

Partnerships for Families

Strengthening Professionals and Families

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On the Heels of Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every year, 3 million cases of child abuse are reported in the United States. Even still, it is estimated that the actual cases of child abuse that occur and go unreported is three times as much.

In 1983, April was proclaimed National Child Abuse Prevention month with the intent to raise awareness of the need to guarantee the safety and welfare of children. Today, Congress and federal agencies are committed to identifying and implementing solutions to child abuse.

The Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse is meant to remember those who have died as a result to child abuse. In order to raise awareness among practitioners, Partnerships for Families is giving practitioners blue ribbon keychains.



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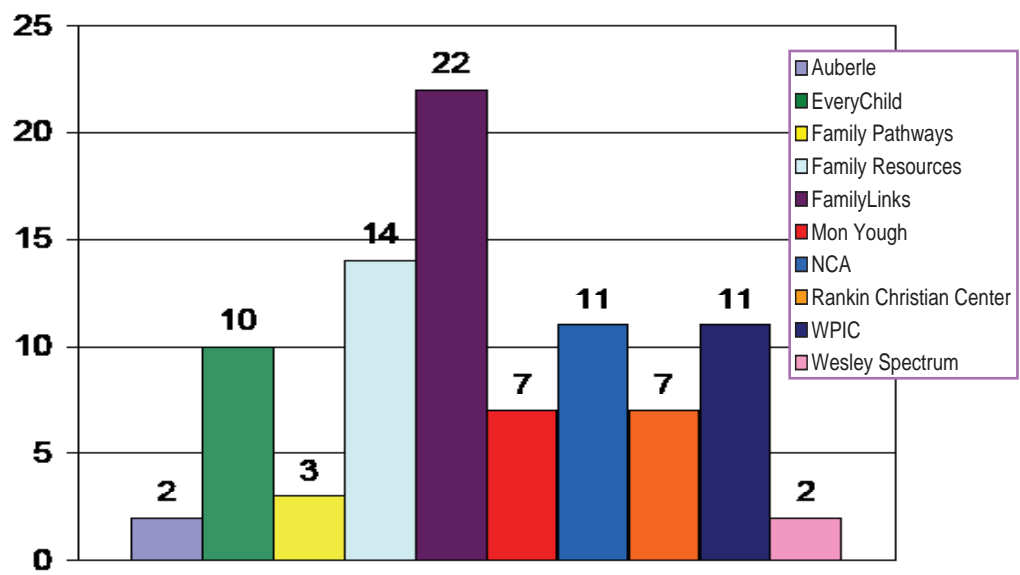
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Ten Ways Parents Can Prevent Child Abuse

- 1) Be a nurturing parent.
- 2) Help a friend, neighbor or relative.
- 3) Help yourself.
- 4) Learn how to act if your baby cries.
- 5) Get involved.
- 6) Help to develop parenting resources at your local library.
- 7) Promote programs in school.
- 8) Monitor your child's television and video viewing.
- 9) Volunteer at a local child abuse prevention program.
- 10) Report suspected abuse or neglect.

Above information adapted from
<http://www.preventchildabuse.org> and
<http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/>



Number of families enrolled per agency

Investigator Spotlight - Meet your Principal Investigator

David Kolko, Ph. D., is a Professor of Psychiatry, Psychology, and Pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. At Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, he directs the Special Services Unit, a treatment research program for youth referred by the Juvenile Court.

Based on his experiences with PFF so far, Dr. Kolko shared a few observations:

- We recognize how much time and effort have been required by

you when you learn new treatments.

-We appreciate all of your feedback on forms/questionnaires, as this information is vital for improving our results.

-We hope to be able to examine some initial outcomes, which we will soon share with you.

Is it also of interest to note that some of the information gathered from this study has been presented at several national child abuse/welfare conferences.



Dr. David Kolko

We need your help!

Partnerships for Families relies on your support by sending us audio for enrolled families! We'd like to remind you that you will receive \$5 per audio file submitted, up to \$150 per enrolled family. Also, we'd like to remind you to please continue to refer all 5-15 year olds!

Kudos Corner!

Kudos Corner is a new feature developed to highlight those who help make Partnerships for Families successful. The following organizations provided an outstanding effort for Dec 2008 - April 2009:

Largest Number of Families Enrolled

WPIC enrolled 3 families in 4 months!
Mon Yough Community Services enrolled 5 families in 1 month!

Greatest Increase in Audio Recordings of Enrolled Families

WPIC & Family Pathways

Outstanding Family Referrals and Audio

Wesley-Spectrum Services & FamilyLinks

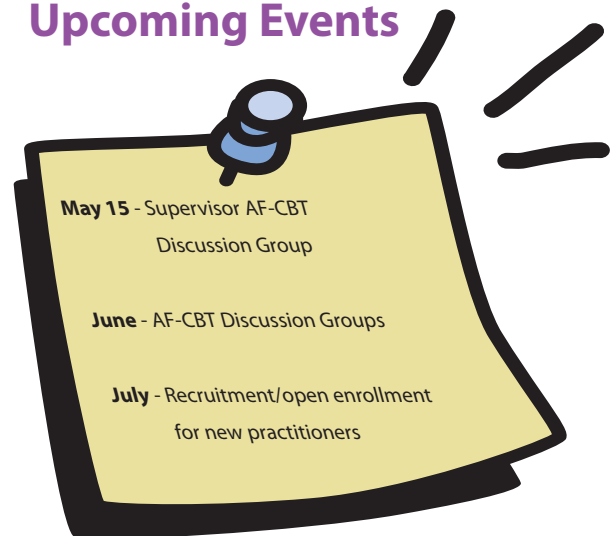
Support for Staff and Partnerships for FamiliesAbove & Beyond

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Every Child
Family Resources

Tremendous Family Referrals

NCA

Upcoming Events



Thank you for helping make Partnerships for Families possible. We would like to remind you that all this information is readily available now online at www.partnershipsforfamilies.org. Sign up for our e-newsletter and check out the project's progress!