

2010 – 11 COMMUNITY REPORT



VISION

- All children know they are valued
 - All families receive the support, education and tools necessary to give every child a safe, healthy and nurturing home
- A community that actively supports the health, safety and education of its children

MISSION

PCACC is committed to preventing all forms of child abuse in Calaveras County through community partnerships, free trainings, education, and family-centered events that value children, strengthen families and engage communities.



PROVEN WAYS TO MAKE A FAMILY STRONGER

- Parents learn about child development and parenting
- Parents let children talk about their feelings
- Parents learn coping skills to build resiliency
- Build strong bonds between parents and children
- Release stress by connecting with others
- Seek support in times of need

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CHILD ABUSE IN CALAVERAS COUNTY

In 2010, Calaveras Works and Human Services Agency received 786 reports of suspected abuse and neglect involving 1,338 children. Of the 158 substantiated reports, over one third involved children under the age of six and 72% of the children suffered neglect. Physical, educational, emotional or medical neglect affects a child's developing brain and can result in long-term psychological problems. Child neglect comes with other social problems, particularly poverty, substance abuse, and family violence. Services such as home visiting, early childhood education, and parent education strengthen parents' ability to be resilient in the face of multiple stressors, thereby preventing abuse and neglect.

OUR COMMUNITY IS STRONGER WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER

THANK YOU TO OUR 2010 PREVENTION PARTNERS

Calaveras County Departments (First 5 Calaveras; Calaveras Works and Human Services Agency; Public Health; Behavioral Health; Probation; Library Districts; Ebbetts Pass Fire District; Sheriff's Department), The Resource Connection, all Calaveras County School Districts, childcare centers, preschools, CUSD Ambassadors, The Arc of Calaveras County, The Center for Creativity & Community, Calaveras M.E.N., The Calaveras Latino Partnership, UC Cooperative Extension, Calaveras Master Gardeners, Copperopolis Community Garden, Kriletech Family Farms, Calaveras High School Earth Club, Connecting Hands, First 5 Amador, Sexual Assault Response Team, San Andreas Community Covenant Church, First Baptist Church Angels Camp, California Foster Families, Inc., Environmental Alternatives, Calaveras Dental Project, Mountain Oak Health Centers, Mind Matters, and Mark Twain St. Joseph Hospital and Family Medical Centers.

REACHING THE COMMUNITY

If all families know how to access community resources and supports, they are more likely to provide the safe, healthy and nurturing environments children require. Resources and flyers were distributed countywide, reaching parents through schools, agencies, parent groups, newspaper articles, web-based media, newsletters, and community events.

EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT

PCACC and several partners promoted workshops, events, and the "Rethink Your Drink" campaign, to improve children's nutrition and increase physical activity. Teachers, home visitors, nutrition educators, and health care providers distributed over 2,800 English/Spanish rhyming books, activities, and presentations teaching families to drink water instead of sugary drinks.

FAMILY-CENTERED EVENTS

Families need to get and stay connected to one another. Frequent family activities keep kids feeling safe and loved, and help parents practice positive communication with their children. PCACC and partners coordinated fun, free events that engaged hundreds of children and parents in outdoor play, nature and art activities, reading, music, gardening, and nutritious eating.

- Eat! Play! Create! Family Play Dates
- Kids' Day in the Garden
- Children's Fair
- Food Bank Produce Days
- Family Day at Calaveras Big Trees
- Camp Read-A-Lot, San Andreas



PCACC and SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) partnered to create awareness of **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** in April. Resources were distributed countywide about preventing abuse, effective parenting, age-appropriate child development, and parent education workshop.

FATHERHOOD & MALE INVOLVEMENT

Because fathers are significant in the lives of children, the fatherhood initiative was developed to engage key Calaveras County men to champion a male-led movement that promotes and encourages responsible, committed father/male involvement with children.

With support from PCACC and First 5 Calaveras, a team of men attended the National Fatherhood & Families Conference. The men, representatives of local schools, government, business, health care, and faith-based community, formed **Calaveras M.E.N.**, "Men Engaged Now to Strengthen and Support Families and Communities".



- Over 50 social services professionals attended two trainings to recognize the importance of reaching men and acknowledging their roles with children. Head Start, Calaveras Works and Human Services Agency, and Calaveras County Public Health updated intake forms, waiting rooms, and resources to improve outreach to men.

CELEBRATING FAMILIES AND ALL WHO NURTURE CHILDREN

- 72 parents, grandparents, and providers attended this community event to celebrate the role and influence of parents, and promote father/male involvement.

COLLABORATIVE PREVENTION

PCACC participates on the following teams with partners in child welfare, domestic violence, education, behavioral health, early childhood, foster care, youth mentoring, public health, and probation.

- Citizen Review Panel surveyed foster parents to recommend improvements that help secure children's safety and well-being through placement stability
- Child Death Review Team
- Connecting Hands Nutrition Collaborative provided families with health, activity, and nutrition direction
- Continuous Improvement Team resulted in improved policies to track, respond, and reduce child abuse reports
- Differential Response connected at-risk parents to parent education and support resources
- Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) provided recommendations for families in crisis
- Sierra Sacramento Child Abuse Prevention Coalition regional collaborative
- ProTeen Collaborative provided resources to teens



LOCAL SPONSORSHIPS

PCACC sponsored free children's events that engaged families in prevention and early intervention strategies.

Children's Fair

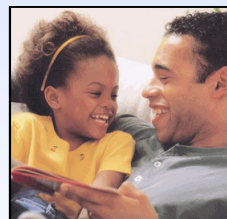
The Resource Connection \$1,000.00

Kids' Day

Valley Springs Optimist Club \$ 650.00

Kids' Day in the Garden

Calaveras Master Gardeners \$ 350.00



PCACC supported the selection and promotion of child abuse and neglect prevention activities that built the strengths of parents.

PARENT and COMMUNITY EDUCATION – First 5 Calaveras

- 885 parents, caregivers, educators, and partners attended countywide Strengthening Families parent education workshops, seminars, and counseling. Topics helped parents and providers understand child development, childhood trauma, nurturing discipline, ADHD, autism, and learning disabilities. Parents gained new tools to reduce stress, deal with grief and loss, and parent in ways that are calm, firm, and consistent.
- Nearly 90 Latino and Spanish speaking parents received parent education training and materials in Spanish, with resources provided by PCACC, First 5 Calaveras, The Calaveras Latino Partnership, Calaveras County Public Health, and Head Start.

LIFE SKILLS HOME VISITS – The Resource Connection

- Six weekly home visits with a MFT Home Visitor educated and supported 34 parents (with 52 children) in nurturing discipline, nutrition, family finance, and critical thinking. Most importantly, it helped to create social networks for parents by connecting them with community resources and services. This breaks down social isolation, which is a proven risk factor for child abuse.

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CALAVERAS COUNTY CHILDREN’S TRUST FUND

Donations: Property Tax Fundraiser	\$16,253.00
DMV Registered “Kid’s Plates”	\$ 1,037.00
Interest Earned	\$ 692.32
Other Revenue	<u>\$ 5,714.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 23,696.32

PCACC is an advisory council to the Board of Supervisors, and an advisory committee to First 5 Calaveras. Members are volunteer parents, community advocates and professionals appointed by the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors.

Prevent Child Abuse Council Calaveras

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Come to our meetings. All are welcome to attend.
Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month from 3:00–5:00 pm in San Andreas.

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