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PREVENT CHILD ABUSE ILLINOIS

Dear Friends,

The Board of Directors and Staff of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois are pleased to present our 2016 Annual Report.

2016 has been a most challenging year for many families in Illinois, for human services organizations, and for Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. We went the whole year without a state budget and the state was unable to make normal payouts to the institutions and programs that so many individuals and families need. Organizations cut back on staff, reduced the number of families and children they could serve, and some had to close their doors entirely. Many will never return.

Through all of this Prevent Child Abuse Illinois has held together and we continue to promote the wellbeing of children by providing public awareness and education, support for effective programs, and advocacy. Our vision for an Illinois where all children grow up in healthy, nurturing homes and communities free of abuse, neglect, and violence of any kind can be realized when the state itself is healthy and can provide the full range of supports that families need. We trust that that can happen and we continue undaunted in our efforts to make this vision a reality.

The wellbeing of our children is a common concern for all of us. It draws us together. It is our passion, it is our commitment, and it is our work. We do this because we care. We do this because that is where our hearts are. And we do this because we know and appreciate the reality that children truly are our future. Safe, secure, loving, caring, wholesome, and nurturing environments for all children are necessary to secure that future.

Thank all of you, our friends, colleagues, and partners for being part of this effort. We are in this together.

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EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois provided training and support materials in 2016 particularly addressing childhood trauma and its impact on brain development. PCA Illinois staff were actively involved with events, meetings, trainings, and social media that centered on issues related to domestic violence and children living in violent homes. Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities were sponsored in October.



EFFECTS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE ON CHILDREN

PCA Illinois headed up the 11th Annual Metro East Meth + Other Drugs Conference in 2016 attended by over 400 professionals. In addition, the 1st Annual Drug Endangered Children Conference was also a great success drawing over 300 attendees. PCA Illinois staff across the state provided trainings and organized partnership meetings to address issues such as access to treatment, current drug trends, and promoting recovery.



CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Child sexual abuse continues to be the most under reported form of child abuse across the United States and in Illinois. Prevent Child Abuse Illinois provides child sexual abuse prevention training and technical support throughout Illinois. In 2016, we reached many new and unique audiences with the 'Stewards of Children' child sexual abuse prevention training. Among them were South Suburban Junior College, the Blue Bow Committee at Children's Home + Aid, Evanston Golf Course employees, and the staff of BUILD, a violence prevention and youth development agency. PCA Illinois also provided child sexual abuse prevention training to parent groups, community providers and most notably to early childhood educators at the 2016 Opening Minds Conference.



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COALITIONS

Child Abuse Prevention Coalitions are local groups of community members made up of social service providers, health care professionals, law enforcement, parents, business representatives and others working together to address and prevent child abuse and neglect within their community. These coalitions work on issues such as child sexual abuse, mandated reporting, resource development, and education and public awareness. During 2016, the Sangamon County Coalition conducted multiple parent cafés and produced a parenting tip sheet written by the parents themselves.



SUPPORTING NEW PARENTS

HOME VISITING

Home Visiting for new parents and their children offers invaluable support during the most critical early developmental years of a child's life. Home visiting enhances parenting skills, connects families to community resources, and provides guidance on childhood development. It also assists young parents to complete their education and to find meaningful employment. Prevent Child Abuse Illinois supports Home Visitor programs in Illinois by serving on the Home Visiting Task Force, providing staff support to Healthy Families Illinois, developing a home visiting track at our annual conference, and by working with stakeholders to advocate for the funding and resources home visitor programs need to continue to serve Illinois children and families.

SAFE AND HAPPY BABIES

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois' Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention and Happiest Baby on the Block programs work together to keep babies safe. New in 2016, PCA Illinois staff introduced information on Safe Sleep Environments for Infants into both programs. Staff continued to provide "Shaking a Baby Can Be Deadly" training and Dr. Karp's "Five S's" to soothe a crying infant. The Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention train-the-trainer program was also updated in 2016 to meet DCFS licensing standards.



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 2016, over 37,500 pieces of literature in both English and Spanish were distributed to hospitals, clinics, public health departments, schools, and social service agencies in 35 counties. These organizations provide the materials to Illinois families in their local communities, promoting child abuse prevention and positive parenting.

PAPER TIGERS



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In April of 2016 Prevent Child Abuse Illinois began facilitating screenings of the award winning documentary film *Paper Tigers*. The film follows several students, teachers and administrators from Lincoln High School in Walla Walla Washington and documents the effects of childhood trauma on children and youth and exposes the extraordinary means necessary to overcome that trauma. A total of 22 screenings were held attended by over 500 participants. The audiences were very moved by the film and participated in a facilitated discussion following each screening.

