GOVERNOR DEAL PROCLAIMS APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN GEORGIA

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Georgia Governor Nathan Deal proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in a ceremony on April 2, 2014. PCA Georgia, along with other child advocates from across the state, joined Governor Deal in marking April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

HONORING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH ACROSS THE STATE

If your organization has child abuse prevention events or activities planned for April, please send details to Lia Scott at lscott19@student.gsu.edu so that we can include your information in a statewide calendar of events.

If your event has already passed, please send details and/or photos so that we can highlight you in our upcoming newsletter.

HERE’S TO NEW BEGINNINGS!

This month, PCA Georgia will be saying good-bye to two invaluable resources, Roddey Jones and Darcy Olsen. Roddey has been with PCA Georgia for two years as a Graduate Research Assistant and a Program Associate, and his hard work and dedication are unmatched! Roddey will be joining the National SafeCare Training and Research Center, housed in the Center for Healthy Development, as a Training Specialist.

Darcy has worked with PCA Georgia since September 2013 as part of her Social Work Field Placement. She spear-headed the building of the resource database housed at Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies and played an integral role in the re-launch of the 1-800-Children Helpline. Darcy will be graduating from GSU on May 10 with a Masters of Social Work. Congratulations to the both of you and good luck!

While we say good-bye to two great assets, we gain another; PCA Georgia is pleased to announce Lia Scott as the new Graduate Research Assistant. Lia is completing her Master of Public Health at the Georgia State School of Public Health and we are excited to welcome her to the PCA Georgia team!

SAVE THE DATE!

Prevent Child Abuse Georgia Conference
September 11, 2014
Atlanta Marriott, Century Center
A Preview of Upcoming Events

- 4/15 – CHOA: Free Webinar on “Introduction to Child Abuse Prevention Programs”
- 4/22 – FSC Murray County: Pinwheels for Prevention Ceremony
- 4/22 – CHOA: Free Webinar on “Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Resources”
- 4/22 – PCA Georgia: Pin(Wheel)Campus Blue
- 4/23 – Forsyth CAC: “Lunch Bunch” Fundraiser
- 4/24 – FSC Whitfield County: Pinwheels for Prevention Ceremony

News from PCA America

On April 8th, Prevent Child Abuse America debuted the 2014 Big Pinwheel Garden in New York City, in honor of April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

“The Good Wife” star Josh Charles and Manhattan magazine’s Christine Cuomo joined over 200 volunteers as they turned the Big Apple blue with over 5,000 pinwheels in support of healthy starts for children. The Times Square Big Pinwheel Garden is the signature event of the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign, through which PCA America has distributed over 3.5 million pinwheels nationwide since April 2008.

If you missed the live event, click here to see Josh Charles’s presentation.

WELCOME NEW COUNCILS!

PCA Georgia is excited to welcome two new councils to our network, SOWEGA Children’s Alliance and PCA Henry County.

The Southwest Georgia (SOWEGA) Children’s Alliance will serve as the PCA local council for Ben Hill, Crisp, Dooly, Lee, Macon, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell, Wilcox and Webster counties. The Alliance consists of SOWEGA CASA, LightHouse Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC), and the Southwestern Judicial Circuit Truancy Intervention Program.

PCA Henry County will serve as the local council for Henry County. Programs and services they offer include First Steps, Darkness to Light Stewards of Children, and Grandparents raising Grandchildren.

Birth to Five: Watch Me Thrive!

Birth to Five: Watch Me Thrive! was recently launched in conjunction with CDC’s latest autism prevalence numbers.

This initiative provides pediatricians and community-based service providers with the tools and information they need to promote developmental and behavioral screening for all children.
RESOURCES AND TRAINING

**Governor’s Office for Children and Families:** FREE Online Mandated Reporter Training. [Click here to access.](#)

**Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta:** [Click here to register](#) for “Introduction to Child Abuse Prevention Programs” on Tuesday, April 15 and “Review of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Resources” on Tuesday, April 22.

**Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta and the Governor’s Office for Children and Families:** Web-based training series for Georgia healthcare professionals on child sex trafficking. [Click here to register.](#)

**Darkness to Light:** [Click to view a list](#) of upcoming “Stewards of Children” child sexual abuse prevention trainings.

**University of Georgia Cooperative Extension:** Five “Healthy Relationship and Marriage Education Training” workshops will be offered throughout the state from April to August. The next workshop is May 13 in Columbus, GA. Visit [http://www.gamarriages.org/](http://www.gamarriages.org/) for more information. To view a flyer, [click here.](#)

**Strengthening Families:** “How Strengthening Families Aligns With the Head Start Parent, Family and Community Engagement Framework” is available online. [Click here to read.](#)

**Child Welfare Gateway:** “30 Ways to Promote Child Well-Being During National Child Abuse Prevention Month: Activity Calendars.” [Click here to view](#) in English or Spanish.

**The Innovative Nonprofit Solutions Group:** “Need Funding? Tried and True Strategies for Creating a Winning Proposal” is their upcoming webinar on Wednesday, April 30. [Click here to register.](#)

I-800-CHILDREN HELPLINE LAUNCHED!

As many of you know, the Helpline was officially launched on February 26th and is taking calls Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please let us know if your local media has covered the release of the Helpline in any way, so that we can keep track of the press coverage. [Click here for more information about the Helpline.](#)

PCA Georgia will be distributing promotional materials, rack cards and bookmarks, for the I-800-CHILDREN at the end of April.

WE NEED YOUR RESOURCE GUIDES!

An essential component of the 1-800-CHILDREN Helpline is the resource database. We want the database to be as complete and comprehensive as possible to best serve our community.

Do you have a community resource guide? If so, we would love to see it! Please send the document or link to Lia Scott at lscott19@student.gsu.edu

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