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## Keeping In Touch



April was Child Abuse Prevention Month. Our activities this month included a display at the Hennepin County Government Center Gallery, an Open House at CornerHouse, and participation in a statewide conference on child abuse prevention.

CornerHouse partnered with the Hennepin County Attorney's Office and its Victim/Witness Unit; Jacob Wetterling Foundation; Minneapolis Police Department; Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota; and Stop it Now! Minnesota to raise awareness about child abuse. The display at the Hennepin County Government Center included information on normal child sexual development; what to do when you see a child being abused; how children can participate in the criminal justice system; and how CornerHouse works with other community organizations in the prevention and intervention of child abuse. The effectiveness of the display was clearly demonstrated by a comment on the display from an observer, "I was once sexually abused and I did not know how to tell someone, so this exhibit may let someone know how to and not be afraid."

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, CornerHouse commemorated its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an Open House. It was an opportunity to thank our donors and investigative and prosecution team members for their support through the years, with over 1200 people invited. Our speakers for the evening included Amy Klobuchar, Scott Trobec, Tom Johnson, and Arlene Clapp Gumingo. Divine Swine served a buffet, Robert Everest provided musical entertainment and Children's Hospitals and Clinics sponsored parking for this event. It was a great opportunity to open our doors and personally connect with those with whom we work, and to provide community members with tours of CornerHouse and information about the services we provide.

CornerHouse continues to provide nation-wide professional training and community education programs, and participated in Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota's statewide child abuse prevention conference. Two presentations were offered at this conference by CornerHouse staff members as a part of our outreach to the public. We continue to raise awareness about the incidence of child sexual abuse—one in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused by the age of 18—through multiple training programs. One way we encourage community members to intervene on behalf of children who may have been sexually abused is to become trained on how to recognize and report abuse. We encourage all CornerHouse supporters and community members to take advantage of opportunities to learn more about what we all can do to help children throughout the year.

Amy Russell, MSED, NCC  
Executive Director

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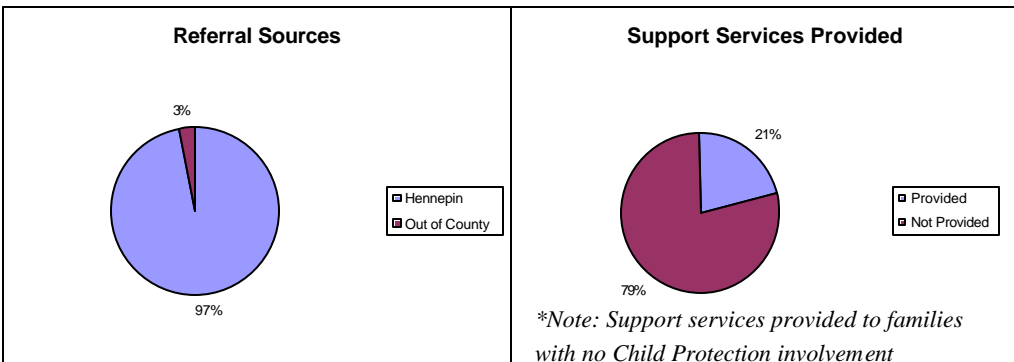
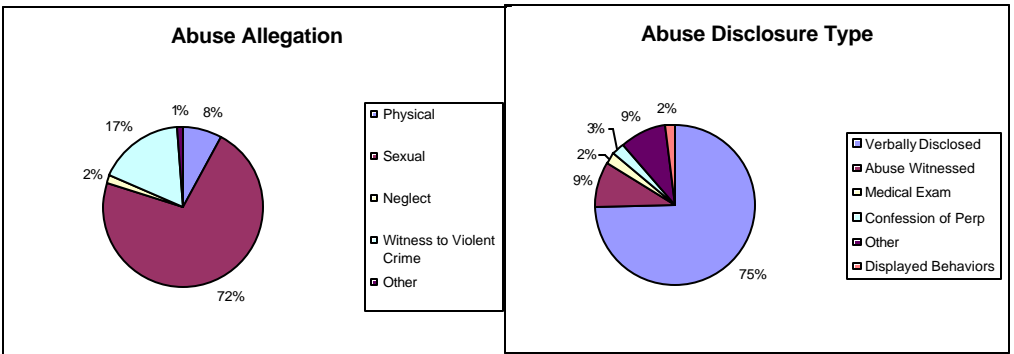
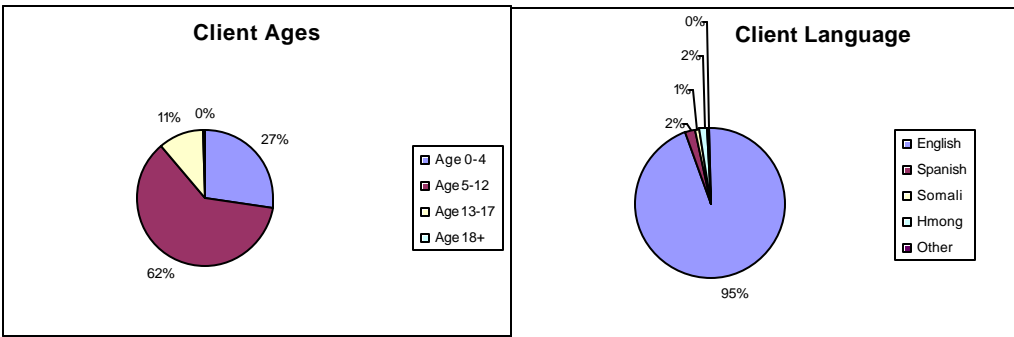
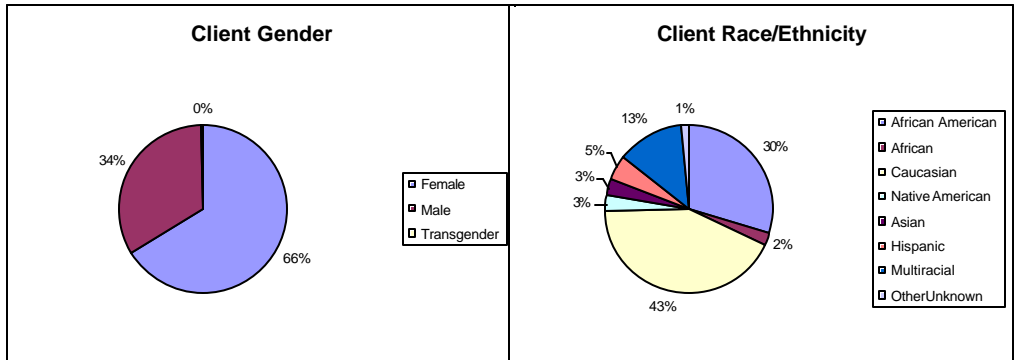
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**CornerHouse interviewed 476 alleged victims in 2004.**



