



## UPDATES FROM LOCAL COUNCILS

### PCA Pickens Hosts Fundraiser and Awareness Event

On Saturday October 12, supporters of PCA Pickens gathered for “Long Table on Main” to raise money and awareness for child maltreatment issues in their community. The dinner on Main Street in Jasper featured a silent auction and a performance by the Atlanta Swing Orchestra. Overall, the event raised \$70,000 that will be used to hire staff and serve an additional 20—30 families currently on the waitlist for parenting programs. For more information and pictures visit [PCAPickens.org](http://PCAPickens.org) and open the “LToM Pictures” page.



*Above: PCA Pickens supporters enjoy dinner on Main Street in Jasper. In all, 150 members of the community attended.*

### PCA Athens Hosts Grandparent Workshop



PCA Athens partnered with the Athens Clarke County Council on Aging, Athens Regional Medical Center, Safe Kids, and the Sheriff's office to do a 90 minute workshop for grandparents. Topics included health and Safety (sleep, car seats and medication), mandated reporting, positive discipline, and cyber safety.

Overall, 55 grandparents attended, primarily from the Council on Aging foster grandparent and grandparents raising grandkids programs.

#### 1-800 CHILDREN RESOURCE AND REFERRAL GUIDE

Please [click here](#) to take a moment to ensure that your organization is included in our resource and referral guide for the 1-800-CHILDREN Helpline.

### Miss America 2013 Joins PCA Habersham for Annual Fundraiser



*Above: Mallory Hagan is presented with the 2013 “Hope for Habersham” award.*

In August, PCA Habersham held their Annual Benefit Reception featuring Miss America 2013, Mallory Hagan, as keynote speaker. Over 200 supporters attended and more than \$31,000 was raised for PCA Habersham’s child abuse prevention programs.

## RESOURCES AND TRAINING

**Children's Bureau:** "The Children's Bureau Legacy: Ensuring the Right to Childhood." This e-book provides a historical overview of policies and programs that have worked to improve the child welfare system in the United States. To read this free e-book, [click here](#). Also take a moment to view "Leaving Your Child Home Alone," a fact sheet for parents. [Click here to read](#).

**Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and the Governor's Office for Children and Families:** [Click here](#) to view information about their Free Online Training Series for Georgia Healthcare Professionals on Child Sex Trafficking. Upcoming multidisciplinary trainings include "Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse in Georgia: Your role in recognizing and responding to suspicion of maltreatment" on **December 10, 2013**. [Register today](#).

**Governor's Office for Children and Families:** FREE Online Mandated Reporter Training. [Click here to access](#). Also, take advantage of the new FREE online training "Safe Sleep for Georgia Babies" [by clicking here](#).

**Georgia Association for Positive Behavior Support (GAPBS):** 6th Annual GAPBS Conference 2013, "Embracing a Multi-Tiered System of Support: Home, School, & Community," will be presented in collaboration with the Center for Leadership in Disability at Georgia State University and the Georgia Department of Education on **December 4 and 5** at Georgia State University. [Click here to view registration information](#).

**University of Georgia College of Education:** The 3rd Annual Safe and Welcoming Schools Conference, "Reducing Risk Through Safe and Welcoming Schools" will be held on February 28, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden in Athens, GA. Topics include bullying prevention, safe school climate, crisis management, and more. [Click here](#) for a full list of speakers. To register, [click here](#).

**Center on Children and Families at Brookings:** "The Parenting Gap" helps explain why and how much parents matter. It also provides insight into traits of the strongest parenting styles. [Click here to read](#).

### WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

We want to hear from you! Please send us any recent news or activities from your community to include in our next newsletter.

E-mail items to: [jneighbors@gsu.edu](mailto:jneighbors@gsu.edu)

## JOIN US FOR A FREE WEBINAR ON DECEMBER 5

Prevent Child Abuse Georgia is excited to host Dr. Gary Freed for our final webinar of 2013 on **Safe Sleep**, December 5, 2013 at 10 a.m. Dr. Freed is the Director of the Apnea Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Medical Director of the Children's Sleep Center at Egleston.

Space is limited. **Click the blue button below to register.**

**REGISTER NOW**

## NEWS FROM PCA AMERICA

[Click here to read](#) "A Time for Reflection and Looking Forward, Together" discusses the impact of the Jerry Sandusky trial on the conversation around child sexual abuse prevention. Also included are suggestions about what practitioners and citizens can do to strengthen prevention efforts in their communities to stop all forms of abuse. PCA has also hired Leslie Bond as Director of Bullying Prevention Services. She can be reached at [Lbond@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:Lbond@preventchildabuse.org).



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