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MEDIA ALERT:

Training on Child Abuse/Assault Forensic Medical Evaluations to take place on January 12

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(CHARLOTTESVILLE) – Foothills Child Advocacy Center (Foothills) is offering a training on the basics of Child Abuse/Assault Forensic Medical Evaluations from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015, at CitySpace, 100 5th Street NE. This free training is for members of the Charlottesville and Albemarle Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) and other interested parties who work with child victims of abuse in Charlottesville, Albemarle, and surrounding counties.



Suzanne Starling, M.D., Medical Director of the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters (CHKD) Child Abuse Program in Norfolk, Va., will provide the training. Dr. Starling has served as the medical director of the Child Abuse Program at CHKD since 2000. She is a professor of pediatrics, chief of the division of child abuse pediatrics at EVMS, and director of the child abuse pediatrics fellowship program.

She lectures extensively throughout the world on many topics in the field of child abuse and directs several quality improvement projects involving the accurate diagnosis of child abuse. Dr. Starling completed her fellowship in child abuse pediatrics at the University of Colorado's Children's Hospital in Denver.

For more information on the training topics, please download the flier at <http://www.foothillscac.org/uploads/9/9/2/1/9921414/forensic-medical-evaluation-training-jan-12-2015.pdf>. Interested parties can register for the training by calling Jennifer Kline at 434-971-7233, extension 2, or via e-mail, foothillsjk@gmail.com.

Foothills is offering this training in anticipation of launching its new Child Victim's Health Access Program this summer. More information on this program can be found at: <http://www.foothillscac.org/medical.html>.

Members of the Charlottesville and Albemarle MDT include: Foothills; Charlottesville and Albemarle Child Protective Services; Charlottesville and Albemarle Police Departments; Charlottesville and Albemarle Victim/Witness Services; Charlottesville and Albemarle Commonwealth's Attorney's Offices; Piedmont Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA);

Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA); Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS); Region 10 Community Services Board; and UVA Forensic Nurse Examiners.

This training is paid for in part by a grant from the National Children's Alliance through a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

About Foothills

Foothills provides a coordinated system of effective response and intervention to children who have been victimized. The center's goals are to minimize trauma, promote healing, and ensure child safety. Foothills conducts forensic interviews with alleged child crime victims and provides crisis intervention and referrals for services and ongoing support to non-offending caretakers. Foothills is an accredited member of the National Children's Alliance (NCA) and primarily serves the City of Charlottesville and County of Albemarle. Through a grant from Bama Works, Foothills conducts courtesy forensic interviews for surrounding counties that do not have a child advocacy center of their own.

For more information, please visit the center's Web site at <http://www.foothillscac.org/> or call 434-971-7233, ext. 4.

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