



Prevent Child Abuse Athens

Positive Parenting • Stronger Families

SUMMER 2007 Annual Report Edition

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The Athens Area Child Abuse Prevention Council has changed its name to Prevent Child Abuse Athens, to better reflect our mission and to coordinate with our state group, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, and our national group, Prevent Child Abuse America. The mission of Prevent Child Abuse Athens is to prevent child abuse and neglect in all its forms in Clarke, Madison, Oconee and Oglethorpe counties. For over twenty years, PCAA has worked to promote positive parenting and stronger families through its programs: Healthy Families home visiting for overburdened new parents, First Steps parenting support and education, parenting classes, and community education. Volunteers are always welcome. For additional information, call 706-546-9713 or visit www.pcaathens.org.

PCAA Accomplishments 2006-2007

Community Education

- The second annual "Prevent Child Abuse Walk", co-sponsored with St. Mary's Health Care System and Baxter Street merchants, attracted 160 walkers. The post-walk program included information about child abuse prevention, and the display of 975 children's pinwheels, representing the number of reports of child maltreatment received by Clarke County DFCS in 2006.
- PCAA, Athens Regional Medical Center, and Project Safe sponsored a presentation on "Bullying: It's Not Just a Part of Growing Up" for social service professionals and interested community members.
- Presentations to community groups reached 335 individuals.

Healthy Families

- 146 families at risk for abuse/neglect received intensive home visiting services.
- 8 families graduated from the HF program after 4 years of participation.
- HF achieved an 81% rate for home visit completion.
- HF maintained a high rate of linkage to medical provider (98%) and low rate of repeat teen pregnancy (5%).

First Steps

- 1,214 families of newborns received parenting information, community referrals, and follow-up phone support from First Steps staff and volunteers; 304 of these were Hispanic families.
- 2,868 follow-up phone call and mailings were made to new parents after they left the hospital.
- 15 new volunteers were recruited and trained.
- First Steps volunteers contributed over 1400 hours of their time.

Parenting Classes

- 108 adults attended parenting classes, and 43 children participated in the children's program.
- 7 Parenting Class series were held for parents of Pre-K and school-age children, and at the Performance Learning Center.

Fiscal/Administrative

- Fiscal Year 2007 ended at 106% of projected revenue, and 96% of projected expenses.
- Special event fundraising: Starry, Starry Night—\$60,000; Pins for Prevention—\$3,000; Prevent Child Abuse Walk—\$3,000.
- Administrative and fundraising expenses represented only 15% 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."

Meet Our New Officers and Board Members

Officers:

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Grant Tribble
*Vice President for
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Athens Regional
Medical Center*



President Elect

Thomas F. Hollingsworth III
*Attorney, Blasingame, Burch,
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Rebecca L. Hartman
*Administrative Services Coordinator,
Athens Housing Authority*

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Dr. Richard W. Waters
*Health Sciences Instruction
Design Consultant*

New Board Members:

Amy A. Cowsert
Community Volunteer

Mark Dyleski
Partner, AI Insurance Group

Ralph F. Johnson
Assoc. VP for Physical Plant, UGA

Scott Reynolds
Principle, Direct Supply Company

Sean Rogers
Director of Capital Budgeting, UGA

Kathy Rojek
Retired Principal, Alps Elementary School

Returning Board Members:

Pam Barker
Linda A. Bigelow, Ph.D.
Lynn Brown
Peter A. Dugas
Denise H. Horton
Donna Murphy
Pat Nielsen
Amy H. Parrish
Lori Scott
Lacy C. Sinkwich

PCAA Volunteers Honored

Prevent Child Abuse Georgia's statewide network of fifty-nine child abuse prevention councils gathered recently at a Symposium in Atlanta. Board members from Prevent Child Abuse Athens received two of the five awards presented to outstanding volunteers.

Denise H. Horton received the "Power of Prevention" volunteer award for the north Georgia region. Denise has just completed a two-year term as President of the PCAA Board of Directors, and has given more than 500 hours of volunteer service during her seven years on the Board, making major contributions to fundraising and public awareness projects. The award was presented by Doug Middleton, CEO of Prevent Child Abuse Georgia.



The Rebecca A. Cheatham volunteer award, named for the longest-serving member of the Georgia Children's Trust Fund Commission and given to a volunteer affiliated with a GCTFC-funded program, was received by Pat Nielsen. Pat has been an extremely active PCAA Board member, serving on the First Steps/Healthy Families Advisory Board, and chairing the Public Awareness Committee, which spearheaded the Prevent Child Abuse Walk and community education about bullying.

She has also provided training to PCAA staff about infant development and parent-child interaction.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE – 2007-2008

Meetings are held at Athens Regional Medical Center, Medical Services Building, unless otherwise indicated.

Wednesday, August 15, 2007	Opening Meeting	5:00-8:00 p.m.
	Resource Valley #1400B, 1551 Jennings Mill Rd.	
Wednesday, September 19	Board Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 14	Board Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 16	Board Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 19	Board Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 21	Final Board Meeting	8:30 a.m.

The next series of Parenting Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, 6:00-8:00 p.m., starting on August 21 at Campus View Church of Christ. Contact Grace Arthur at 706-548-3216 for more information.



5 of the 8 Healthy Families participants who graduated in 2007 after 3-4 years of home visiting services

FAST FACTS

First Steps volunteer training will be held on Saturday, August 18, 9-3 at PCAA. Contact Pat Berger at 706-548-3216 for more information.

Success by Six of the United Way of Northeast Georgia has donated 1800 children's books for our program participants—a retail value of over \$10,000!

According to the May, 2007 issue of *Pediatrics*, children with disabilities -- mental retardation, emotional disturbance, visual impairment, learning or physical disabilities, behavioral or medical problems - - face a greater risk of abuse than other children because of the increased demands that they may place on families and caregivers. Some children may not be able to understand the abuse or verbalize what took place. Because some child disabilities may cause injury or mimic abuse, pediatricians must make a careful assessment, and report maltreatment if suspected. Also, children who have been abused should be evaluated for disabilities.



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PINS FOR PREVENTION 2007

Prevent Child Abuse Athens is sponsoring the third annual "Pins for Prevention" at Showtime Bowl, 555 Macon Highway, on Saturday, August 25, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Funds raised at this event will support PCAA's parent support, home visiting, and community education programs.

Join in this fun-filled afternoon of bowling, prizes, refreshments, and an appearance by the UGA cheerleaders, Hairy Dawg, and Spike from 2:00-3:30.

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance (to include one game of bowling and shoe rental) and \$15.00 at the door. Additional games are \$5.00 each. Children under 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased at PCAA and Showtime Bowl.

For more information, contact PCAA at 706-546-9713.

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