

## **Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council Activities**

Since 1991, the Department of Economic Security Division of Children, Youth, and Families, Child Abuse Prevention Fund has provided funding to Regional Child Abuse Prevention Councils (CAP). The purpose of a Regional Council is to increase public awareness of the problem through educational campaigns and advocate for effective programs and policies to prevent child abuse and neglect. A Regional Council is comprised of community representatives from professional, business and civic sectors who volunteer their time to address the need for child abuse prevention in their community. A Regional Council has elected officers and meets on a regular basis.

The following is a list of resource councils across the state highlighting child abuse prevention events in April:

### **San Pedro Family Resource Council (SPFRC)**

**Contact: Gary Douglas, (520) 720-6809; Susan Barney, (520) 720-6844**

- ⌘ April 18. The San Pedro Family Resource Council will host a CAP Breakfast for all community businesses and organizations, CPS Specialists, Juvenile Probation Officers Arizona Counseling and Treatment Center and Southeastern Arizona Behavioral Health Services, Inc. The keynote speaker will be Denise Caballero. Caballero will talk about her experience growing up in foster care and how the community supported her during that time. During this presentation Gary Douglas, SPFRC president, will give the ACE presentation.

### **Coconino Child Abuse Prevention Council**

**Contact: Ruth Ellen Suding, (928) 679-7318**

- ⌘ April 4. Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Kickoff Luncheon and Caring for Children Awards Presentation, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Federated Church, 400 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff.
- ⌘ April 20 and 27. Annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference: *The Great Behavior Breakdown*. Guest speaker Sheilah Wilson will discuss 27 of the most difficult behaviors in children and how best to address them. This is a two-day event and 16 Continuing Education Credits are available.
- ⌘ April 25. The Field of Hope Memorial, in remembrance of all children who died from abuse, neglect or maltreatment in 2011, from noon to 1:00 p.m. on the Coconino County Court House lawn, Flagstaff.

### **Douglas for Stronger Families Council**

**Contact: Angel Acosta, (520) 364-4446, ext. 127**

- ⌘ April 16. Publish a CAP article in the *Daily Dispatch* with a photo of the mayor signing the Proclamation.
- ⌘ April 17. Sponsor a movie day at the local theater with the requirement that one parent is present with the child.

## **Maricopa County East Valley - Healthy Options for Parents through Education (H.O.P.E.)**

**Contact: Angela Saunders, (480) 834-9424**

- ⌘ April 4. HOPE council members hosted a resource table at the Child Abuse Prevention Day at DES.
- ⌘ April 7. HOPE and the Child Crisis Center will host a resource table at the Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Coalition's 2012 Family Day from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Tumbleweed Park, Chandler.
- ⌘ April 17. Presenting information about the ACE study to community members from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Child Crisis Center, 604 West 9th Street, Mesa.
- ⌘ April 20. The Child Crisis Center will host the Operation Family Support Training on Risk and Resilience in Military Families from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

HOPE, in collaboration with the Family Resource Center, continues to offer various parenting classes and kids' play groups throughout the year where CAP materials are distributed to the families in attendance. All classes are held at the Family Resource Center, 817 N. Country Club Drive, Mesa. Following are the class schedules and topics:

- *1,2,3,4 Parents.* A six-week series held Tuesdays that began March 20 and continues through April 24, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- *Parenting of Teens.* An eight-week series held Tuesdays that began March 20 and continues through May 8, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- *1,2,3,4 Padres 6 semanas; cada jueves.* A Spanish series held Tuesdays that begins April 5 and continues through May 3, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- *Understanding Maternal and Paternal Parenting Styles.* Held April 10 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- *Parenting Children with Bi-Polar,* a six-week series held Thursdays that began April 5 and continues through May 10, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
- *Dads Drop-in Discussion Group.* Held the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- *Dads with Special Needs Children Drop-in Group.* Held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- *Relatives as Parents Support Group.* The first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- *Family Law Clinic.* The first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Please call the Family Resource Center at (480) 834-9424 to register as space is limited.

## **Lake Havasu City Child Abuse Prevention Council**

**Contact: Joan Dyer, (928) 505-3153, ext. 15**

- ⌘ Week of April 2. A Mayoral Proclamation declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month will be signed, publically announced and reported in local newspapers.
- ⌘ April 5. Haven Family Resource Center will host an Open House on Main Street to provide information, handouts and a schedule of events for the month. Community leaders, including the mayor, police chief, school superintendent and fire chief attended.

- ⌘ April 2–30. Pinwheels for Prevention and the CAP banner will be displayed at the local elementary schools along with educational material for students and parents.
- ⌘ April 9-13. Blue Ribbons (the official Child Abuse Prevention logo) and child abuse prevention information will be handed out on Main Street and in front of three local grocery stores. The Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and high school Key Club will help volunteers distribute the information.
- ⌘ April 23-27. Parent Information Week – Handouts will be provided to parents, including Blue CAP Stress Balls, Blue Ribbon Car Magnets, Pamphlets (*Successful Parenting, Stress and the Single Parent, Parenting in Public, Healthy Disciplining, etc.*), and other items.

