



ATHENS AREA CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

Summer 2005 - Annual Report

AACAPC Accomplishments 2004-2005

The Board of Directors and the staff of the Athens Area Child Abuse Prevention Council are pleased to report about the recently ended Fiscal Year, which, in spite of financial challenges, has been highly successful in delivering program services to families and citizens in our community.

Community Education

- ◆ Twenty churches participated in "Blue Ribbon Sunday". 10,000 blue ribbons and explanatory bookmarks were distributed to raise awareness about the problem of child abuse and the necessity of its prevention.
- ◆ AACAPC produced a banner with the slogan "Children can't stop abuse...but you can" and the 1-800-CHILDREN number (Prevent Child Abuse Georgia Helpline). Banner locations to date are: Thomas Lay Park, Bishop Park, and the YMCA.
- ◆ AACAPC sponsored a presentation by CDC researchers on "Preventing Child Sexual Abuse within Youth-Serving Organizations", targeted to day cares, schools, leisure services, churches, and other groups.
- ◆ Presentations to community groups and information distributed at health fairs reached 1,237 individuals.

Healthy Families

- ◆ 166 families at risk for abuse/neglect received intensive parenting education and support services during home visits.
- ◆ 8 families graduated from the 4-year program.
- ◆ HF achieved a 76% rate for home visit completion.
- ◆ We maintained: high rate of immunization for children (98%), high rate of linkage to medical provider for families (97%), and low rate of repeat teen pregnancy (4%).

First Steps

- ◆ 870 families of newborns received parenting information, community referrals, and follow-up phone support from First Steps staff and volunteers (58% increase from FY04).
- ◆ The addition of a new bilingual First Steps Associate allowed improved services to Spanish speaking families.
- ◆ 25 new volunteers were recruited and trained.

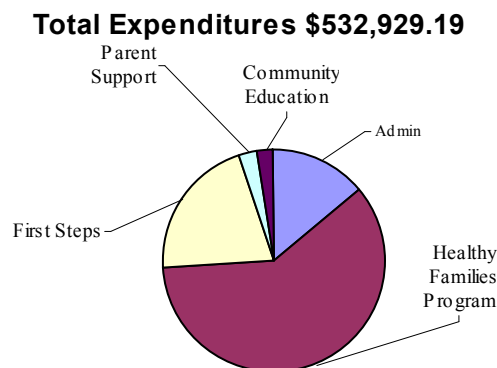
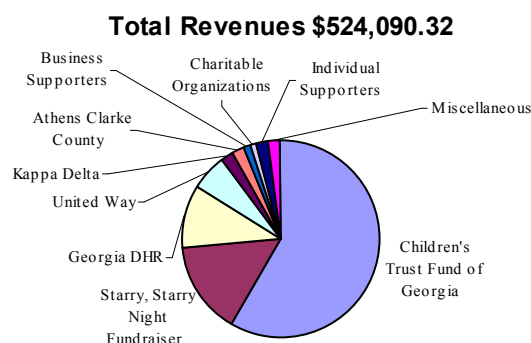
Parent Support

- ◆ 57 families attended parenting classes conducted by our Parenting Educator.
- ◆ 5 series (7-12 classes) were held at 3 community locations (First Presbyterian Church, Nellie B Housing Community, Gaines School GED class.)

Fiscal/Administrative

- ◆ We ended Fiscal Year 2005 at 98.2% of projected income, and 97.8% of projected expenses, experiencing our first deficit in the agency's history (though less of a deficit than projected).
- ◆ We received a new grant from the Children's Trust Fund (\$25,000) to expand our First Steps program at Athens Regional Medical Center; our goal is 1,100 families/year.
- ◆ Primary financial challenges were: Georgia Department of Human Resources grant was reduced by \$15,000; costs have risen in unavoidable expense areas (audit, property tax, health insurance, mileage.)
- ◆ Financial successes included: a very profitable "Starry, Starry Night" fundraiser (\$61,000) thanks to our Board of Directors and other community supporters; a successful Annual Supporters Campaign (86% more than in FY 2004). To reduce expenses, we also reduced some employee hours, and eliminated raises.
- ◆ Only 14% of income was spent on administrative and fundraising costs.

All our accomplishments are made possible by the generosity of our donors. Please see the Annual Report insert for a list of donors.



Staff:

Paula Shilton, *Executive Director*

Mary Hood, *Program Director*

Tina Laseter, *Clinical Supervisor*

Heather Weekley, *Family Assessment Worker*

LaTroyce Turner, *Sr. Family Support Worker*

Keisha Buynitzky, *Family Support Worker*

Julie Cano, *Family Support Worker*

Shelia Hill, *Family Support Worker*

Tiara Smith, *Family Support Worker*

Savannah Weaver, *Family Support Worker*

Wanda Whitehead, *Family Support Worker*

Pat Berger, *First Steps Coordinator*

Irma Cadle, *First Steps Associate*

Grace Arthur, *Parenting Educator*

Cheryl Aaron, *Bookkeeper/Admin. Asst.*

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Meet Our New Board Members

Pam Barker is co-owner of The Athens Art Group. She has volunteered with Relay for Life, and on the boards of Meridian Chorus and Lyndon House Arts Foundation.

Donna Murphy is a civic volunteer who has served on the board of the American Heart Association, and volunteered with Make a Wish and Children's Hospital in Virginia.

Amy H. Parrish is a financial advisor with Wachovia Securities. She has held leadership positions with the Junior League of Athens and LEAD Athens, and has also served on the Statewide Citizen's Review Panel for Child Protective Services.

