

# Regional Child Abuse Prevention Councils



## Background:

*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. 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 the 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 (usually monthly).*

*Many Councils choose additional campaigns to sponsor throughout the year, but each council must complete the two following campaigns each year:*

- \* Income Tax Check Off Campaign (Campaign runs from January-April)*
- \* April Child Abuse Prevention Month Campaign (Campaign runs in April).*

## ***Planned Activities for April 2011***

### **Division of Children Youth and Families, Office of Prevention and Family Support (OPFS)**

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- ⓧ** 3/22/2011, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Train the Trainer Day. The ACE Consortium launched the second ACE Train the Trainer Day this year. Regional Prevention Council Members and child welfare partners across the state attended the training to help spread the word and educate our communities on the effects of ACE and help mobilize resources for children and families. Participants at the training demonstrated a strong commitment to present the information to the community at least twice a year and are willing to proactively promote local resources and/or encourage local professionals to do the same. The ACE Consortium is excited about continuing and expanding upon this very popular and important training. Please check out the Strong Communities Raise Strong Kids website at <http://www.azpbs.org/strongkids/> for more information about ACE and the campaign.

- ⌘ 4/7/2011, The Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Coalition held a free EXPO open to the public to kickoff National Child Abuse Prevention Month on the Senate Lawn of the Arizona State Capital. The event's theme is "Child Abuse Prevention Month: Fulfilling Our Commitments to the Children and Families in Arizona." Governor Jan Brewer proclaimed April as [Arizona Child Abuse Prevention Month](#) in keeping with a state and nationwide initiative dedicated to raising awareness of child abuse and promoting efforts to prevent it. Speakers include: County Attorney Bill Montgomery, Chandler Police Chief Sherry Kiyler, Arizona Cardinal's President Michael Bidwill and representatives from Prevent Child Abuse Arizona, First Things First and the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Division of Children, Youth and Families. Darla Gooden, a Valley mother and author whose children were abused also spoke to the audience. The event including twelve stunning banners which highlights some of the actions taken by U.S. presidents to help children; resource and information booths by family advocacy centers, Regional Child Abuse Prevention Councils, hospitals, DES, FTF, and child welfare community partners; a quilt with 64 squares will be on display representing the 64 children that died from child abuse and neglect in Arizona in 2009; a blue pinwheel garden will be on display with 90 pinwheels representing approximately 92,616 births in Arizona in 2009; and a police K-9 unit demonstrations. Major news stations and newspapers were on-site to conduct interviews and broadcast the event lives.
- ⌘ 4/8/2011, Healthy Families Arizona (HFAz) has achieved a momentous milestone by achieving twenty successful years of service to Arizona's children and families. The program also completed the third accreditation renewal. HFAz has served over 16,700 families since the program's inception. The program participants have consistently shown statistically significant positive changes in parenting and safety practices over the years. HFAz staff are tirelessly dedicated to the delivery of high quality services. As a result, many children in Arizona are growing up in a safe, nurturing and healthy family that prepares them for success in school and life. Although there have been many changes and challenges over the last few years, HFAz remains a vigorous and visible prevention program across our state. The HFAz program staff gathered to commemorate Healthy Families' 20th year anniversary and a successful accreditation. Speaker at the event include: Becky Ruffner, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Arizona, Veronica Bossack, DCYF Assistant Director, Rhian Evans Allvin, FTF Director, Casandra Firman with Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant, Steve Lynn, FTF Board member, and family testimonials from Maricopa and Pima County.
- ⌘ 4/18/2011. The Office of Prevention and Family Support will host a Child Abuse Prevention Month Kickoff Reception in the DCYF conference room located at DES West building 1789 W Jefferson, Phoenix. Stop by to pick up a blue ribbon and other valuable information about child abuse and how it can be prevented. Join us for some cake and punch!

- ⌘ Over 250 resource guides provided by the US Department of Health and Human Services titled “Strengthening Families and Communities” have been distributed to all Regional Child Abuse Prevention councils, Healthy Families providers and select community prevention providers.
- ⌘ During the month of April, the Regional Prevention Councils conduct many activities to support Child Abuse Prevention. 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. Some of the Councils activities include: distribution of thousands of blue ribbons throughout Arizona, official proclamations from city and regional governmental entities declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, coordination of media campaigns highlighting Child Abuse Prevention, and distribution of thousands of pamphlets on child abuse, child abuse prevention, and programs available to help parents and their children. Most of the Councils also sponsored one or more major events including kickoff breakfasts, luncheons, award dinners, activity fairs, and prevention conferences and training. Please contact your local Regional Prevention Councils to find out how you can get involved and help prevent child abuse.