### **Greater Phoenix Child Abuse Prevention Council (GPCAPC)**

**Contact: Michele Brown, (480) 784-1514, ext. 1508**

- ⌘ April 26. GPCAPC will host its 16th annual conference: "The Love and Logic Approach: Building Relationships and Preventing Abuse." Guest speaker will be Judd Hafer of the national [Love and Logic](#) organization.
- ⌘ March 23. Held a CAP community event from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Osborn Middle School Expo, Phoenix.
- ⌘ April 4. Participated in DES' CAP Month Kick-Off event.
- ⌘ April 7. Participated in the Chandler CAP Expo from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Tumbleweed Park.
- ⌘ April 10. Participated in an ACE training at from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Phoenix College.
- ⌘ May 23. Will participate in the "ACE Study: Train the Trainers" event, held in the Ponderosa Room at the Coconino County Public Health Services District Building, 2625 N. King St., Flagstaff, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Pinal Council for Child Abuse Prevention & Education (PCCAP)**

**Contact: JoAnne Pinto, (520) 836-1239, ext. 21**

In October of each year, the City of Casa Grande plants a Children's Garden in front of City Hall to commemorate children lost to child abuse and to serve as a reminder of the importance of protecting our children. Along with the flowers, blue and silver pinwheels are also planted and remain highly visible from Florence Boulevard, serving as a constant reminder of child abuse prevention.

- ⌘ The Children's Garden at Maricopa Elementary School will be refreshed and replanted as needed both with real flowers and flowering plants and with pinwheels to serve as another year-round reminder of the importance of child abuse prevention.
- ⌘ As part of Against Abuse, Inc.'s ongoing prevention programming, a series of presentations on Teen Violence and Dating will be given in area schools. These presentations will include information on ACEs, as well as child abuse prevention for young parents, and PCCAP materials carrying the CAP logo and slogan.

- ⌘ June. PCCAP will again sponsor the Annual Resource Round-up. Although an overall theme has not been decided, PCCAP's sponsorship ensures that child abuse prevention will be one of the major topics presented.

### **The Graham/Greenlee Child Abuse Prevention Council (GGCAPC)**

**Contact: Cindi Alva, (928) 428-7231**

- ⌘ April 3. Sponsoring the Blue Ribbon Luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Eastern Arizona College Activities Center, 1014 N. College Ave., Thatcher Community members as well as agencies that work with children are invited to come together for a special luncheon to bring awareness to the topic of preventing child abuse in Arizona counties. Those in the community who provide valuable services will be recognized and we will celebrate and motivate those in the community to do more to protect our most valuable assets, the children in the community. The theme this year is "Pinwheels for Prevention."

### **Sierra Vista Child Abuse Prevention Council: Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA)**

**Contact: Nilda R. Townsend, (520) 249-2834 or (520) 227-9008 (cell)**

- ⌘ March 30. Proclamation issuing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, by the Mayor of the City of Sierra Vista and the Fort Huachuca Commander.
- ⌘ April 14. Celebrating the Military Child. CPCA will participate in this event on Fort Huachuca by presenting an information booth promoting child abuse prevention and distributing educational literature and pinwheels.
- ⌘ April 19 and April 26. Conducting Parent University classes in Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca with informal presentations about available support resources. The Fort Huachuca topic is "Financial Health for Families" and the Sierra Vista topic is "Managing Challenging Behaviors"
- ⌘ April 21. Children and Families Activity Festival. Provide families an opportunity to participate with their children in fun, safe, and healthy activities, while gathering information about services and resources available in the community. Activities will include car seat safety checks, fingerprinting, arts and crafts ideas, informational booths, and others.

### **Greater Tuba City Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council (GTCRCAP)**

**Contact: Teresa Honahni (928) 283-4217**

- ⌘ April 2. Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick-Off Walk. Walk will begin at Louise Yellowman Park at 10:00 a.m. The Greater Tuba City Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council (GTCRCAP) will be handing out Pinwheels in recognition of child abuse prevention month. Call Tuba City Social Services at (928) 283-3266 for more information.
- ⌘ April 6. "Safe Talk" presentation facilitated by Native American Community Action and Department of Behavioral Health Services. The presentation will be held at the BIA Conference room from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Contact Department of Behavioral Health Services at (928) 283-3031 for more information.

- ⌘ April 7. Community Easter Egg Hunt from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Tuba City Junior High School. Call Office of Youth Development at (928) 283-3021 for more information. The Council will provide donations for this event and hand out child abuse prevention brochures.
- ⌘ April 13. Justice Day Fair. The Council will have a display and provide information on child abuse prevention. Call Tuba City Family Court at (928) 283-3140 for more information.
- ⌘ April 20. Children's Day 2011. This event raises awareness of child abuse prevention month and includes activities for children and families, informational booths, raffles, and lunch. Sponsored by GTCRCAP and Parenting Arizona. Please call Parenting Arizona at (928) 283-4217 for more information.
- ⌘ April 24. Trash Pick-up Day along Main Street from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Council will participate and hand out water bottles and CAP information. Drinks and refreshments will be provided. Please call Phil Begay at (928) 283-3261 for more information.
- ⌘ April 25. Family Day from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Louise Yellowman Park. This event will conclude CAP Month with a community BBQ and family activities. Call (928) 283-3250 for more information.

