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## Revenues, Gains & Other Support 96.528 Contributions Contributions (in-kind) Government Grants & Contracts Conference Fees Other Total Revenue, Gains & Other Support Prevention Education & Outreach Prevention Education & Outreach (in-kind) Home Visiting Programs Support Conference Management & General Fundraising Fundraising (in-kind) Total Expenses **Revenue Over Expenses** (10,155)Net Assets at the Beginning of the Year 48,033 Net Assets at the End of the Year

\*\*Figures from FY13

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abuse prevention initiatives.

your own community by volunteering!

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end. With your continued support, PCA Illinois will be able to continue

it's work with families, educators, community members and volunteers

Spread the word about Prevent Child Abuse Illinois' child

N Be an ambassador for us. You can make a difference within

Be a superhero and walk for children! Better yet, get a team

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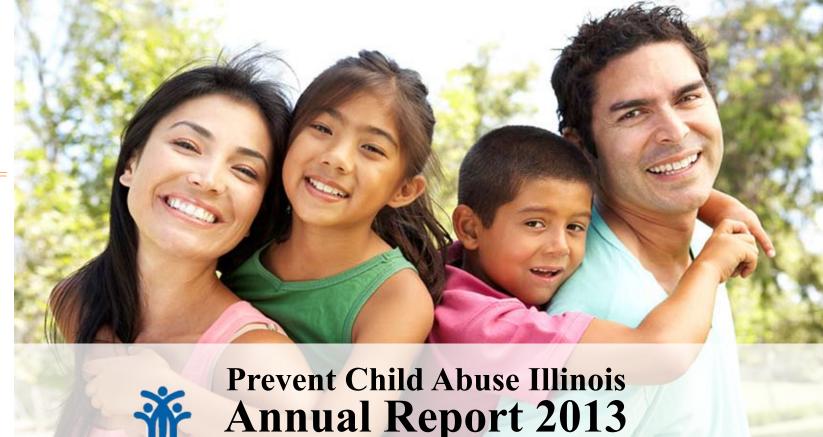


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## Children Matter ... Get Involved!

# **Prevention & Education Programs**

DEAR FRIENDS.

The board of directors and staff of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois are pleased to present our 2013 Annual Report highlighting our key activities and accomplishments of the past year.

We are all well aware of the compelling case for prevention and the vital importance of the kind of work that PCA Illinois does along with so many others to secure safe, healthy, nurturing childhoods for every child in our state and our nation. Collectively we need these children, our children, to become a competent and productive next generation.

The economic downturn of the past several years has been a daunting challenge for many organizations serving families and children. Indeed some have ceased to exist altogether. PCA Illinois has had its challenges as well but we have been fortunate in being able to maintain and in some areas even expand

Our organization's challenges pale however against those of the many families severely affected by the economy and by various related policy decisions. Even now as the economy shows some improvement - corporate profits are up, the stock market has reached record highs, and unemployment is dropping - the sequester and other funding reductions are hurting children and families even further. Many families who depend on the WIC nutrition program, food stamps, subsidized child care, and early learning programs such as Head Start are losing these and many other supports. None of this bodes well for children.

After 20 years of sustained and measureable progress in reducing child abuse in our nation, we are losing ground. Children's lives are being disrupted. We have to turn this around.

PCA Illinois will continue undaunted in our efforts. And we will continue to look to you, our steadfast friends, colleagues, and partners, for your determination and continued support as well. Our children, the next generation, are too important for anything less. And we thank you all.

Frank Kepady Frank Kopecky

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Prevent Child Abuse Illinois envisions an Illinois where all children grow up in healthy, nurturing homes and communities free of abuse, neglect, violence, or endangerment of any kind.

> Mission The mission of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois is to prevent child abuse b providing statewide leadership through education, support for community initiatives, and advocacy.

History Established in 1990, PCA Illinois provides key leadership for child abuse prevention in Illinois. PCA Illinois is a chartered state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America.

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### **Child Abuse Prevention Coalitions**

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Coalitions work to identify and address child abuse and neglect on a local level. Some coalitions provide parenting classes and community trainings. Some host special events during April, Child Abuse Prevention Month. Each CAP coalition is unique with unique activities and approaches. Prevent Child Abuse Illinois coordinates the CAP Coalition

Advisory Committee, facilitates an annual CAP Coalition Summit. and helps to support the coalitions with resources and manpower.

### **Happiest Baby on the Block**

All babies cry. Some babies cry a lot! The Happiest Baby on the Block Initiative teaches parents and caregivers Dr. Harvey Karp's 5 techniques for soothing a crying baby. In FY 13, PCA Illinois continued to grow our Happiest Baby network of certified educators in an effort to reach more parents. We developed a "tool kit" for our network to help track outcomes and make delivering the

training easier. We also updated our presentation with critical information about safe sleep environments for infants and the latest information on shaken baby syndrome.

### **Literature Distribution**

The Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Literature Distribution Program provides educational materials on child abuse prevention and related topics at no cost to individuals and organizations throughout Illinois. In 2013, over 53,000 pieces of literature in both English and Spanish were distributed to hospitals, clinics, public health departments, schools and social service agencies. These

organizations provide the materials to Illinois families in their own communities, teaching child abuse prevention and positive parenting.