### **San Pedro Family Resource Council**

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

- ⌘ May 12, 2011. The San Pedro Family Resource Council in conjunction with the PTA will sponsor a Family Information Night for all community parents and high school students at the Benson High School Multi Purpose Building. The keynote speaker will be Sheriff Tricia Smalley. During this presentation Sheriff Smalley will talk about bullying, sexting, cyber bullying and ways to support your child in school. During this presentation Susan Barney, Secretary of the SPFRC, will give the ACE presentation.

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

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

- ⌘ March 15th through June 15th. The City of Flagstaff will hang 15 banners at strategic locations in downtown Flagstaff. These banners are based on the "Prevention Works Wonders" poster.
- ⌘ April 1 – 30<sup>th</sup>. Harkins Theaters in Flagstaff and Sedona will feature a Public Service Announcement about Child Abuse Prevention Month highlighting the Never Shake a Baby theme.

- ⌘ March 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We will host the annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Kickoff Reception at the Coconino Center for the Arts. This event will include Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamations by the Mayor of Flagstaff and the Chair of the Coconino County Board of Supervisors. The keynote speakers will be the founders of Childhelp, Yvonne Fedderson and Sara O'Meara. The event will also highlight the Flagstaff Youth Art Exhibit on display at the Center for the Arts, tours of the Childhelp mobile unit and the Field of Hope Memorial. The annual Caring for Children Awards will be presented during the event.
- ⌘ April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00pm. We will host our 19th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference titled *Internal Family Systems: Finding the Source of Strength, Wisdom, and Compassion for Parents, Children, and Ourselves*, featuring keynote speaker Paul Neustadt. This conference will also be made available to outlying, more rural communities through webinar.
- ⌘ April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 3:00 pm. We will host a post-conference workshop titled *Introduction to Internal Family Systems*, presented by Carol DiGianni. This event will focus on integral areas of IFS and how local counselors, therapists, and social workers can implement IFS into their daily practice.
- ⌘ Two workshops on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) will be presented to the community. One will be presented to the Flagstaff Community Health Action Network (FlagCHAN ) and the other to the Alliance for Children's Early Success (ACES) at their respective monthly meetings.

### **Douglas for Stronger families Council**

**Contact: Angel Acosta (520) 364-4446 X 127**

- ⌘ March 30, 2011 Met with Mayor Gomez for proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month
- ⌘ April 14<sup>th</sup> Helped sponsor BINATIONAL CONFERENCE where we hosted over 85 teenagers for a one day workshop. Topics covered were Youth Values in the New Millenium, Dating Violence, Bullying and Sexting and Substance Use and Abuse/Gang affiliation.
- ⌘ April 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> Douglas for Healthy Relationships Presented Kaity's Way by Bobbi Sudberry. A strong impact on our students on dating violence. Each day was presented for 2 hours attended by all 1500 Douglas High School Students. We recieved 987 surverys back.
- ⌘ April 19 Sponsored a workshop with speaker Armando Armenta on Bringing out the Best in your Children with over 25 attendees.

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

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

- ⌘ March 26th from 10 am-1 pm. HOPE will distribute prevention resources at the Target Family Festival which will be located at Pioneer Park. This annual festival invites the community families to come out to enjoy several hours of games, inflatables, public awareness information, crafts, lunch, and fun in celebration of April as child Abuse Prevention Month.
- ⌘ HOPE and the Child Crisis Center will present information to the staff at the Juvenile Courts about the ACE study (date yet to be confirmed.)
- ⌘ April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm. HOPE and the Child Crisis Center will present information to the general community about the ACE's study.
- ⌘ HOPE will distribute news releases to TV, radio stations, and newspapers to promote child abuse awareness and prevention.
- ⌘ April 7<sup>th</sup> HOPE council member will host a resource table at the Child Abuse Prevention day at the Capitol.
- ⌘ HOPE, in collaboration with the Family Resource Center, will continue the provision of various parenting classes and kid's groups in the month of April and will distribute Child Abuse Prevention materials to the families in attendance. Please call the Family Resource Center to register for classes as space is limited at 480-834-9424. All classes are held at the Family Resource Center at 817 N. Country Club Dr. in Mesa.
  - Stewards of Children workshop April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm
  - Positive Discipline and Guidance, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm
  - Dads Drop in Discussion Group 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. from 6-7:30pm
  - Dads With Special Needs Children Drop in Group 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. from 6-7:30pm
  - Relatives as Parents Support Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday from 6-8pm
  - Family Law Clinic, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday from 6-8pm