### **Verde Valley & Sedona Child Abuse Prevention Council**

**Contact: Erin Mabery-Lamb, (928) 646-5200**

- ⌘ Ongoing activities include:
  - Informational displays and discussions of the ACE study in Buena Vista Bright Futures' library
  - Encouraging people to visit Facebook at [www.facebook.com/events](http://www.facebook.com/events)
  - Distributing posters with Parenting Tips to help Prevent Child Abuse for display along the shops in Old Town Cottonwood
  - Continuing presentations on the ACE study
- ⌘ April 15. Sponsor the Annual Children's Celebration at the Cottonwood Civic Center where the Verde's Kudos for Kids Summer Edition 2012 will be made available and approximately 35 vendors will stage free activities for families and children, including performances by children's groups, raffle prizes, food and carnival games. This year's Children's Celebration will also highlight Buena Vista's first Kindergarten Fair and a bike rodeo by Yavapai County Sheriff Office including a star appearance by Deputy Do Right!
- ⌘ April 28. Participate in the Annual City of Cottonwood and Verde Valley Softball Tournament in honor of Child Abuse Prevention. Food and drinks will be provided and prizes will be awarded during the round-robin event to kick off softball season in the Verde Valley.
- ⌘ August 7. National Night Out will be attended by Buena Vista Children's Services in two communities in the Verde Valley. This event is hosted by community police departments and helps raise awareness of crime prevention. Buena Vista hosts an informational booth along with a Child Abuse Prevention activity free to children.
- ⌘ Parenting Classes. Ongoing Parenting Classes funded by Community Counts and hosted by Buena Vista Children's Services. Information on Child Abuse Prevention is provided at each class. (Over 180 parents served to date).

- ⌘ Early Childhood Education Classes. Ongoing ECE workshops provided by Buena Vista Children's Services and Blake Foundation. Information on Child Abuse Prevention is provided at each class.

### **Williams Child Abuse Prevention Council**

**Contact: Sandy Roe (928) 635-4428**

- ⌘ April 4 from noon to 1:30 p.m. "Caring for Children Awards" Luncheon sponsored by CCC&Y to be held at Federated Church in Flagstaff. Williams CAP members invited to attend.
- ⌘ April 13 from 11 pm to 2 p.m. "Day of the Child – Prevention-Promoting Safety" for children, to be held at Williams Rodeo Grounds. Multi-cultural event to celebrate and educate children. Pinwheels will be distributed promoting Child Abuse Prevention. Head Start (NACOG) & the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool Program students arrive and enjoy their sack lunches from 11:00 to 11:20 a.m. All children from the community (age 12 and under) are invited to attend beginning at 11:00 a.m. (bring their sack lunch) and enjoy all the booths, bike rodeo, and fun activities.
- ⌘ April 13 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Community Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Williams Methodist Church. Sponsored by Williams Kiwanis to raise funds for high school scholarships. Williams CAP members assisting.
- ⌘ April 20 & 27 from 9:00 to 6:00 p.m. Annual CAP Conference "The Great Behavior Breakdown" sponsored by the Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth Coalition in Flagstaff. Williams CAP members invited to attend.

### **Winslow Child Abuse Prevention Council**

**Contact: Darci Vigil (928) 221-4352 (cell)**

- ⌘ March 27. Mayor of Winslow and City Council proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Winslow
- ⌘ April. Pole Banners placed on light poles throughout downtown Winslow
- ⌘ April 9-13. Awareness Bracelets, prevention education, and lollipops will be given to all WUSD elementary students.
- ⌘ April 14. Child Abuse Prevention Awareness info, bracelets, and blue ribbon stickers will be given out during Little League Opening Day.
- ⌘ April. A Banner will be hung in Little League outfield promoting Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- ⌘ April 14 - Community Event: Child Abuse Prevention Scavenger Hunt at Girl Scout House corner of Cherry St. and Colorado from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## **Yuma County Council**

**Contact: Karina Reyes (928) 373-0849**

- ⦿ Day of the Young Child held at the West Wetlands Park. An annual event to celebrate and educate children and adults on child abuse. Each child will receive an activity bag with education activities designed for parents and children on child abuse. Date to be determined; contact Karina Reyes at (928) 373-0849 for information.
- ⦿ March 24. Child Safety Event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Kohl's Department Store. The Council will staff an information booth and hand out Child Abuse materials.
- ⦿ April 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Walk a Mile held at Smucker Park. An event sponsored by the Yuma County Attorney's Office, Victim Services during Victim Rights Week. Child Abuse Prevention handouts will be provided to all participants.
- ⦿ May 5. Will attend the annual Women's Expo from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. held at the Phoenix Civic Center. Approximately 2500 to 3,000 women are expected to attend. Child Abuse Prevention material will be handed out.

*To participate in an event and/or to join a council, please contact the council in your area.*