Coming Soon: 1-800-Children Helpline

Thanks to the generous support of the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, we are excited about re-establishing 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. The Helpline will be open for calls in February. Stay tuned for details as we will need your help in getting the word out about this new resource.

An essential component of the 1-800-CHILDREN Helpline is the resource database. The more information we have, the stronger we will be to the communities we serve. It is especially important to include resources from every corner of the state.

If your agency has a community resource guide, we would love to see it! Please send the document or the link to Darcy Olsen at dolsen2@student.gsu.edu.

Also, please click here to take a moment to ensure that your organization is included in our resource and referral database.

Educational Opportunities

The Georgia General Assembly is back in session and a number of Georgia-based organizations are offering opportunities for you to stay informed and get involved.

- Georgia CASA: “Day at the Capitol 2014” will take place on February 4 at 9:30 a.m. at the Georgia State Capitol. CASA volunteers, staff, board members, and supporters from across the state will gather to educate legislators on issues important to children and families. For more information click here. Register by clicking here.

- The Interfaith Children’s Movement will host a day at the Capitol “Have a Heart for Children,” on February 6 from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. To register, click here.

Webinar: Messaging and Pinwheels 2014 — The Narrative Around Which the Pinwheel Spins

Prevent Child Abuse Georgia will offer a webinar focusing on this year’s Pinwheel for Prevention campaign on February 19, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is an excellent chance to learn how to involve your community in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In this webinar, Prevent Child Abuse America's Senior Directors of Communications and Marketing, Ben Tanzer and Matt Feldman, will provide a refresher on the reframed messaging upon which our work is built. They will then share the latest on Pinwheels for Prevention and opportunities the campaign can afford for awareness, fundraising, and engagement before opening the session to audience discussion and questions.

PCA Georgia network members will be given the opportunity to register first. Please be sure to register as soon as possible to secure your space. Click on the blue button below to register:
RESOURCES AND TRAINING

Governor’s Office for Children and Families: FREE Online Mandated Reporter Training. [Click here to access.]
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta: A free webinar, “Media, Pop Culture & Teen Dating Violence Part I: Introduction to Technology and Media,” will be offered on January 30 at 2 p.m. This presentation is intended for those who have a limited knowledge of current technologies and social media. You will learn the basics about social media networking sites, as well as "apps" available for mobile devices such as cell phones and tablets that youth frequently use. This information will provide a basis for Part II of the series, which will address the intersections of teen dating and technology. You do not need to participate in this webinar in order to participate in Part II. To Register [click here.] Part II will be held on February 5 at 2 p.m. To register for Part II, [click here.]

Georgia Family Connection Partnership: Join Region 4 Georgia Family Connection for “The Power of the Network,” Regional Leadership Summit Thursday, January 30, 2014, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This event will be held in Stuckey Auditorium at the UGA - Griffin Campus, 1109 Experiment Street, Griffin, GA 30223. To register, contact Jennifer Corcione at 706.672.4016 or jcorcione@mcicfc.org.

Barton Child Law and Policy Center: “A Year of Exploring Openness in Child Welfare” January 31 at 12 p.m. in the Blue Room at the Freight Depot. Panelists include Alan Judd, The Atlanta Journal Constitution; Tom Rawlings, Child Welfare Attorney, former juvenile court judge and Georgia child advocate; and Rachel King, General Counsel, Georgia Department of Human Services. [Click here to register.]

Georgia Children’s Advocacy Network: [Click here to view a recap] of the Georgia-CAN 2014 Pre-Legislative Breakfast. Presenters include Georgia Department of Human Services Commissioner Keith Horton and Georgia DFCS Director Dr. Sharon Hill.

Darkness to Light: View a list of upcoming “Stewards of Children” child sexual abuse prevention trainings [by clicking here.]. We would also like to congratulate the Prevent Now Pike Coalition (Pike County’s PCA strategy team) on helping to train 568 adults in Pike County toward their 5% tipping point of 652 adults in “Stewards of Children.”

Kids Matter: The Winter 2014 edition of the Child Protection and Advocacy Law Section of the State Bar’s quarterly newsletter includes updates on Georgia’s Juvenile Justice Reform from Commissioner Avery D. Niles. The commissioner highlights the importance of using evidence-based practices in our state. Also take a moment to read an update by Dr. Sharon L. Hill, Director, Division of Family and Children Services, regarding Georgia’s new statewide centralized intake system for reporting child abuse and neglect. [To read, click here.]

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