**Lake Havasu City Child Abuse Prevention Council**

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

- ⌘ April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>. Council members will hand out blue ribbons throughout the community along with local youth groups. A banner will be placed at the down town park displaying "April is Child Abuse Prevention Month." In addition, Pinwheels for Prevention will be displayed at local elementary schools.
- ⌘ April 9<sup>th</sup> 1pm to 4pm. Free Family Bowl Day. This event will include materials and handouts to educate the community about child abuse awareness and prevention.

- Ⓡ April 17th. Our Kutz 4 Kidz day this month will also include games, handouts and educational materials along with the free haircuts.

### **Kingman Child Abuse Prevention Council**

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

- Ⓡ April 3rd - 9th. Council members will hand out blue ribbons throughout the community along with educational materials. In addition, Pinwheels for Prevention will be displayed at local elementary schools.
- Ⓡ June 4th. Kingman Regional Kids Day (Usually held in April). The council will be providing materials and handouts regarding Child Abuse Prevention and prevention materials. This is a big event in Kingman which draws a large portion of the community

### **Greater Phoenix Child Abuse Prevention Council**

**Contact: Michele Brown (480) 784-1514 X 1508**

- Ⓡ On March 25th the GPCAPC set up a table at the Osborn Middle School Health and Resource Expo. The both had information on ACE's along with tip sheets. We also had a seed planting activity for young children and parents were given positive parenting messages.
- Ⓡ On April 7th this same activity by the GPCAPC was repeated at the Family Day at the Capitol event.
- Ⓡ On April 6th a member of the GPCAPC did the Strong Communities Raise Strong Kids presentation at the Arizonans for Prevention meeting. Participants were provided with materials to train in the community.
- Ⓡ On March 22nd a GPCAPC member presented at the Train the Trainers for the Strong Communities Raise Strong Kids campaign. She also brought two staff from her agency to obtain training who can now train within Central Phoenix. One of the staff introduced the campaign at the Association for Supportive Childcare Director network meeting on April 6th.
- Ⓡ On April 27th the GPCAPC hosted its 15th Annual conference whose theme was: "Resilience through Inner Resources". Speakers included:
  - Dr. Joyce Mills – Keynote on "Reconnecting to the Magic of Life" and afternoon presentation on "StoryPlay® for Working with Challenging and Aggressive children and Adolescents"

- Dr. Vallery Coats – presentation on: “Exquisite Self-Care: Beyond the Bubble Bath”

⌘ Cherish the Children Awards were given during the Luncheon in 3 categories: Individual, Program and Media/Policy. Approximately 160 people attended the event, held at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix in downtown Phoenix.

### **Pinal Council for Child Abuse Prevention & Education**

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

- ⌘ PCCAPC will support the Third Annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference on April 1, 2011. Its focus will be 'Misconceptions of Child Abuse.'
- ⌘ PCCAPC will have a banner announcing Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month hung during the second week of April. This banner will be hung across the intersection known as Five Points in Casa Grande and will be seen by everyone entering or leaving the City of Casa Grande.
- ⌘ The Council will sponsor placemats for use in restaurants urging people to support child abuse prevention by marking their Arizona tax forms to donate to CAP. (This activity will begin today, March 1 and will continue through April 18, which is the extended deadline for tax submissions.
- ⌘ The Council will attend the training on ACEs scheduled for March 22 and will continue with presentations about ACEs through the City and the County. These presentations are an ongoing element of PCCAP's activities.
- ⌘ Additional publicity for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month will be provided by at least two articles in local newspapers regarding child abuse prevention awareness and bring attention to the banner that will be hung beginning April 11.

