



Prevent Child Abuse Athens

Positive Parenting • Stronger Families

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Meet Our New Board Members

Tanya H. Adams is a Family Nurse Practitioner with a focus in women's health. She brings medical and parenting experience to the Board.

Julia Atiles is a Coordinator with UGA's Department of Child and Family Development. She is also a member of Leadership Georgia and has a passion for Latino issues and cultural understanding.

Tammy Gilland is with the Office of Development at UGA. She has 19 years of fundraising experience and is active with many community organizations.

Natalie Miller is a surgical nurse with a BSN from the University of South Carolina. She has held several health care positions during the past 10 years.

Missy Sennowitz is a graduate of the UGA College of Pharmacy and owner of BooLou Interiors. She is well known in Athens for her involvement with community organizations, strong event planning experience, fundraising expertise, and creative talents.

Charles Whalen is with Aldridge Inc. He has a BBA from UGA. He has been a volunteer with Leisure Services as a coach as well as the Boys and Girls Club.

PCAA Accomplishments 2008-2009

Community Education

- The third annual "Prevent Child Abuse Walk", co-sponsored with St. Mary's Health Care System and Baxter Street merchants, attracted 125 walkers. The post-walk program included information about child abuse prevention, and the display of 1,191 children's pinwheels, the number of children served by PCAA this year.
- Presentations to community groups were held in 52 settings and reached 1732 persons.
- UGA Idol, sponsored by Sigma Delta Tau, UGA Hillel, and UGA Music Business Program raised funds and awareness for PCAA.
- Kappa Delta also raised awareness and money with a BBQ and Fishing Tournament.

Healthy Families

- 213 families at risk for abuse/neglect received intensive home visiting services.
- 95 fathers are participating in visits and activities.
- 22 families graduated from the HF program after 3 years of participation.
- HF staff completed 2376 home visits with families.
- HF maintained a high rate of linkage to medical provider (98%) and low number of repeat teen pregnancies (2 of 86).
- The cross check with DFCS indicates only 3% of families had a confirmed case, as compared to an expected rate of 15%.

First Steps

- 821 families of newborns received parenting information, community referrals, and follow-up phone support from First Steps staff and volunteers; 127 of these were Hispanic families.
- 2,127 follow-up phone call and mailings were made to new parents after they left the hospital.
- 12 new volunteers were recruited and trained.
- First Steps volunteers contributed over 2,300 hours of their time.

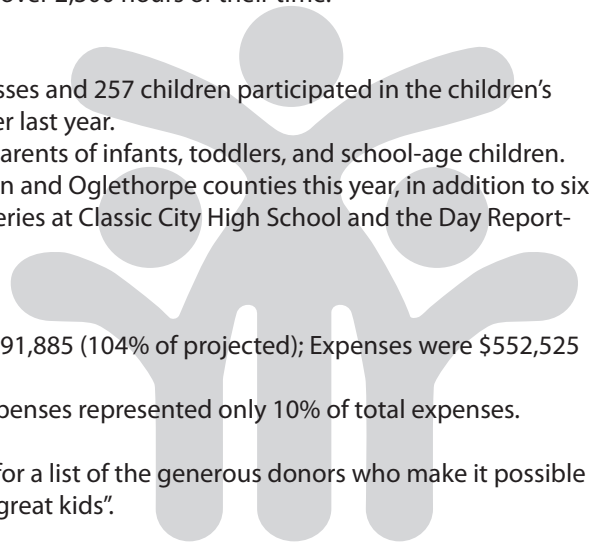
Parenting Classes

- 220 adults attended parenting classes and 257 children participated in the children's program, a significant increase over last year.
- 11 series or classes were held for parents of infants, toddlers, and school-age children. We offered a series in both Madison and Oglethorpe counties this year, in addition to six series in Clarke. We also offered series at Classic City High School and the Day Reporting Center.

Fiscal/Administrative

- Income for Fiscal Year 2009 was \$591,885 (104% of projected); Expenses were \$552,525 (93% of projected).
- Administrative and fundraising expenses represented only 10% of total expenses.

Please see the Annual Report insert for a list of the generous donors who make it possible for us to support families and "grow great kids".



