

# Program Update

**DR. MARGIE HOGAN:** In honor of National Crime Victims Rights Week, 1995, CornerHouse nominated Dr. Margie Hogan for special recognition from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for extraordinary dedication and outstanding service to victims of crime. Thanks for all your hard work, Margie!

**SWEETHEART FOR KIDS AWARD:** CornerHouse will present this award annually to an individual with a commitment to improving the system's responses to children reporting sexual abuse. Nominations are being accepted for the 1996 recipient. Eligible candidates must not be current staff of CornerHouse, although they may be current or past Board Members. Nominations are accepted from anyone and may or may not be solicited from the community at large. The SweetHeart Committee will solicit nominees on an annual basis. Selection will be made by the SweetHeart Committee with input from staff and Board Members. Please call Anne Nuernberg with suggestions.

**MULTIPLE INTERVIEWS:** We've had a number of requests for interviews with children who have had previous interviews with referents. Multiple forensic interviews can be re-traumatizing to the children and often result minimized or inconsistent statements, or recantation. We are working with multidisciplinary professionals to coordinate our efforts in reducing trauma and serving the best interests of the children.

**MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:** CornerHouse values the service that our Pediatricians provide and want to continue to provide this integral part of our program. We ask that referents follow-up with caretakers to ensure that transportation to medical examinations is arranged. An appointment reminder to the caregiver by the referent may reduce the number of no shows and cancellations.

**CAREGIVER BROCHURES:** Caregiver brochures are now available for referents to give to parents prior to interview at CornerHouse. The brochure will provide caregivers with information about the interview process at CornerHouse and answer commonly asked questions. Also included are resource numbers for crime victim reparations.

**DONATIONS FOR REFRESHMENTS:** CornerHouse referents, trainees and staff consumed 271 cases, 6,504 cans, amounting to 78,048 ounces of pop, juice and spring water in 1994. CornerHouse staff feel strongly that the refreshments we have always offered to referents during their work at CornerHouse remain available. In an effort to reduce discretionary budget expenses, we will be asking folks to consider a nominal donation for the refreshments they consume.

**SPRING, 1995**

## **CORNERHOUSE STAFF**

*Dottie Bellinger, Training Manager*

*Lorna Bisson, Administrative Assistant*

*Angelia Cabrera, Secretary/ Receptionist*

*Lori Holmes, Training Coordinator*

*Mary Hunt, Intake/Medical Assistant*

*Debbie Martinetti, Interview Specialist*

*Anne Nuernberg, Interview Specialist*

*Diane Sharper, Interview Specialist*

*Kristi Thomson, Training Assistant*

*Jocelyn Tilsen, Executive Director*

*Mary Annette Venier, Program Specialist*

*Judy Weigman, Program Coordinator*

## **PHYSICIANS**

*Gary Fifield, M.D.*

*Marjorie Hogan, M.D.*

*Julie Kummer, M.D.*

*Jud Reaney, M.D.*

*Linda Thompson, M.D.*

**VIDEO FEES:** CornerHouse supplies an interview synopsis and one copy of the videotaped interview to referents. The cost for additional videotapes requested by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office is \$5.00 as the cost is subsidized by our contract for services. The cost for duplicate videotapes requested by referents is \$5.00. All other requests for videotapes are subject to approval by the referent and the cost is \$40.00 for videotapes and \$10.00 for interview synopsis to cover expenses of materials, staff time and postage/courier service.

**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE FORENSIC INTERVIEW**

**COURSE:** A five day intensive training course for multidisciplinary teams. The course teaches how to conduct credible, reliable and non-traumatic interviews of children who may have been sexually abused.

May 22-26	Sep 25-29	Nov 13-17
Sep 11-15	Oct 16-20	Dec 11-15

**ON-SITE FORENSIC INTERVIEW COURSE-PART 1:**

A two and one half day training conducted at the participant's site on Oct 30 - Nov 1. The course covers approximately one-half the material from the five day interview training course. Part two will be available at CornerHouse in 1996.

**ADVANCED FORENSIC INTERVIEW TRAINING:** A three and one half day course for those who have previously completed the five day interview course on June 20-23 and Oct 10-13, regarding specialized training in interviewing children.

**PREASSESSMENT TRAINING:** Designed for mandated reporters, this one day seminar covers how to respond to a child who tells about sexual abuse.

Jun 1	Sep 21	Oct 26	Nov 30	Dec 1
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**WORKBOOKS:**

Interviewing Children Reliably and Credibly, the investigative interview workbook, by Ann Ahlquist and Bob Ryan, is a useful tool based upon CornerHouse's expertise and successful multi-disciplinary interview model. It covers such topics as the art and science of an interview, the "child first doctrine" and making a determination. Cost is \$15.00. For more information contact Kristi Thomson. To order a workbook, contact Lorna Bisson, Administrative Assistant.

**CORNERHOUSE ORIENTATION:**

Orientation is offered for law enforcement officers, county attorneys and Children and Family Services workers to learn about CornerHouse's role in investigations of child sexual abuse reports. The next orientation dates are June 28, August 8, October 3, and December 5. If you have questions or want to register, contact Kristi Thomson, Training Assistant.

