

# CAC OF BC NEWSLETTER



## A Note from The CAC

The Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County is extending our gratitude and appreciation to our community partners, our MDT members, legislators, and the residents of Bristol County for continuing with us through the holiday season and the cold months. Without your continued support we could not accomplish the level of healing that we see with our clients. We are grateful for your impact!

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## Upcoming Events:

- **Prevention Event: Strengthening Communities: Investigating & Preventing Abuse Conference**
  - March 26th, 2025
  - Venus de Milo
  - CEUs available!
  - [Link to Register](#)
- **Annual Corn Hole Tournament:**
  - May 22, 2025 (Rain Day: May 29th)
  - Buzzards Bay Brewing
  - [Link to Register](#)



## Legislative Breakfast

On Friday, January 24th, we hosted our annual Legislative Breakfast at White's of Westport. This event provided a chance to share our achievements from the past year with our legislative and community partners. We extend our gratitude to everyone who attended, especially the newly elected officials, who had the opportunity to learn more about our mission. As always, our deepest thanks go to the Bristol County Delegation for their continued support of our work.

This year, we were honored by the presence of the Taunton Police Department Honor Guard and a blessing from the Fall River Church of the Holy Spirit. The most powerful moment of the breakfast was the speech from Sophia, a survivor. At the Children's Advocacy Center, we are privileged to stand with you on your healing journey. Your words gave us, and our partners, a powerful reminder of why we do this important work.



## MDTs of the month

**December:**  
**Anne Farias**  
**New Bedford DCF**



"Thank you Anne, for the hands-on support you provide to your workers and to all the kids and families cared for by your unit. You may be a supervisor, but you've remained in the trenches right beside your team putting in the hard work and never giving up on your kids. You balance the experience, wisdom, and advocacy that you bring to our MDT with your openness to the experience, wisdom, and advocacy of others. We couldn't do this work without you!"

**January:**  
**Christine Boardman**  
**Citizens for Citizens**



"Thank you Christine, for partnering with the CAC to help our families navigate complex systems to address food insecurity. You not only directly support Fall River families, but are also quick to consult with our Family Advocates so that the impact of your expertise is felt throughout all of Bristol County and beyond. You do this and more with a smile on your face and we couldn't do this work without you!"

**February:**  
**Molly Finneseth**  
**Pedi-SANE**



"Thank you Molly, for your willingness to provide coverage to Bristol County children and families and for meeting our complex cross-county clients where they are at with a special blend of persistence, humor, and compassion. You went out of your way to ensure a recent client received the medical services they needed without judgement or hesitation, collaborating not only with the existing MDT but with additional collaterals to surround this client with care. We know your team in Norfolk County feels as we do: we couldn't do this work without you!"

## News & Updates

- With the end of the holidays and the start of Spring Session for many schools, we are out and about in the community training students, caregivers, and providers!
  - For more information regarding our Trainings you can click [HERE](#)
- In welcoming the new year, we also welcomed new CAC members!
  - Emma Konn started with us as an intern but as of January she became our newest Education & Outreach Coordinator.
  - Sam Seiden just recently started with us as a new HARP Clinician in February.
  - Ronak Jahangirian also began in February as a new intern for E&O from UMass Dartmouth.