PCA GEORGIA TO RE-ESTABLISH 1-800-CHILDREN HELPLINE

With the generous support of the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, we are excited to announce the imminent re-establishment of the 1-800-CHILDREN Helpline. The Helpline has been a top priority for PCA Georgia and the many child advocates around the state who support prevention efforts in their local communities.

We expect to have the Helpline back up and running by the end of 2013 through a partnership with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies (HMHB) who will be hosting the call center. We are grateful for the Blank Family Foundation’s support and will provide more information as we get this initiative started.

To read the Blank Family Foundation’s official press release, click here.

GOVERNOR DEAL COMMEMORATES “CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

On March 25 Governor Deal signed an official proclamation to commemorate April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Georgia. Members of the Georgia Children’s Cabinet, the Governor’s Office for Children and Families, and other child advocates attended the event at the State Capitol. Mrs. Sandra Deal, First Lady of Georgia, State Senator Renee Unterman, Representative Katie Dempsey, and Commissioner Clyde Reese of Georgia Department of Human Services also gave remarks about prevention efforts in the state.

FIRST LADY OF GEORGIA AND GSU “PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION”

On Tuesday April 16, the First Lady of Georgia Mrs. Sandra Deal joined Prevent Child Abuse Georgia and GSU’s Institute of Public Health to commemorate “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Georgia by dedicating a Pinwheels for Prevention Garden at the Lanette L. Suttles Child Development Center at Georgia State University. Mrs. Deal was joined by members of Georgia Children’s Cabinet, the Governor’s Office for Children and Families, University faculty and staff, and community advocates. In addition to the dedication of the pinwheel garden, students from the Child Development Center performed a song for Mrs. Deal.

Please click here to view our new fact sheet, which includes statistics about child maltreatment in Georgia as well as the costs of child abuse and neglect. Feel free to distribute in your communities as needed.
NEWS FROM PCA AMERICA

PCA America kicked off National Child Abuse Prevention Month with the opening bell of NASDAQ on April 2. Executive Director of PCA New Jersey, Rush Russell, had the honor of ringing the opening bell on the trading floor and raising awareness for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. To read more about the event, click here.

PCA America also commemorated April with "The Big Pinwheel Garden" in Times Square on April 16. This event aims to spread further awareness of the many nationwide activities that state chapters of PCA are holding during April. For more information about this event, click here.

Please also take a moment to visit PCA America’s completely redesigned website at www.preventchildabuse.org. The site features a new layout and additional content for families, communities, and anyone interested in preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening families.

LOCAL STORE, SEVANANDA, PARTNERS WITH PCA GEORGIA

Sevananda Natural Foods Market, an Atlanta-based natural foods store has made PCA Georgia a partner in their “Be the Change” program for the month of April. This program provides capacity-building, promotion and financial contributions to locally-based nonprofit organizations. Each calendar year, Sevananda works in partnership with twelve organizations, assigning one for each month, and each organization is featured in their newsletter “Co-Options.”

PCA Georgia was invited to create a demonstration board in the store to attract customers and employees and inform them about our organization and our work. We also spent two days in April speaking with Sevananda customers and employees in order to raise awareness about issues surrounding child abuse and neglect in the state. In addition, 1% of the store’s net sales during the fourth Saturday of April will be donated to PCA Georgia. Thanks to Sevananda for this outreach opportunity to spread information about child abuse and neglect prevention and commemorate National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

SAVE THE DATE!

May 22: PCA Georgia Webinar from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. Ruth Peebles of Innovative Nonprofit Solutions will present on the Fundamentals of Effective Strategic Planning. Look for registration details soon.

June 3: PCA Georgia Regional Meeting in Augusta. (10 a.m.-3 p.m.) Our colleague Mike Powell from Pike County will present on community partnerships and collaboration in the morning. The afternoon session will cover PCA Georgia business and include time for networking among attendees. Lunch will be provided. More details about registration will be sent in May.

September 4: PCA Georgia Statewide Conference
UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Webinars: Take advantage of the free multidisciplinary webinar “Review of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Resources” on April 24 at 1:00 p.m. Click here to register. CHOA will also offer webinars this Spring and Summer for medical professionals on child sex trafficking in Georgia. For dates and details, click here.

Sheltering Arms Georgia Training Institute: Free webinar on “Hosting a Parent Café.” Training will cover how to best engage families through parent cafes. April 23 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Register here.

Revovacion Conyugal: “Culturally Diverse: Intimate Partner Violence in the Latino and African-American Communities” This one-day training will cover religion and domestic violence, cultural competency, and collaboration. May 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Wellstar Development Center, 200 S Park Place SE Atlanta, GA. Click here to register.

Prevent Connect: Click here to browse upcoming webinars that will cover sexual violence, evidence-based practices, teen dating violence, and primary prevention. Newsletter also includes recordings of past webinars on similar content.

Longitudinal Studies of Child Abuse and Neglect (LONGSCAN) Webinar: Register here for “LONGSCAN Findings that Can Change Child Welfare” webinar on April 19 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

RESOURCES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: “Essentials for Childhood — Steps to Create Safe, Stable, and Nurturing Relationships.” This guide from the CDC covers the consequences of child maltreatment from a Public Health perspective and provides communities with strategies for creating safe, stable, and nurturing relationships. Click here to download or here for more information. We also encourage you to take a look at the CDC’s new Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) infographic by clicking here. This new tool provides an interactive way to view the effects of childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, on long-term health outcomes.

National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families: A Support and Resource Guide for Working With Military Families. This guide offers an overview of best practices in working with military families and the family challenges unique to that population. Click here to access.

U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children and Families: Take a moment to view some history and facts about National Child Abuse Prevention Month at the Child Welfare Information Gateway by clicking here.

Georgia Birth to Five Coalition: Click here to read details about recent increases in the Federal budget for early learning initiatives. The additional funds include a 10 year, $11 billion increase for home visiting, and a 10 year, $66 billion increase for Pre-K programs.


Migration and Child Welfare National Network: View the organization’s webpage and take a moment to read about policies and practices that specifically affect the welfare of immigrant children and families.

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