

## NEWS FROM PCA AMERICA

Prevent Child Abuse America has released its Annual Report for 2011, *Prevention is Possible: How We All Play a Role in the Lives of Children*. The report covers: the National Movement for America's Children, Pinwheels for Prevention, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention, Healthy Families America, and the creation of new PCA chapters. In addition, the 2011 report presents PCA's vision for 2012, which includes increasing public advocacy efforts and prioritizing bullying and Child Sexual Abuse Prevention. You can read the full 2011 annual report [here](#).

PCA America has also released a number of statements. Please click on the links below to access PDF versions of each, including:

- [The Horace Mann School incident](#)
- [The Jerry Sandusky Trial](#)
- [PCA America's Alliance with Stop it Now! and Darkness to Light](#)
- [Adam Sandler's new movie, "That's My Boy"](#)

Please feel free to distribute all or part of this information to your local media and stakeholders.

## ADVOCACY AND TRAINING

- **JUST Georgia:** Briefing on changes to the Child Protection and Public Safety Act (Juvenile Code Rewrite). See the briefing [here](#).
- **Strengthening Families:** Strengthening Families will offer a Training of Trainers Protective Factors workshop on August 9 and 10 at Mercer University at McDonough. [Register here](#).
- **Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy and Children:** Two free webinars on changes to mandated reporting statutes. [Click here](#) to register for the 8/02 webinar or [here](#) to register for the 8/21 session. [Stewards of Children seminar](#) on recognizing and responding to child sexual abuse. Also offering free learning modules for medical professionals. Register [here](#) or [here](#).
- **Governor's Office for Children and Families:** FREE Mandated Reporter Training. [Click here](#) to access.
- **Voices for Georgia's Children:** Panel discussion about the impact of the Supreme Court's ruling on the Affordable Care Act. July 24, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Logan Room at the United Way Building. [Click here](#) to register.
- **Children's Safety Network:** Webinar on July 24 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.. "Implementing Bullying Prevention in Schools: Boston's Story". [Click here](#) to register.
- **PCA America:** Take a moment [to thank the Supreme Court](#) for their ruling upholding the Affordable Care Act or [contact your congressman](#) to show your support for the ruling.

*Save the Date!*

*PCA Georgia Inaugural Annual  
Conference*

*September 12, 2012*



*Keynote Speaker :*

*[Naomi Haines Griffith](#)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the following PCA Georgia Events:

- **Executive Director Conference Call:** Our next Conference Call will be held on **July 18 at 1 p.m.** Please mark your calendar. An email reminder with call-in information will be sent out a few days before. If you would like us to address a particular topic or issue, please email suggestions to Carol at [cnealrossi@gsu.edu](mailto:cnealrossi@gsu.edu)
- **PCA Georgia Inaugural Conference:** We are excited to announce that the first annual Prevent Child Abuse Georgia Conference will take place on Wednesday **September 12, 2012** at the Atlanta Marriott Century Center. In addition to a keynote address by child welfare specialist [Naomi Haines Griffith](#), there will also be six distinct workshop-style training sessions. Please give us your suggestions for topics by filling out the following survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TRSN63N>. Please save the date for this day-long conference and look for registration information in the very near future!

## PCA GEORGIA ADVISORY BOARD CONVENES-COMMITTEE OPENINGS

The PCA Georgia Advisory Board held its first meeting at our Georgia State University office on May 16th. Board members reviewed our strategic plan and provided valuable input.

We talked about common experiences and past associations with PCA Georgia, as well as how we felt we could collaborate with other statewide organizations to maximize our impact for prevention.

We would like to add a few more people to our Advisory Board from outside Atlanta. If you, or someone you know would be interested in serving, please email Carol at [cnealrossi@gsu.edu](mailto:cnealrossi@gsu.edu).

We are also seeking committee participation. Current openings include:

- Fundraising
- Communications/Marketing
- Policy/Advocacy
- Partnerships/Collaboration among organizations
- Training/Professional Development
- Councils/Membership



## PCA GEORGIA SPEAKER'S BUREAU

- Carol Neal Rossi, Director, spoke at a regional meeting of the Interfaith Council for Children in Macon on June 21. She presented to a group of clergy in Macon, GA, on their newly defined role as mandated reporters in recognizing and reporting potential child abuse and neglect. The presentation covered current research on Toxic Stress, ACEs pyramid study from CDC, and Strengthening Families Protective Framework and how the faith community plays a pivotal role in helping families increase their protective factors.
- On June 11, Carol did an on-camera interview with WXIA (11 Alive News) on the issue of corporal punishment in response to the Rev. Dollar case. Click [here](#) to read the story.

*Mark your calendar:*

**PCA Georgia ED Conference Call, July 18 , 1:00 p.m.**

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Prevent Child Abuse Georgia Strategic Planning Meeting was held on Friday, June 15th in Athens. Twenty-one people from across the state participated. Thank you!

We reviewed the timeline of activities completed to date to secure our status as a provisional chapter of PCA America. We also discussed the results of the needs assessment E-survey, which helped rank our priorities for the near future and beyond. The majority of the meeting was devoted to a group break-out sessions. Each group reviewed a specific component of the strategic plan and made additions and recommendations. There was a lot of positive feedback from the participants. Your ideas will definitely be incorporated. The meeting was very successful in terms of editing the strategic plan and also allowed the participants to reconnect over common interests and passions. PCA Georgia belongs to us all. We will all contribute to its work to prevent the abuse and neglect of Georgia's children.

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