BOARD MEMBERS

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Staff

Mary P. Hood - *Interim Executive Director*

Grace Arthur - *Parent Educator and Family Assessment Worker*

Pat Berger - *First Steps Coordinator*

Tiara Smith - *HF Clinical Supervisor*

LaTroyce Turner-Hayes - *Sr. Family Support Worker*

Wanda Whitehead - *Sr. Family Support Worker*

Irma Cadle - *Family Support Worker*

Julie Cano - *Family Support Worker*

Lori Dionne - *Family Support Worker*

Jennifer Henderson - *Family Support Worker*

Cheryl Aaron - *Administrative Assistant*

LET'S CELEBRATE!

On June 13th, we honored 22 Healthy Families graduates and their families. Each of these families completed 3-4 years in the program, learning more about parenting (that most important job) and helping their families to become stronger and healthier.

A special guest attended the event. The very first Healthy Families graduate of 13 years ago attended with her twin daughters, now 13 year olds. She thanked her Family Support Worker for all she did for them and commented how happy she is that LaTroyce is still serving families today.

All enjoyed watching a video of the special moments shared with our families and staff thanked them for letting us be part of their families as they grew as parents and as their children blossomed.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!!



A Challenge and an Opportunity

This past year we served nearly 1200 children in our First Steps, Healthy Families, and Parenting programs. Our motto is "Positive Parenting...Stronger Families" - to both prevent child abuse and to help families be successful. And by all measures, these programs work.

Our challenge is that the funding that has supported two of our programs for 15 years ends this September. The State has decided to redirect the program funds for all First Steps and Healthy Families programs statewide. Since this grant was 60% of our budget, PCAA faces a major challenge to continue to serve families and children.

The opportunity is to raise awareness of our services and to secure funding to continue serving as many families as possible.

To do this we have established a new level of support called:

Partners in Prevention

You can become a Partner in Prevention for a donation of \$3000 for one year. You will receive recognition at all of our community events including a table for 10 at Starry Starry Night, our fabulous dinner/auction event.

Please consider joining with Prevent Child Abuse Athens at this critical time of need.

Contact Mary Hood at 706-546-9713 or mhood@pcaathens.org for more information.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING SCHEDULE – 2009-2010**

Thursday, August 27, 2009	Opening Meeting	5:00-8:00 p.m.
<i>Resource Valley #1400B, 1551 Jennings Mill Rd.</i>		
Wednesday, September 16	Board Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 18	Board Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 20	Board Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 17	Board Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 19	Final Board Meeting	8:30 a.m.

Regular meetings will be held the Department of Labor Career Center, just off North Avenue.



Brandis Parrott and her son, Javier, read from a children's book during the recent Healthy Families graduation ceremony at Ebenezer West Fellowship Hall. Healthy Families promotes strong literacy skills in young children. The organization is struggling with funding as it competes with several other agencies for state grants.

ABH-Evan Fackler
Photo Rebecca Tolmach/Special

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Mothers in need praise Healthy Families' help

The following quotes are excerpts from the Athens Banner-Herald article by Evan Fackler.

"I loved it. I've had so much fun. I don't want to go."--Cassandra Tutt, recent Healthy Families graduate

"I've learned a lot. I hate to see it end. I hope the funding keeps going and other families can benefit."--Rufus Tutt, recent Healthy Families graduate

"It feels good to see these families still getting the benefits of the program, to know they're not alone, to have a support team," she said. "I'm glad the program is still around. I feel it's important to have this program for families, especially for single mothers."--Letitia Craft, former Healthy Families graduate

"I can't imagine them cutting this program and thinking the money can do better elsewhere. This is when you help families. This is when your investing in families makes the most difference."--Susan Hightower, mother and grandmother of recent Healthy Families graduates

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Please consider a tax-deductible donation to PCAA. In addition to monetary donations, we need diapers and newborn items. We also welcome volunteers.



Would you like to get this newsletter by email? If so, please send us your email address.

Coming Events

- Parenting Classes begin Tuesday, August 25th. These are open to all families in the community and are free of charge.

Call the office or see our web page for more info.

- CyberSafety Symposium at Clarke County Middle School on Monday, Sept 28th. This is co-sponsored with the Clarke County School District.

See the web page for more info.

<http://www.pcaathens.org/>

PCAA works to prevent child abuse and neglect in all its forms, serving families in Clarke, Madison, Oconee, and Oglethorpe Counties.

