



PCA GEORGIA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

In case you have not already done so, please take a moment to register for our one-day conference on September 12, 2012 at the Atlanta Marriott, Century Center. Space is limited. Click on the following links for more information:

- [Workshop information](#) with details about presenters and sessions
- [Direct link](#) to registration form
- [Directions](#) and [information](#) about the Atlanta Marriott, Century Center

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Carol Neal Rossi at cnealrossi@gsu.edu.



PCA GEORGIA CALENDAR: EVENTS AND TRAINING

August 22: PCA Georgia ED conference call. 1:00pm.

August 29: PCA Georgia Webinar: "Walking Upstream on the Prevention Path: Critical Issues for Communities to Consider." Presenter: Michelle Hughes, M.A., MSW, Project Director, Benchmarks. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. [Click here](#) to register.

September 12: PCA Georgia One-Day Conference. Atlanta Marriott, Century Center. For more information about workshops and registration, [click here](#).

September 29: Training of Trainers: "The Mandate to Report: The Opportunity to Prevent." Fairfield Inn, Macon. (10-am 4pm, lunch will be provided). Presenter: Anna Curtis, *Banyan Communications*. Space for this training is very limited. Contact Carol Neal Rossi at cnealrossi@gsu.edu if you are interested in participating.

October 10: PCA Georgia Webinar on Parent Cafes.

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

We want to hear from 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.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING

Pediatrics: [Study about the relationship between foreclosure rates and high-risk TBI related to child abuse](#). Examines reports of child abuse that have occurred over the past decade as foreclosure rates have increased.

American Academy of Pediatrics: [Socio-emotional health tips](#) for parents, early childhood education providers, and pediatricians.

Strengthening Families: [July e-Update](#). Quick links to information about grant assistance, childhood poverty, and protective factors.

Children's Safety Network: [Links to newsletters](#) and resources. Information about bullying, drug misuse, and injury prevention.

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Technical Assistance: [New website from Health Resources and Services Administration](#). Updated site with information and resources for home visiting programs.

National Sexual Violence Resource Center: [The Perfect Shade of Change: Resources for Sexual Violence Preventionists Creating Safe and Healthy Communities](#). Tools for prevention advocates to reduce sexual violence in their communities.

September 24 & 25: GA Commission on Family Violence [18th Annual Statewide Family Violence Conference](#), Marriott City Center, Macon.

October 11-15: PCA America Conference in Jacksonville, FL. [Click here](#) to register.

MANDATED REPORTER LAW CHANGE, SUMMARY

Recent legislative changes went into effect on July 1st, which broaden the definition of mandated reporters to include volunteers who work with children. Georgia House Bill 1176, which was focused on the reform of adult criminal proceedings, also amended O.C.G.A. § 19-7-5 to expand the professionals required to report child abuse. The statute now includes clergy members and added definitions to clarify that coaches and university personnel are required to report.

While "child service organization personnel" had previously been included in the law, the definition was clarified to include all "persons employed by or volunteering at a business or an organization, whether public, private, for profit, not for profit, or voluntary, that provides care, treatment, education, training, supervision, coaching, counseling, recreational programs, or shelter to children."



This recent addition to state law now makes it a misdemeanor for a volunteer to knowingly or willfully fail to report. Should the report turn out to be false, any person found to be making such report in good faith will be immune from civil or criminal liability.

Here are some training opportunities. Please share them with people in your community who work with children.

August 21: Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Webinar: Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse in Georgia [Click here](#) to register. (Check CHOA schedule for more dates.)

Governor's Office for Children and Families: Free online mandated reporter training. [Click here](#) to access.

PCA GEORGIA WEBINAR: AUGUST 29, 10:00 A.M.

Join us on August 29 for "Walking Upstream on the Prevention Path: Critical Issues for Communities to Consider." This workshop will provide an overview of child maltreatment prevention including core conceptual frameworks, emerging research on the impact of toxic stress on children's developing brain architecture, and key prevention principles to incorporate into any community-based efforts to prevent child maltreatment.

Presenter Michelle Hughes, M.A., MSW, has worked in child abuse prevention for more than 15 years. She has written numerous publications on primary prevention and the implementation of evidence-based practice.

To register, click here:

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TRAINING OF TRAINERS: SEPTEMBER 29, MACON, GA

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

This training will prepare 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.

There are only 20 spaces available for this training, so please contact Carol Neal Rossi at cnealrossi@gsu.edu if you are interested in participating.



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