Bucks County Children’s Advocacy Center hosts 5th Annual Bucks County Conference on Crimes against Children
Tuesday, March 8
Delaware Valley University

The 5th Annual Bucks County Conference on Crimes against Children focuses on the multi-disciplinary team approach for recognizing and investigating crimes against children. The objective of this conference is to provide resources to professionals practicing in the field of child abuse investigation, treatment and prevention.

8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Delaware Valley University
Life Sciences Building (Campus Map – use lots C, B or A)
700 E. Butler Ave., Doylestown, PA 18901

FRIENDS in the MEDIA:
As you may remember, this conference is not open to the general public. We hope the media will cover it, however, because the two keynote presentations and the topics are important. While the presenters might not be known to the world at large, they are all rock stars in their fields.

“Our objective is to provide resources to professionals practicing in the field of child abuse investigation, treatment and prevention,” says Nimisha David, LSW, MSW, director of the Bucks County CAC. “Attendees will have the opportunity to network with other professionals working in the field, receive current information on prevention, treatment and investigative techniques and enhance their understanding of child abuse dynamics.”

Of particular interest to the media and your readers:
Opening Remarks, 9:00am, delivered by Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick (PA-8th)
Outstanding Service Award presented by Commissioner Robert Loughery to Lindsay Cooper, Intake Supervisor at Bucks County Children & Youth Services. This award is presented by the Bucks CAC to an outstanding professional who has gone above and beyond in regards to the protection of children in Bucks County.
Morning keynote, 9:15-10:15
“Darkness to Light”
John Borgstedt was a victim of one of the worst cases of child abuse in the history of Texas. He has been able not only to survive, but to thrive. Now an award-winning author, motivational speaker and child advocate, his life’s mission has become a journey of partnering with organizations to fulfill his dream of saving one child at a time. The extensive abuse and neglect that John suffered, along with the subsequent life choices and experiences, allow audiences of all demographics to connect personally with his journey from darkness to light.

John’s story of transformation inspire listeners to examine their own lives and motivate them toward becoming agents of change in the lives of the hurting, abused and forgotten. [http://johnborgstedt.com/john-borgstedt/](http://johnborgstedt.com/john-borgstedt/)

Afternoon keynote, 1-2:30
“Internet Luring, Abduction, Recovery & Reunification: A Survivor’s Perspective”
In January of 2002, Alicia Kozakiewicz became the victim of an Internet luring and was abducted to another state where she was held captive. Following a miraculous rescue by the FBI, Alicia, still recovering from her ordeal, returned to school and was soon highly involved in both academic and extracurricular activities, graduating with high honors. During these years, she came to realize that other children need not suffer her traumatic experience, and so, “The Alicia Project,” Internet safety and awareness education, was born.

Conference AGENDA: Attached. For more information, please visit [www.buckscac.org/conference](http://www.buckscac.org/conference)

Conference attendees
Professional multi-disciplinary team members, including
- Law enforcement
- Caseworkers for Children & Youth Social Services Agency
- Forensic interviewers
- Prosecutors
- Victim advocates

And allied professionals, including
- School social workers
- Guidance counselors
- Mental health professionals
- Medical professionals

Conference presented by
Bucks County Children’s Advocacy Center, which provides a child-focused, safe and respectful coordinated response to reports of child sexual abuse and maltreatment
Conference sponsors:
Bucks County Commissioners
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Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency
Northeast Regional Children’s Advocacy Center (NRCAC)
The Horsham Clinic
Delaware Valley University
Police Benevolent Associations of these Bucks County townships:
- Solebury
- Warwick
- Upper Southampton
- Bensalem
- Lower Makefield

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ABOUT Bucks County CAC
The Bucks County Children’s Advocacy Center was established in 2008 to develop and oversee a coordinated, multidisciplinary and comprehensive response to reports of suspected child sexual and physical abuse. By bringing the agents of major institutions that play a role in the response process together in one child-friendly, developmentally appropriate, respectful and safe environment, the Center strives to limit victim trauma. The Bucks CAC is a collaborative effort by the Bucks County District Attorney’s office, Bucks County Children & Youth Social Services, Network of Victim Assistance, Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership and local law enforcement. The Bucks County Children’s Advocacy Center operates under the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of NOVA. The Bucks CAC is supported by funding from generous public and private organizations and individuals.

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