



PCA GEORGIA CONFERENCE RECAP

Thanks to the 200+ child advocates who traveled from all over the state to attend the first annual Prevent Child Abuse Georgia Statewide Conference in Atlanta.

Special thanks to all of our presenters for helping make this day a success and to the Governor’s Office for Children and Families for funding this training opportunity!



We all enjoyed a keynote luncheon featuring Naomi Haines Griffith.



(L-R) Joyce Edmonson and Helen Passantino of PCA Coweta were both recognized for their contributions to the prevention field.



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday October 17,
1:00 p.m.

PCA Georgia Executive
Director Conference Call

Carol Neal Rossi will give a recap of both the PCA Georgia and PCA America conferences.

TRAINING OF TRAINERS: SEPTEMBER 29, MACON, GA

PCA Georgia will host a training of trainers for mandated reporters on **Saturday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Macon. Lunch and materials will be provided.

This training will prepare 20 community trainers to present “The Mandate to Report: The Opportunity to Prevent,” child abuse prevention curriculum, developed at Prevent Child Abuse Georgia. It includes an emphasis on the Strengthening Families protective factors.

Workshop leader Anna Curtis is the Director of Research and Content Development at Banyan Communications. Her special skills include a focus on translating the harsh reality of social problems into an engaging educational experience and implementing social norm change. Click below to register:

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NEWS FROM THE FIELD: PCA ATHENS



Prevent Child Abuse Athens Healthy Families program held an Ice Cream Social for families in August. The Police Department joined them to talk about child identification, take finger prints for older children, and distribute take-home kits for families. A local church donated space for the event and the Parent Advisory Council helped plan it. Parents appreciated the information and everyone enjoyed ice cream and toppings!

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Please send us any recent news or activities from your communities to include in our next newsletter! Send stories to Carol Neal Rossi at cnealrossi@gsu.edu.

PCA GEORGIA WEBINAR: HOSTING A PARENT CAFÉ OCTOBER 9, 1:00 P.M.

Do you wonder how to engage parents? Do you worry that parents don't have a voice? Do you wish there was a better way? The Parent Cafe is for you. Modeled after the World Cafe concept, hosting a Parent Cafe is an effective way to engage parents in conversations that matter.

Please join us on **Tuesday October 9** for "Hosting a Parent Café." Presenter Diane Bellem of Sheltering Arms Georgia Training Institute will discuss strategies for empowering parents to strengthen protective factors in their own communities.

Diane Bellem has more than 32 years of experience in community-based organizations serving young children and their families. She served on Head Start's National Competency Based Training and Credentialing Initiative, and the Center for the Study of Social Policy's National Strengthening Families Initiative. Diane is an approved Georgia DECAL trainer.

To register, click here:

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RESEARCH AND TRAINING

Governor's Office for Children and Families: Free online mandated reporter training. [Click here to access](#). For even more trainings offered by GOCF, [please click here](#).

Prevent Child Abuse America: Annual conference in Jacksonville, Florida. 10/12-10/15. [Register here](#).

Voices for Georgia's Children: GA-CAN meeting, Physical and Sexual Child Abuse: Prevention, Protection and Responsibility. 9/25, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Logan Room, 1st Floor of United Way Building, 100 Edgewood Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303. To register, [click here](#).

Stop It Now!: Free Webinar Series: "Creating Circles of Safety; How organizations and adults can speak up to keep children safe from sexual abuse." 10/2, 7:30 p.m. and 10/3, 2:00 p.m. [Click here to register](#).

GUIDE, Inc. Training Opportunities: Registration information for trainings in prevention, youth development, and cultural competence. [Click here](#) for more details.

PCA AMERICA NEWS PCA America President and CEO James M. Hmurovich was recently featured in the Huffington Post. [Click here to read](#). To read PCA's statement regarding the Cristian Fernandez trial, [click here](#).



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