BEYOND WORDS open house reception

* Join ChicagoCAC for BEYOND WORDS, an open house reception honoring survivors of child sexual abuse on April 8 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. Guests will enjoy artwork created by ChicagoCAC clients, spoken word poetry and an ice cream sundae bar! During the event, guests will have the opportunity to create art to contribute to the interactive prevention-focused exhibit. This free event will include discussion of child sexual abuse prevention and survivorship. Register now!: <https://www.chicagocac.org/get-involved/events/beyond-words/>

 April 9 – ART DISPLAY: Art exhibit moves to Woodson Library for display

 April 13– TRAINING: Strengthening Communities and Sexual Abuse Prevention: the role
 of protective factors

* In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, it is important to look at ways to reduce the likelihood of victimization and re-victimization of the children in our community. This training uses a strengths-based approach to explore protective factors against child sexual abuse as well as ways to build upon resiliency in the youth that ChicagoCAC serves.

Link: <https://www.chicagocac.org/what-we-do-outreach-education-training-capm-041318/>

 April 16 – TRAINING: Keeping Children Safe: Preventing, recognizing, responding to &
 reporting sexual abuse

* As ChicagoCAC's signature training, this session will educate professionals and community members about child abuse and has a focus on responding to child sexual abuse. Through lecture and group discussion, the presentation covers: how to define child sexual abuse, behavioral indicators of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, the mandated reporting process and ChicagoCAC’s role.

Link: <https://www.chicagocac.org/what-we-do-outreach-education-training-capm-041618/>

April 16 – ART DISPLAY: Art exhibit moves to Thompson Center for display

April 20 – TRAINING: Advocacy from the Front Lines: Supporting families as they navigate
 complex systems

* The work ChicagoCAC is to support children and families throughout investigations of child sexual abuse. This session will provide an in-depth understanding of how Family Advocates at ChicagoCAC work to seek justice and healing for victims in a multidisciplinary setting. Attendees will learn what it means for a social service provider to truly hear the perspectives of children and families they serve, while simultaneously articulating the needs of these families to other disciplines, including police, child protection workers, attorneys and medical professionals.

Link: <https://www.chicagocac.org/what-we-do-outreach-education-training-capm-042018/>

April 21 – EVENT: Sexual Abuse Speak Out - SLAM4SAAM

* Sexual Abuse Speak Out is presenting their 7th Annual Poetry SLAM4SAAM event on Saturday, April 21 from 6-9pm at ChicagoCAC in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The event benefits ChicagoCAC and features dynamic performances by sexual assault survivors.For more info, visit [SASO's Facebook page](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Qq60WgCuNu0RM2m9d1awBRIP3SbcSTVswPcBDNAIeUN-kaEpGYYrQfcQ94AgcDjKI0CqELIPiRJwADysjgU2QugnA18aXNEiKTgmsYucniVa-KS89tqWcgO8TkvUQETBkf10pR3hcHQCqjPWLEKDsGCKWhknIoHasFpDveNUdaNwPCpYuUOiuJgs75K2BFp28eqPQiIw0MCSIV76XPmzjcyArbDpAKV9EaGj6vw4xmw=&c=&ch=) or call (773) 245-6659.

 April 23 – ART DISPLAY: Art exhibit moves to Harold Washington Library