R. Riley Smith, Jr. is the owner of R.S. Enterprises, a residential real estate development and management company.

Dr. Richard W. Waters is a dental consultant/educator/writer. He has volunteered with the Optimist Club and Sandy Creek Nature Center.

We also have 19 returning Board members (see list at left), including an outstanding group of officers:

Denise H. Horton, President, is Director of Communications for the UGA College of Family and Consumer Sciences. In her 5 years on the AACAPC Board, she has worked on the Public Awareness and Starry, Starry Night committees. She is also active with First Presbyterian Church (elder and Sunday school teacher), and Habitat for Humanity.

Grant Tribble, President-Elect, is Vice President of Finance/CFO of Athens Regional Medical Center. He has been on the AACAPC Board since 2002, serving on the Finance Committee and as Treasurer. He serves on numerous Boards, including the following in which he has leadership roles: Athens Rotary Club, Boy Scouts of America (NE Council), United Way of NE Georgia, and the YMCA.

Carol D. Rymer, Secretary, has been the Administrative Director and a Board member of Mercy Health Center, and chaired the Festival of Feasts. In her first year on the AACAPC Board, she was a member of the Public Awareness Committee. She is also active in the First United Methodist Church, chairing several Great Days of Service.

C. Rhodes McLanahan II, Treasurer, is Senior Vice President for Operations at First American Bank. He has served on the AACAPC Board since 2002, on the Fundraising and Starry, Starry Night committees. He has also volunteered with the Leukemia Society, the YMCA, and the Boy Scouts of America.

*Pins for Prevention
Bowling benefit
Saturday, August 27
(See back page)*

Carol Hill Receives AACAPC Honor



The Board of Directors of the Athens Area Child Abuse Prevention Council recently nominated Carol Hill for Prevent Child Abuse Georgia's "Power of Prevention" award. Carol has been a First Steps volunteer since March, 2003. She has logged over 200 hours making initial visits with families at Athens Regional Medical Center, placing follow-up phone calls, and mailing monthly newsletters, as well as attending First Steps in-service trainings. Carol has also assisted with other Council activities, such as assembling blue ribbons and accompanying bookmarks for our Blue Ribbon Campaign.

Carol is involved in a number of other community activities, including the Council on Aging, the Jeannette Rankin Foundation, the Interfaith Hospitality Network (a network of churches serving homeless families which is now regularly sending families to AACAPC's parenting classes), and her church.

Carol is a model of the ideal First Steps volunteer - - from her high-quality visits with families at the hospital, to her thoughtful written notes to families that supplement her phone calls, to donating items to the program, to bringing relevant community events to our attention. When our First Steps Coordinator was out on maternity leave, Carol agreed to take on an organizational role, and work additional hours, to assure that the First Steps program would continue to run smoothly.

Carol is a retired nurse and nursing teacher, which makes her extremely valuable as a First Steps volunteer. However, it is not just her expertise that benefits the families whom she serves, but her calm and reassuring presence as she answers their questions and provides the support so needed by new parents.

First Steps Program Seeks Volunteers

The First Steps program is a volunteer driven program aimed at supporting new parents. Volunteers contact or visit mothers of newborns in order to provide support, educational information about childhood issues, and information on community resources. Volunteers are thoroughly trained to support new families.

Volunteers may choose from a variety of volunteering options. They may provide an initial welcome packet and information to parents delivering at Athens Regional Medical Center, and/or they may choose to do follow-up phone calls.

Volunteers are also needed to help with monthly newsletters and other projects. Volunteers may do the follow up portion from their homes or

schedule times to work at the First Steps office.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer, contact Pat Berger, First Steps Program Coordinator, at (706)548-3216 or pberger@aacapc.org.

You will receive an application packet and background check information. All volunteers are required to attend First Steps Service Provider training, and those volunteers who would like to do initial visits at Athens Regional Medical Center will also receive hospital orientation.

The next First Steps training will be Saturday, September 10, 2005 from 9 am - 3 pm.

New Grant from Georgia's Children and Youth Coordinating Council (CYCC)

AACAPC has received a \$21,000 grant to fund its "Teen Parent Project", in which home visitation services will be provided to pregnant and parenting teens who are involved in the juvenile justice system. These services will include teaching parenting skills, helping teens achieve goals (health, educational, and vocational), and linking families to community resources.

This is one of 59 CYCC grants awarded to support youth prevention programs in Georgia. According to Governor Sonny Perdue, "we expect that these programs will continue to ensure a bright future for Georgia's young people by reducing risk factors and providing positive role models." CYCC grants are made available through the U.S. Department of Justice and the Georgia General Assembly.

Parent Support Program News

We have received a grant from the Family Nurturing Center of Georgia to partially support the cost of the Nurturing Parenting program (parenting classes). FNC receives these prevention funds from the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Substance Abuse/Mental Health/Addiction Disorders.

The next 12-week series of parenting classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., beginning September 6.



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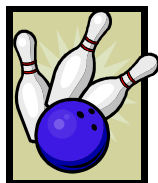
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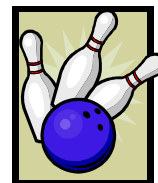
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*MISSION: TO PREVENT
CHILD ABUSE AND
NEGLECT IN ALL ITS FORMS*



Pins for Prevention

**Come Join Us at Showtime Bowl
Saturday, August 27, 2005
1:00 - 5:00 PM**



Ticket Information:

\$10.00 Individual ticket (advance purchase)

\$15.00 Individual ticket (at door)

(All tickets include 1 game of bowling and shoe rental)

Additional games \$5.00 each - Children under 5 free

Advance tickets can be purchased at

Athens Area Child Abuse Prevention Council

Showtime Bowl

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or by calling 706-546-9713 or 706-548-3216

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