## Recognition:

CornerHouse wishes to recognize and express our sincere appreciation to all those who aided in the CornerHouse mission in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2004.

### Donors

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*Program Director Julie Ellefson welcomed in September at the National Police Academy in Montevideo, Uruguay.*

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*Executive Director Amy Russell provided interview training to social workers and police officers in Kosovo in cooperation with UNICEF.*

## Recognition continued:

McDonnell, Patrick  
McLaughlin, Dan and Sharon  
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### Volunteers

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Marx, Elizabeth  
Miceli, Sophia  
Nyberg, Sue

## Staff Update:

### Gabriela Estrada Long, Video Technician



Gabriela's professional production work began in 2000 after attending the University of Iowa's prominent *Writer's Workshop*. Miss Long was hired as Production Assistant to the art department in the making of the film *Session 9*, with *USA Films* and *YALA Productions* while in Boston. In 2001, she then relocated to Duluth, MN and worked as Camera Director with a CBS Affiliate and then in 2003 became Technical Director to the NBC Affiliate for a season. Miss Long left Television Broadcasting in the Fall of 2003 to pursue in the start up of her own independent documentary *private-Copyright* Film Company (Taviette Film Productions) and to create within her area of interest. As of June 2004, Miss Long relocated to Minneapolis and most recently completed a year-long project for the McKnight Independent Filmmaker's Fellowship in the genre of *experimental short*, in the formation of poetry and film letters combined with documentary. She is now preparing for the Harvard Film Festival with a short film about homeless artists. Miss Long joined CornerHouse in December of 2004 as Video Technician.

## Board Update:

**Damon Noga** – The Board of Directors welcomed **Damon Noga** as a member in November 2004. Of Polish heritage, Mr. Noga is originally from Michigan. He is past Chair of the Board of Directors for the Fort Snelling Employees Association, and former member of the Saint Paul Building Owner's and Managers Association (BOMA) Board of Directors. Mr. Noga is currently the Regional Vice President for Standard Parking, overseeing the Twin Cities, Des Moines, Detroit and Toledo. He also works as a realtor for Generation Realty in his spare time. The Noga family includes wife Amy, and three children Michael (6), and Danielle and Lauren (both 3).

Mr. Noga enjoys helping people, and became involved with CornerHouse through Bob Best several years ago. Mr. Best asked Mr. Noga to help on the Twins Fundraising Committee and explained what a great cause CornerHouse was. Mr. Noga was instrumental in raising thousands of dollars in sponsorships and donations for the 2004 Twins Fundraising Event, and serves as co-chair with Lori Larson for the 2005 Twins event scheduled for June 14, 2005.

## CornerHouse Wish List:

Below is a list of ideas for donations to CornerHouse.

Due to the nature of the work done at

CornerHouse, some donations unfortunately cannot be accepted.

