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Family & Youth's Children's Advocacy Center Welcomes Third Diplomat Child Forensic Interviewer



*Caitlin Delafield, DCFI and Counselor for Family & Youth; Erika Simon, DCFI and Vice President for Family & Youth;
Christina Medlock, DCFI and Coordinator for Family & Youth.*

(Lake Charles)—The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), a division of Family & Youth Counseling Agency, Inc. (Family & Youth) welcomed to their team a third Diplomat Child Forensic Interviewer (DCFI).

Christina Medlock completed her certification in January of 2018, becoming the third DCFI employed by Family & Youth's Children's Advocacy Center. There are currently five Diplomat Child Forensic



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Interviewers in Louisiana, three of which are employed at Family & Youth's CAC. Erika Simon, Vice President of Family & Youth became certified in 2011 and Caitlin Delafield achieved her certification in 2014.

DCFI certification is a mastery level certification for Forensic Interviewers. To achieve DCFI certification an individual must conduct 500 hours of forensic interview of abused and/or neglected children in addition to 40 hours of basic training, 160 hours of advanced training, and pass a state exam.

Family & Youth is proud to employ such dedicated and highly trained individuals and consider it a testament to their dedication to best serve children who have been sexually and/or severely abused.

The CAC is a child-friendly facility designed to coordinate services for children who have been reported as sexually or severely physically abused. Designed and managed to reduce the effects of trauma, the CAC's comfortable environment and well-trained staff work together with area prosecutors, law enforcement agents, child protection investigators, social service workers, therapists, victims' advocates, and medical professionals to investigate child abuse allegations and reduce the number of investigative interviews typically experienced by victims.

It is the belief of Family & Youth that all individuals possess the ability to solve their own challenges and live full and healthy lives when support is available. It is the mission of Family & Youth to provide affordable and professional support through programs and services dedicated to the advocacy, counseling, and education for the people of Southwest Louisiana. Our effort and commitment to building family values will guarantee a stable and stronger community. For more information call 337.436.9533.

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