### **The Graham/Greenlee Child Abuse Prevention Council**

**Contact: Cindi Alva 928-428-7231**

- ⌘ April 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 am to 1 pm at the Eastern Arizona College Activities Center located at 1014 N. College Ave. Thatcher, AZ. Blue Ribbon Luncheon. Community members as well as agencies that work with children in any way are invited to come together for a special luncheon to bring awareness to the topic of preventing Child Abuse in our counties. We will recognize those in the community who provide valuable services and we will celebrate and motivate those in our community to do more to protect our most valuable assets, the children of our community. The theme this year will be “Fantastic Community, Fortunate Children”.

- ⌘ The Graham/Greenlee Child Abuse Prevention Council will put information on marquees in our community with a tag line that states, “April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month-Please Help Protect our Children”.
- ⌘ The Graham/Greenlee Child Abuse Prevention Council will have Public Service Announcement running on the 3 local radio stations that talk about reminding people that April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. It will also ask them to contact authorities if they see a child being abused or neglected. And to please talk about ways that Child Abuse can be prevented. These PSA’s will run at least once a day but we have not been given the specific information as of yet about times of the PSA’s.
- ⌘ March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at the Graham County Fairgrounds Ag Building. The Graham/Greenlee Child Abuse Prevention Council will be a participant in the Annual Teen Fair. This will be a two day event where teens in the area will be able to come learn about lots of issues affecting them today. The event will also be open to the public. Members of the Council will be participating in the “Parenting Room” with information about how to prevent Child Abuse and what to do if they know a child who is being abused or neglected.
- ⌘ February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Gila Valley Health and Safety Fair is being held at Eastern Arizona College. This event will take place from 7 a.m. to noon both days. The Graham/Greenlee Child Abuse Prevention Council will have a display set up and give attendees information about how to prevent child abuse. We will also have information on how to look for warning signs of potential abuse and how to make a report to the CPS hotline. Overall we will be promoting keeping our kids safe from abuse and neglect.

**Greater Tuba City Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council**

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

- ⌘ March 28<sup>th</sup>: Distribute CAP Month flyers, banners, and post events in Tuba City Community. All Agencies in Tuba City.
- ⌘ April 1<sup>st</sup>: Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick-Off Walk. Walk will begin at Louise Yellowman Park and end at Hopi Legacy Inn Highway 160 with a balloon release following. Greater Tuba City Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council (GTCRCAP) Council will be handing out Pin Wheels in recognition of child abuse prevention month. Event sponsored by Navajo Nation Social Service, NTCCFF, Navajo Head Start. Co-sponsored by GTCRCAP Council. Call Navajo Head Start at (928) 283-3223 for more information.
- ⌘ April 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lifeway to Sobriety Pow-wow. The Pow-wow celebrates a life of sobriety and centers on family and community. This is an Alcohol and Drug-free event. Event includes different dancing categories, food, and arts/crafts. Sponsored by Tuba City Department of Behavioral Health. Co-Sponsors: GTRCAP Council, Tuba City



High School MCJROTC, and The Boys and Girls Club To'naneesdizi Unit. Please call Tuba City Department of Behavioral Health at (928) 283-3031.

- ⌘ April 3rd: Clothes Line Project with Community Schools. Call Navajo Head Start at (928) 283-3223 for more information.
- ⌘ April 15th: Resource Fair, Tuba City Flea Market area. Call Navajo Treatment Center for Children & Their Families at (928) 283-3269/3261/3270 for more information.
- ⌘ April 25th: Children's Day 2011. Event raises awareness of child abuse prevention month and includes activities for children and families, informational booths, raffles, and lunch. Sponsored by GTCRCAP Council and Parenting Arizona. Please call Parenting Arizona at (928) 283-4217.
- ⌘ April 27th: Walking Together for Healthier Nations Walk/Fun Run. Event includes free t-shirts, health promotion information, and activities for families. Sponsored by Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation Diabetes Education Program. Please call TCRHCC at (928) 283-1422.
- ⌘ April 29th: Child Abuse Prevention Month Walk and Community BBQ. Event will conclude CAP month with a balloon release and candle light vigil. Walk will start at Louise Yellowman Park and end at Hopi Legacy Inn/ Highway 160. Sponsored by Navajo Nation Social Service, NTCCF, Navajo Head Start. Co-sponsored by Greater Tuba City Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council. Call Navajo Head Start at (928) 283-3223 for more information.