### **Child Sexual Abuse Prevention**

Child Sexual Abuse can have devastating effects on children, their families and the communities in which they live. During the past year Prevent Child Abuse Illinois increased our child sexual abuse prevention efforts throughout the state by providing

additional Stewards of Children training, developing and offering a basic community awareness presentation, and working with

numerous partners on advocacy and educational projects. PCA Illinois also worked with the Child Advocacy Centers of Illinois and a few members of the 'Erin's Law' Task Force to create a website for school personnel, professionals and parents to help with the implementation of Erin's Law in schools throughout the state.

### **Effects of Domestic Violence on Children**

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois continued its close partnership with other advocates and organizations working to eliminate the serious harmful effects of domestic violence on children. Prevent Child Abuse Illinois staff provided trainings and support materials, chaired committees, and distributed over 7,750 Effects of

Domestic Violence on Children brochures across the state.

### **Home Visitation Support Services**

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois has provided key leadership for the Healthy Families Illinois home visiting program for new parents since 1994 through statewide planning. advocacy, staffing regional program cluster groups and managing credentialing support funds. In 2013, the effort continued to grow to include Nurse Family Partner ship, Early Head Start, Parents as Teachers and

other home visiting programs. Home visiting helps vulnerable families at a crucial time, providing resources, concrete support, mentoring, and parental empowerment.

### **Shaken Baby Syndrome**

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois continues its Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention campaign to reduce the number of children in Illinois who are injured or die as a result of having been shaken. The campaign provides brochures, posters, community presentations and Train-the-Trainer workshops to help parents,

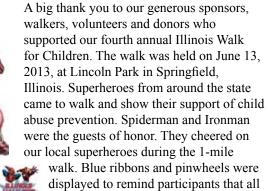
caregivers, case managers and others learn about the dangers of shaking a baby and how it can be prevented. Anyone can become frustrated and overwhelmed when a baby won't stop crying and everyone needs to know what to do, who to call and practical coping skills as an alternative to shaking.

### **Effects of Substance Abuse on Children**

The harm to children living in homes where there is alcohol or drug addiction can be devastating and have lifelong effects. Prevent Child Abuse Illinois staff served as anti-drug coalition members, committee chairs, conference planners, and community trainers in 2013 and distributed over 2,745 Effects of Meth on Children brochures. PCA Illinois also

developed a new brochure, "Substance Abuse and Families: Children Living in Chaos" to add to the literature distribution program. The brochure provides information about the harmful effects of addiction in families and how children can be impacted.

# Superhero Walk for Children



children deserve to grow up in happy,

healthy and nurturing homes. After the walk, the children tested their own superhero prowess with themed games at the carnival.

Want to be a superhero? Sign up for our next walk on June 7, 2014!

106,236

reported as

abused or

neglected to

the Department

of Children

and Family

Services in

Illinois

\*DCFS Annual Report 2012

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois is proud to be part of the April Child Abuse Prevention Month national effort. We work with partner organizations and

**Child Abuse Prevention Month** 

communities throughout Illinois to raise awareness, provide prevention education, and to build effective services to protect children and strengthen families. In 2013 PCA Illinois hosted four Media Launch Events, facilitated trainings, conducted workshops and presentations, and provided extensive community support before, during and after the month of April. Five pinwheel gardens were planted in the city of Springfield

and Chicago's Thompson Center was the host site for a week long art display and resource table event the last week of April. In addition Prevent Child Abuse Illinois presented three Child Abuse Prevention Community

Campaign Awards recognizing and honoring local prevention programs who raise awareness and spread the prevention message.

## **Child Abuse Prevention** Conference

"Social change to protect children... taking action" was the theme of the 19th Annual Statewide Child Abuse Prevention Conference, held October 24-25, 2013 in Lisle, IL. Our featured speakers included: child advocate Cordelia Anderson, international speaker Barbara Coloroso, motivational speaker Greg Risberg and social worker Mark Sanders. The



conference featured 24 breakout sessions, the Friends of Children awards luncheon, resource tables and networking opportunities. With over 400 participants, this conference is one of the state's largest training events for child welfare professionals, foster and adoptive parents, volunteers and other professionals.

> 20th Annual Conference November 6-7, 2014 Springfield, IL

## **Advocacy for Children**

**Prevent Child Abuse** Public policy issues affecting children and families is a foundational concern for Prevent Child Abuse Illinois.

> National issues in 2013 have focused largely on the various impacts of the sequester and on continuation of funding for the Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visitation program. Significant accomplishments in Illinois included PA 97-1147, signed by the Governor

on January 24, 2013, which adopted the recommendations of the Erin's Law Task Force to require age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness prevention education in grades pre-kindergarten through twelve. Our advocacy efforts at PCA Illinois continue under the leadership of the Advocacy Committee of the Board of Directors.



# How is Prevent Child Abuse Illinois making a difference?

Illinois

educational trainings provided

> 385 conference registrants

trainings

counties in Illinois directly served

> prevention brochures

distributed