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## Children's Cove Expands Staff

*New hires will help the agency handle increased referrals*

**September 15, 2021 (Barnstable, MA)** – Children's Cove, The Cape & Islands Child Advocacy Center, announced today the hiring of two new team members. Children's Cove welcomes Alexandra Foley as the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Case Manager / Forensic Interviewer and Kathy Fayerberg, Family Services Coordinator.

Over the last several years, Children's Cove has received a steady increase of referrals from multidisciplinary partners in law enforcement, the Department of Children and Families, hospitals and pediatric providers across Cape Cod, Nantucket, and Martha's Vineyard. Since 2016, Children's Cove has served as the coordinating organization to provide an evidenced-based and trauma-informed response to cases of suspected human trafficking and sexual exploitation of children in the area. This year the number of referrals to Children's Cove increased significantly and may be one of the busiest years yet in the organization's 24-year history.

"With the increase in education and outreach efforts, more training with our multidisciplinary team members and the impacts of the pandemic, the visibility of our services and supports is very high," said Children's Cove Director, Stacy Gallagher. "We have found ourselves in need of additional staffing and have hired two incredible people who have demonstrated great work in our community."

Alexandra Foley joins Children's Cove as the CSEC Case Manager / Forensic Interviewer after working for the Justice Resource Institute (JRI) as a Family Networks Service Coordinator and Intensive Care Coordinator. Alexandra holds a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling from Lesley University and will be coordinating with the agency's multidisciplinary team members to respond to concerns and reports of human trafficking of children on Cape Cod and the Islands. Alexandra will also conduct forensic interviews as a matter of special investigations for high-risk youth and victims of CSEC.

Kathy Fayerberg joins Children's Cove as the Family Services Coordinator after providing individual and family therapy at Gosnold Inc.'s school-based programs. Kathy received a master's degree in clinical social work from Boston University and will support the mission of Children's Cove by providing support for children and families served through psychological first aid and psychoeducation relating to the impact of traumatic experiences. Kathy will also connect children and families with needed resources and supports in the community, as well as information regarding the investigative and justice process.

"While it is concerning that we are seeing such an increase in cases across the region, our community can rest assured that Children's Cove will have a greater ability to respond to children and families who have been victims of crime." Gallagher added.

#### **ABOUT CHILDREN'S COVE**

Children's Cove, a department of Barnstable County, has been the Cape and the Island's Children's Advocacy Center since 1997. Children's Cove provides coordinated and comprehensive multidisciplinary services to child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, witness to domestic violence and child sexual exploitation and trafficking. To learn more visit [www.ChildrensCove.org](http://www.ChildrensCove.org)

#### **ABOUT BARNSTABLE COUNTY REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CAPE COD:**

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