

Partnerships for Families

A collaborative research project.

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Some Statistics on child abuse

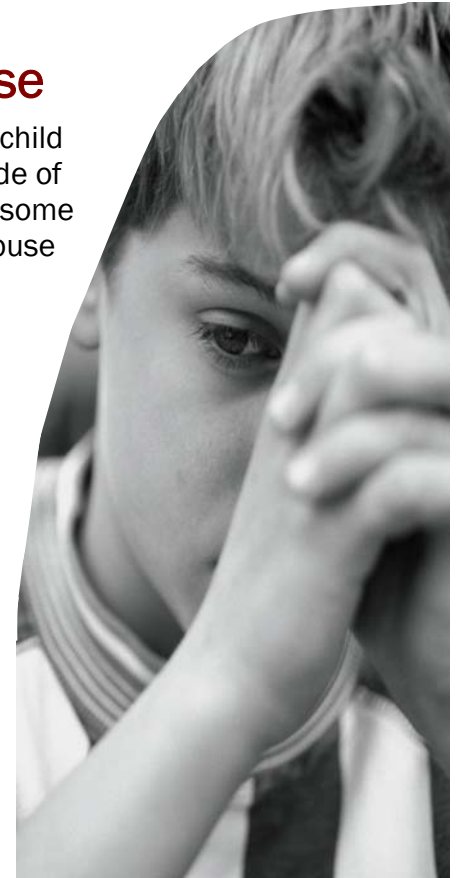
Recently there has been an increase of the number of child abuse related fatalities. In addition, there are a multitude of ways in which child abuse affects our society. Here are some statistics displaying the realities of the effect of child abuse that can't be seen in the fatalities statistics:

- **36% of women in U.S. prisons were abused as children.**
- **Over 60% of people who are in drug rehabilitation centers were abused or neglected as a child.**
- **80% of people who were abused as children meet the diagnostic criteria for at least one psychological disorder by the age of 21.**

Adapted from:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb>

www.childhelp.org/resources/learning-center/statistics



Agency of the Month: Rankin Christian Center



For more information:
www.rankinchristiancenter.org/

The Rankin Christian Center is a non-profit organization affiliated with the American Baptist Churches and Pittsburgh Baptist Association organizations. The center provides services to people of all ages, genders, and ethnicities and has done so since their founding in 1904. With over 100 years of service to the community, the Rankin Christian Center is the second most long-lived agency participating in our research (second only to NCA).

Services provided include:

- Support for individuals with mental retardation who are living in the community
- After-school programs for disadvantaged youth from ages 6-12
- Multiple In-Home based services aimed at decreasing the number of children who must be placed in foster care
- Crisis intervention programs

These services (and many more!) show the versatile nature of this center. It is an agency designed to help the community as a whole, in every aspect, in order to promote overall wellness. It truly is as their website states, Rankin Christian Center "continues to make a difference in the lives of those to whom [they] have been called to serve."

CAB Meeting

The Community Advisory Board has completed another successful year. Members representing each agency come together once a month to discuss ways to improve the project and reduce the burden to participants. The latest board suggestion will be out soon - laminated reminders about AF-CBT core components. **Many thanks to all who help the project to help families and professionals!**

Four Chances to Win!

Prizes will go to:

1. The clinician at each agency with the most completed fliers.
2. The clinician who has improved the most (by increasing the number of fliers submitted).
3. The agency that submits the most fliers.
4. The agency which improves the most (by increasing the number of fliers submitted).



Remember: Even if the family chooses not to enroll in our study, the flyer you submit will count towards your total!

Collaborating Agencies

Auberle
www.auberle.org

Every Child
www.everychildinc.org

Family Links
www.familylinks.org

Family Pathways
www.familypathways.net

Family Resources
www.familyresourcesofpa.org

Mon Yough
www.mycs.org

NCA
www.nca-pgh.org

Rankin Christian Center
www.rankinchristiancenter.org

Wesley Spectrum
<http://www.wesleyspectrum.org/>

WPIC
wpic.upmc.com/clinicalsvcs.htm

Kudos Corner!

Above & Beyond
Practitioners from:
FamilyLinks and Wesley Spectrum Services

Tremendous Audio
Practitioners from:
FamilyLinks Family Pathways NCA Wesley Spectrum Services WPIC

Great Referrals
Practitioners from:
Auberle In-Home Services FamilyLinks NCA Wesley Spectrum Services

- Remember, practitioners who missed a recent training session can now view a videotaped version online at: www.partnershipsforfamilies.org
- EVERYONE, feel free to check out the website for interesting updates and other information!!!

“We would love to keep the issue in the front of everyone and that child abuse happens all year long. Abuse doesn’t take a holiday, doesn’t take a day off, and we can’t either.” ~ Jane Donovan (children’s book author and illustrator)
~Quote taken from:
http://thinkexist.com/quotes/jane_donovan/

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