



Prevent Child Abuse Georgia

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Newsletter

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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 at the end of January 2014. Stay tuned for details as we will need your help in getting the word out about this new resource.

WE NEED YOUR RESOURCE GUIDES!

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.

Do you have a community resource guide? If so, 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.

PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION...ORDER NOW!



As 2013 draws to a close, it's not too early to start planning for National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April 2014. If you or your agency would like to use the official PCA pinwheels in April, we are accepting pre-orders now. We also sell official pinwheel lapel pins—a great way to display your support and promote child abuse awareness anywhere you go. Bulk orders may receive a discount. To get pricing information or to place an order, contact Julia Neighbors at jneighbors@gsu.edu.



TIES FOR A CAUSE

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES JOIN THE FIGHT TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE



A GIFT WITH A CAUSE

Looking for a great holiday gift idea? "Ties for a Cause" are designed by professional athletes, and all proceeds from sales go to PCA America. To learn more or to make a purchase, [click here](#).

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS NEEDED FOR SURVEY

The Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) is developing a new assessment tool to measure parents' perceptions of their strengths, and has created a survey to help test the tool's adequacy and usefulness. CSSP needs help in recruiting a minimum of 2,000 parents/caregivers of young children to complete the survey. Volunteers from all demographics are needed. CSSP is asking for you to help by distributing the survey to friends and colleagues. [Click here](#) to learn more.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta: CHOA has posted a schedule for upcoming Darkness to Light child sexual abuse prevention trainings in 2014. The first is scheduled to be hosted on January 15 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at 1680 Tullie Circle, Atlanta, GA 30329. The cost is \$15. For registration information , [click here](#).

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 the fact sheet for parents and caregivers entitled "Leaving Your Child Home Alone." [Click here to read](#).

Voices for Georgia's Children: Georgia Children's Advocacy Network Pre-Legislative Session Breakfast. Thursday, January 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in The Blue Room at the Freight Depot , 65 Martin Luther King Junior Drive Southeast , Atlanta , GA 30312. [Click here for more information](#).

Georgia Department of Education: The 2014 Georgia Family Engagement Conference will be held in Athens, Georgia January 9-11, 2014. Late registration ends December 20th. [Click here to register](#).

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

Safe to Sleep: The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) has launched a new Safe to Sleep® campaign website. [Click here to visit](#). Features include an interactive safe sleep environment tool, in which caregivers can demonstrate their knowledge of safe sleep; new campaign materials and brochures; and an "E-Toolkit" of materials for professionals and the media. [Click here](#) to take the free online training "Safe Sleep for Georgia Babies," sponsored by the Governor's Office for Children and Families.

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](#).

NEWS FROM PCA AMERICA

PCA America has published a thought-provoking article entitled "Embracing a Culture that Celebrates Children." This piece discusses several widely accepted societal norms that have the potential to undermine our culture's advances in the movement to eliminate child maltreatment. [Click here](#) to read the full article on PCA America's website.

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

A SPECIAL FAREWELL

This month we will be saying good-bye to **Roddey Jones**, who has worked with PCA Georgia for close to two years as a Graduate Research Assistant and will be graduating from GSU on December 19th with a Masters in Public Administration. Roddey has been an invaluable resource to the PCA Georgia team and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and commitment. **Congratulations and good luck!**