CornerHouse staff are happy to work with you as you select items for donation. If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please contact

Julie Ellefson at (612) 813-8300 or e-mail [info@cornerhousemn.org](mailto:info@cornerhousemn.org)

### Magazines

National Geographic for Kids  
Latino Magazines  
Teen Magazines

### Infant/Toddler

See N° Say  
Shape Sorter  
Stacking Cups

### Preschool

Pop-Up Books  
Wooden Puzzles  
Car Map Rug

### School Age

View Master Slides  
Magna Doodle  
Hand Held Electronic Games

### Landscaping Services Maintenance Services

Clear Purpose  
Celebration  
Evaluation  
Orientation  
Supervisor Support

## Training

# MAKING THE CALL

## CornerHouse Child Sexual Abuse Training for Mandated Reporters

### Who should take this course?

This seminar is designed for child care providers, teachers, health care workers, therapists, patrol officers, advocates and other professionals who have a responsibility for mandated reporting of suspected child maltreatment.

### What will I learn?

- The CornerHouse RIFCR process for talking with children or vulnerable adults regarding suspected maltreatment.
- To discern normal child sexual development from concerning behaviors.
- Dynamics and disclosure process of child sexual abuse.
- How to report suspected maltreatment.

### Continuing Education Credit

This course is pre-approved for continuing education credits by the Minnesota POST Board and on record with the Minnesota Board of Social Work. *To receive a certificate of completion, attendance is required for the entire training day.*

### Registration

Space is still available in our June 21<sup>st</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> full-day training sessions. The training fee is just \$50.00 per person. Call (612) 813-8310 to register.

**CornerHouse also has availability in many other 2005 training courses.  
Call (612) 813-8310 for more information.**

## Multidisciplinary Teams

By Jodi Lashley

### CornerHouse Training Coordinator Manages MDT Project

Multidisciplinary teams (MDT's) provide for a coordinated response from professionals involved in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse. The state of Georgia undertook a Multidisciplinary Review Team & Facilitator Project in 2002 (funded by the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Family & Children Services). As Project Manager, my job was to learn the elements necessary for MDT's to excel. Through site visits to 15 MDT's across the state, team functioning, dynamics, and processes were discussed. Through these site visits and written surveys with front line professionals, Indicators were identified as significant for team functioning:

Knowing Roles/Knowing the "Why"  
Burnout Prevention  
Extended MDT Concept  
County Child Abuse Protocol  
Trust, Respect & Commitment

Accountability for the Team and Team Members  
Consistent & Total Representation  
Identified Meeting Facilitator  
Strategies for Dealing with Conflict  
Willingness to Acknowledge Mistakes

Functional teams are created and maintained through diligence. These Indicators are intended to help teams discover how to excel. Since the necessity of each Indicator is dependent on situational and environmental factors, teams should make decisions regarding applicability upon review of each indicator. MDT's can accomplish great feats on behalf of abused children when members have the foresight and investment necessary. Considering and implementing these indicators will help teams better serve children who have suffered abuse.



## Calendar

### May

- **30** CornerHouse closed – Memorial Day

### June

- **10** Case Review 8:30-9:30 AM
- **14** Annual Twins Fundraiser

### July

- **4** CornerHouse Closed – Independence Day
- **8** CornerHouse Board Meeting 7:30-9:00 AM
- **8** Case Review 8:30-9:30 AM
- **21** Mandated Reporter training
- **27** Interagency Team Meeting 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

### August

- **2** CornerHouse Orientation
- **19** Case Review 8:30-9:30 AM

### September

- **5** CornerHouse Closed – Labor Day
- **9** Case Review 8:30-9:30 AM
- **TBD** CornerHouse Board Meeting 7:30-9:00 AM

## Volunteer Spotlight

By Kelly Sheehan



February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004 was a lucky day for CornerHouse. It is the day that volunteer, Sue Nyberg, resumed her volunteer work after over a 10 year sabbatical. When CornerHouse opened in 1989, Sue was the Director of Volunteer Services at Children's Hospital. She was immediately impressed with CornerHouse and felt that the organization could really make a difference in the lives of children and families. Sue was working full time and had two young children at home and she still found time to chair the Sweetheart for Kids fundraiser, two years in a row, for CornerHouse.

As a result of her children growing up (Alyssa is 13 and Lindsay is 16), Sue decided that she wanted to help CornerHouse again and have direct contact with young children. "I get to play with kids, I love that." She mentioned how amazing it is to watch the transition that families have from the moment they walk in the door to when they leave. "When parents arrive, they are nervous, quiet and oftentimes, angry. After they have spoken to CornerHouse staff and gone through the process, they are thankful for the care and attentiveness that has been given to them."

CornerHouse is also thankful to have Sue's empathy, compassion and warmth.

If you are interested in volunteering for CornerHouse, please contact Amanda Harrington at 612.813.8300 or [info@cornerhousemn.org](mailto:info@cornerhousemn.org).

## Save the Date

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual CornerHouse Twins Fundraising event is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>, with the Twins hosting the San Diego Giants. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a picnic, auctions, music and a Twins game to help children who may have been abused. See our website at [www.cornerhousemn.org](http://www.cornerhousemn.org), or call Sharon McLaughlin at 612/813-8334, for more information or to purchase tickets for this event.



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