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

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

- ⌘ April 16th, 2011 from 9am-2pm. The Annual Children's Celebration will be held at the Cottonwood Civic Center. The Verde's Summer Youth Times 2011 will debut and as many as 35 vendors will supply free activities for families and children. There will be performances by children's groups, raffle prizes, food and games.

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

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

- ⌘ Feb. 2, Feb. 16 & March 2 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Free VITA Tax Site at Williams Elementary School, promoting EITC and CAP Tax Checkoff. Also, during the month of February sent letters to tax preparers in the local vicinity to promote tax checkoff.

- ⌘ March 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Family Activity-Family Reading Night and Book Fair, held at Williams Elementary School.
- ⌘ April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Four members participating in Child Abuse Prevention Conference sponsored by the Coconino Coalition for Children & Youth and Flagstaff CAP Council.
- ⌘ Month of March & April promote Blue Ribbon “Make a Difference”. Distribute blue ribbons throughout the community and schools. Solicit community nominations of youth who make a difference. Awards were presented to twenty-two youth on April 28<sup>th</sup>, while their parents watched. Dinner was provided. Photos were taken and the Williams Grand Canyon newspaper printed two photos along with information on the event (see below under April 28).
- ⌘ April 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Spaghetti Dinner at 4:30 pm and entertainment at 6:30 held at the Williams Rodeo Grounds. Sponsored by Williams Kiwanis and Williams Habitat for Humanity. Dinner to raise funds for high school scholarships and Opry to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity. Williams CAP members assisted.
- ⌘ April 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 pm to 2 p.m. “Day of the Child – Under the Big Top” at Williams Rodeo Grounds. Multi-cultural event to celebrate and educate children. Head Start (NACOG) & the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool Program students arrive and enjoy their sack lunches from 11:00-11:20 a.m. All children from the community (age 12 and under) are invited to attend beginning at 11:00 a.m. and enjoy all the booths, bike rodeo, and fun activities. Musical entertainment: Folklorico Dancers (Latino culture) and Hip Hop Dancers.
- ⌘ April 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m. “Make a Difference” Awards Ceremony at the Williams Recreation Center. From 6-8 p.m. there will be an “*ACE-Adverse Childhood Experiences*” presentation.
- ⌘ May 14, 2011 from 11:00 a.m.-2 p.m. “Annual Community Health & Safety Fairs” held at the Williams Elementary School. Williams CAP booth promoted “Preventing Diseases Through Immunization/Vaccines”. Distributed information on free clinics, etc.
- ⌘ April 1, 2011 Wrote, printed, designed, and mailed to all Williams parents of school age youth the April/May parent newsletter that promoted the 40 Developmental Assets “Encouraging Youth To Do Their Best”. Three other newsletters were mailed bi-monthly, promoting the 40 Assets, during the school year.

**Winslow Child Abuse Prevention Council**

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

- ⌘ April 1-31 CAP Awareness T-Shirts with CAP logo to be worn by volunteers and members at CAP Awareness activities & events.
- ⌘ April 1-31 Banners with CAP Logo will be on light poles throughout downtown of Winslow proclaiming CAP Awareness in the community.
- ⌘ April 1 Distribution of Bracelets and Suckers with Info on Parenting Promoting Child Abuse Awareness to all Elementary School Children in Winslow Unified School District.
- ⌘ April 1-2 & 15-16 Booth at Wal-Mart handing out information on Child Abuse Awareness (car magnets, buttons, positive parenting cards and bracelets).
- ⌘ April 7 Attend and have a booth at the CAP Event at the State Capital Lawn.
- ⌘ April 12 Proclamation signed by the City Mayor proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention month in Winslow, AZ.
- ⌘ April 13 Inform Winslow Coalition of Strong Families at their meeting regarding CAP awareness activities that are taking place in the community.

### **Yuma County Council**

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

- ⌘ March 29, 2011 ACE presentation to AmeriPsych 2450 S. 4th Ave ste201 Yuma, AZ.
- ⌘ April 1-May 29 Child Abuse Prevention Awareness billboards will be located in high visibility areas in both English and Spanish to bring about awareness of child abuse targeting Yuma and South Counties.
- ⌘ April 11, 2011 Smucker Park "Walk a mile in their shoes". An event sponsored by Yuma County Victims' Rights Committee. They will have victim's testimonials, activity area for children and food/refreshments will be served. Child Abuse Prevention information will be available to handout for all participants.