



PREVENT CHILD ABUSE GEORGIA ANNOUNCES STAFF OPENING; CONTINUED FOCUS ON PREVENTION



After having successfully set up the state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America within Georgia State University's Center for Healthy Development, Carol Neal Rossi will be stepping down from the Director position and move to a consulting role. PCA Georgia has met all of its first year benchmarks, conducted a needs assessment, developed a strategic plan and secured second year funding with the support of the Governor's Office for Children and Families.

PCA Georgia will conduct a wide professional search to fill the Director position and maintain this incredibly positive momentum. "We hope to bring new talent to the organization and continue its mission to focus on community activities and programs that prioritize child abuse prevention," said John R. Lutzker, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Healthy Development and founding Advisory Board member of this PCA Georgia chapter.

Carol Neal Rossi will remain active with PCA Georgia, but under a consulting contract, supporting the work of the new Director, the Advisory Board, Dr. Lutzker, and other related community outreach projects. "Carol was integral to setting up PCA Georgia here within the University and her expertise with PCA America and project management helped to make that happen," said Lutzker. "We hope to maintain the organization's current activities and implement additional research and training for child abuse prevention professionals across our network," said Lutzker.

"I am so pleased with the work that we have done here to set up PCA Georgia and I know it is positioned to succeed within Georgia State University. We are grateful for the support of the Governor's Office for Children and Families. I have been privileged to work with such a great group of child advocates and academics in this process," said Carol Neal Rossi. "I look forward to supporting PCA Georgia, as well as the larger PCA America network, from a different vantage point."



Thanks again to all of you who have made our new effort work so well. We look forward to our continued collaboration. Please help us recruit someone for the Director position who can pick up the Carol baton and work with us in leading PCA Georgia.

Please click on the links below to read more about the position and information about applying.

If applying with Master's degree:

[Click here](#) and enter 0602990 as the vacancy number. For a description of the Program Director Position, [click here](#).

If applying with Doctoral degree and interest in teaching: [Click here](#) for a full description of the Academic Professional Position. To apply, please send your cover letter and CV to John R. Lutzker, Ph. D., Director Center for Healthy Development; Professor and Associate Dean of Public Health at jlutzker@gsu.edu. For additional information, you may contact Dr. Lutzker directly at 404-413-1284.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Voices for Georgia's Children distributes a weekly list regarding the status of all the bills in the Georgia General Assembly that affect children and families. For a full list of these bills, [please click here](#).

Barton Child Law and Policy Center at Emory Law offers a weekly newsletter about child welfare issues currently on the table in Georgia. [Click here](#) for more information. Please also take a moment to read their update on the Juvenile Code Rewrite (HB 242), which passed the Senate Judiciary Committee. [For more information, click here](#).



UPCOMING PCA GEORGIA EVENTS

Pinwheels for Prevention Garden at Georgia State University. (Date TBD)

April 17: PCA Georgia Director's Conference Call. 1:00 p.m.

June 3: PCA Georgia Regional Meeting. 9:30-3:30 in Augusta.

RESEARCH AND TRAINING

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta: Webinar—"Intimate Partner Violence During Pregnancy" on Tuesday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. [Register today](#). CHOA will also host "Stewards of Children" child sexual abuse prevention trainings on April 3, 9, and 16. For more details and registration information, visit www.choa.org/stewards. Other webinars offered during April include: "Introduction to Child Sexual Abuse Prevention" April 10 from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. [Register today](#). "Introduction to Child Sex Trafficking for Healthcare Professionals" April 16 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. [Click here to register](#). "Review of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Resources" on April 24 from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. [Register here](#).

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 that childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, has on long-term health outcomes.

The Georgia Department of Public Health and Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning: are offering a one-day social-emotional development training at the Loudermilk Center, 40 Courtland Street Northeast, Atlanta, GA on April 17 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. [Access registration information here](#).

Strengthening Families: February E-update. Read about recently released studies on home visiting and how to integrate parent leadership with protective factors. [Click here to access](#).

The Child Indicator: The Winter 2013 Edition contains recent research about youth violent crime, current child welfare trends, and more. [Read the current issue here](#).

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children and Families: Since 2007, the number of reported cases of abuse or neglect has dropped from 723,000 to 681,000 in 2011. To read the full report, [please click here](#).

APRIL—CAP Month history, facts and additional resources for National Child Abuse Prevention Month at the Child Welfare Information Gateway [by clicking here](#).

APRIL—CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH EVENTS AROUND GEORGIA

Houston County: Rainbow House Children’s Resource Center in Houston County is hosting a number of events to mark National Child Abuse Prevention Month. They will kick off the month on April 1 with a proclamation signing and Pinwheels for Prevention ceremony at Centerville City Hall. In addition, Rainbow House will host a “No Excuse for Child Abuse” Run/Walk on April 6. Houston County citizens will also have the opportunity to attend a number of workshops and community events that focus on prevention efforts in the community. For a detailed list of Rainbow House’s planned April events, [please click here](#).

PCA Habersham: Each April, Prevent Child Abuse Habersham focuses on awareness throughout the community. To kickoff the month, a recognition event will be held on April 1st, 12:00 noon, at Habersham Medical Center. HMC has partnered with PCA Habersham for the past few years by hosting this event and displaying hundreds of blue metal ribbons on the hospital’s front lawn as a tribute to those children in our community who have suffered the tragedy of abuse.

More than 7,000 blue ribbons will be distributed to children in the public school system. A group of middle and high school students will be making weekly announcements in their school that cover topics related to child abuse. Businesses are being asked to sell paper blue ribbons to customers and display them. Signs that say "Support Prevent Child Abuse Habersham" will also be spread across the county. The local newspaper will feature the ribbon on the front page of every edition during the month of April., along with special feature columnists.

The National March Against Child Abuse: April 22 at Fulton County Justice Center, 185 Central Ave. SW, Atlanta, GA. 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Calendar of Events: For a full calendar of events for April, [please click here](#).

NEWS FROM PCA AMERICA

If you are interested in hosting a “Pinwheels for Prevention” event in your community, please take advantage of the following materials provided by Prevent Child Abuse America. These tools provide states with convenient, cost-effective ways to spread to the message of prevention. For more information, visit www.pinwheelsforprevention.org

- [Pinwheels for Prevention: Core Elements](#)
- [Fundraising ideas for National Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)
- [Sample localizable press release](#)
- [Sample localizable PSA](#)
- [Sample letter to the editor](#)
- [Sample proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month 2013](#)
- [Pinwheels for Prevention/Child Abuse Prevention Month talking points](#)
- [Paper Pinwheel](#)

[Click here to read](#) “We Can Do More,” the official statement from PCA America regarding the effects of sequestration on child abuse and neglect prevention efforts. It highlights the importance of reaching out to surrounding communities to reduce the impact of cuts to programs and services that help children and families.



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