CHILDREN MATTER...GET INVOLVED!

ILLINOIS WALK FOR CHILDREN 2016

The 7th Annual Illinois Walk for Children was held on June 4, 2016 at a very special location, the Gus and Flora Kerasotes YMCA in Springfield. Marvel's Iron Man and Spider-Man were there once again as the guests of honor. Participants enjoyed the 1-mile walk, Superhero games, and climbing onto the huge fire truck courtesy of the Springfield Fire Department. Best of all, walkers who raised \$100 or more enjoyed a fabulous Pizza Party with the two Marvel Superheroes! A big thank you to our generous sponsors, donors, walkers and volunteers who made it all possible!



Mark your calendar for May 20, 2017. Iron Man and Spider-Man will be back for the 8th Annual Illinois Walk for Children at Southern View Park in Springfield!

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

"Child Abuse Prevention: Everyone Has a Role to Play!" was the theme for April 2016 National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month in Illinois. Launch events were held in Springfield, Edwardsville, Carterville, Peoria, and Chicago. PCA Illinois worked with communities across the state to develop, promote, and facilitate hundreds of awareness activities throughout Illinois. PCA Illinois also sponsored or co-sponsored Wear Blue Day on April 8th, a Prevention Month Art Exhibit at the Thompson Center in Chicago: a Pinwheel and Blue Ribbon display at the Governor's Mansion in Springfield, and a first ever Twitter Chat on April 25 in partnership with DCFS and the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital. The Twitter Chat was about being a good parent, stopping abuse, and each of us finding our role in prevention.



ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois works with Prevent Child Abuse America and its chapters on national policy issues and with several state partners especially Voices for Illinois Children and Ounce of Prevention Fund on Illinois issues. In 2016 Prevent Child Abuse Illinois also joined Illinois Partners for Human Services, a membership organization advocating more broadly for effective human services in Illinois. The Illinois budget situation continued to dominate advocacy efforts especially as it impacts children and families and the service providers they need and depend on.



Related issues included funding for new parent home visitor programs, the Early Childhood Block Grant, child care assistance, and Early Intervention programs for infants and toddlers with developmental delays. PCA Illinois was also part of Early Childhood Advocacy Day at the statehouse on April 12, 2016.

CONFERENCE

Creating Great Childhoods . . . The Building Blocks of Prevention themed and inspired the 22nd Annual Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Statewide Conference on October 20th and 21st at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel. Dwayne Bryant set an energetic and enthusiastic tone with a powerful and inspiring opening presentation weaving life stories into lessons about working with families and children today. Detective Rich Wistocki gave an incredible, informative, and engaging plenary on cyber safety for parents and children. And April Curtis, a Chicago native who grew up in the child welfare system, gave a most uplifting and motivational closing story highlighting both the difficulties and the hopes of children in that world. The conference stayed true to its theme through all of its plenary sessions, the Friend of Children Awards Luncheon, and the 24 excellent breakout sessions.



Snapshot of how we make a difference

37,450
Prevention
brochures
distributed



2,006
Training
participants



372
Conference
registrants



73
Illinois counties
directly served

**Congratulations to the
2016 Friend of Children
Award Winner:
Rich Wistocki**



The 23rd Annual Conference will be October 19-20, 2017 in Lisle, Illinois!

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

Revenues, Gains & Other Support	
Contributions	88,141
Contributions (in-kind)	9,265
Government Grants & Contracts	609,188
Other Grants	8,218
Conference & Training Fees	15,981
Interest	60
Other	680
Total Revenue, Gains & Other Support	731,533
Expenses	
Prevention Education & Outreach	417,739
Prevention Education & Outreach (in-kind)	1,200
Home Visiting Programs Support	73,861
Conference	119,094
Management & General	72,196
Fundraising	25,550
Fundraising (in-kind)	8,065
Total Expenses	717,705
Revenue Over Expenses	13,828
Net Assets at the Beginning of the Year	(1,404)
Net Assets at the End of the Year	12,424

Figures from FY16



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

**Children in Illinois need your support!
Here's how you can help.**

- Spread the word about Prevent Child Abuse Illinois' child abuse prevention initiatives.

- Be a superhero and walk for children! Get together a team and raise funds to prevent child abuse.
www.illinoiswalkforchildren.org

- Set up a recurring donation on the PCA Illinois website by clicking on the "Donate" tab. It's fast, easy, and secure!

- Volunteer to help at a PCA Illinois event!



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