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### ➤ **Q & A CORNER**

This ongoing series is designed to address questions raised by state leaders regarding developing state systems and taking HFA to scale. As part of the State Systems Scoop, we explore these questions and offer resources for additional information.

#### **Child Abuse Prevention Advocacy in 2002**

In the December 2001 Scoop, information was provided on the state of state budgets and the outlook for HFA. Below, we summarize advocacy successes from 2001 and look ahead to major legislation and important issues facing the HFA network in 2002.

On January 7, 2002, a panel of child advocacy experts participated in a teleconference call as part of the Technical Assistance Call (TAC) series to discuss child abuse prevention advocacy in the current political and economic climate. The call presenters included Cassie Bevan, senior policy advisor to House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, MaryLee Allen, director of the child welfare division at the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), and Nancy Chandler, executive director of the National Children's Alliance. The information provided was extremely well received by the various PCA America networks that participated. We feel it was important to share this information with the entire state leaders network in the following article.

#### **Looking Back at 2001**

The year 2001 began with very high expectations. The country was experiencing a budget surplus, a booming economy and a Presidential promise "to leave no child behind." Unfortunately, the declining economy, coupled with the horrific events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, significantly altered this perspective.

However, there were some accomplishments in 2001 that will benefit children and families in this country. These gains include: a child tax credit--which will lift 500,000 children from poverty over the next 10 years--, the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, \$300 million additional dollars allocated for Head Start and an additional \$2 million allocated to the Center for Disease Control to finance research on child abuse and neglect.

Results were mixed for several key pieces of legislation that impact child abuse prevention funding. While the **Promoting Safe and Stable Families Act (PSSF)** was continued for the next five years, the legislation did not guarantee any new funding for the program. President Bush had originally included an additional \$200 million for PSSF in his budget. Congress ultimately passed legislation that recommended an additional \$70 million. However, that funding is not guaranteed, and will be at the discretion of the Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Subcommittee each year. In addition, the **Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)** was not reauthorized in 2001. Congress did continue the program at level funding, however, the Act remains funded at less than its authorized amount.

## Looking Ahead to 2002

In addition to the economic and political forces we are currently experiencing, 2002 includes the challenge of the fall elections. An election year often impacts Congress' willingness to make significant changes or to consider potentially contentious legislation. Congress will reconvene in late January for a session that should end in early October. This short session allows members to return to their home districts to campaign for the November elections. While election year politics may impact the productivity of Congress this year, there is work that Congress must accomplish by October. This includes the reauthorization of the **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** legislation, which may significantly impact funding for child abuse and neglect programs.

MaryLee Allen from CDF offered a helpful framework during the TAC call for organizing the various advocacy activities that must take place this year:

### I. Appropriations

The child abuse and neglect prevention field must make funding promises a reality, particularly for Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) and CAPTA appropriations. Advocacy must be relentless to ensure that the \$70 million promised to PSSF is funded and that PSSF is appropriated at an adequate level for FY'03. In addition, advocates must push for the full appropriations of CAPTA so the funding allows CAPTA to keep pace with the scope of the problem it is aiming to address.

### II. Reauthorizations

The reauthorization of key initiatives including; **TANF, CAPTA, the Child Care Development Block Grant** and the **Abandoned Infants Assistance Act**, will be critical this year.

Given that 22 states receive TANF funding to support HFA programs, there is no doubt that TANF reauthorization is going to be a very important issue for the HFA network to address. The advice from our TAC call experts was as follows:

- Ensure that the funding level for TANF holds steady and is increased for a cost of living adjustment;

- Work to keep the focus of TANF on child poverty reduction by making this an explicit goal of the program;
- Work to broaden the set of activities that count as “work” to include: substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, domestic violence and other supportive services, including HFA;
- Push for better coordination of services between welfare and child welfare institutions;
- Ensure that TANF is held accountable to child well being by adding that as an outcome of the program.

Some of these points and others are expounded upon in a new publication to help the HFA network prepare for the TANF reauthorization debate. *TANF Reauthorization: Recommendations and Implications for Healthy Families America* will be available for purchase or download by February 11, 2002. To order online: <http://209.41.184.41/publications/index.html>.

### III. Support of Pending Legislation

Advocates must work to put vital legislation introduced in 2001, but not enacted, back on Congress’ agenda. Such legislation includes: the **Family Opportunities Act**, which would ensure health care for children with disabilities, the **Child Protection, Alcohol and Drug Partnership Act** would provide investments in a range of child welfare and substance abuse services and the **Children Who Witness Domestic Violence Act** which would help prevent poor outcomes for children experiencing domestic violence in their home.

### *Words of Advice from the TAC Call Experts*

1. *Build the case for child abuse and neglect prevention and HFA.* We need to be clear about HFA’s outcomes and communicate the importance of the HFA program. It behooves us as advocates to educate legislators, in an ongoing manner, about the benefits of the HFA program so it is easier when we come to them with particular legislative or funding demands.
2. *Find new allies, form new partnerships.* As child abuse prevention advocates, we must find new allies and form new partnerships with broader children’s coalitions. We must partner with unlikely suspects including the business community, the faith community and groups such as Fight Crime, Invest in Kids. It is also important to be vigilant about including representatives from both sides of the political aisle. Finally, we must engage families in the advocacy process, as parents are often the most influential representatives of our programs.
3. *Keep an eye on the calendar.* Because it is an election year, Congress will recess in early October. The window of opportunity to most effectively advocate is now until July. The Spring Recess (March 25-April 5) is a particularly good time to educate your Representatives and Senators while they are back in their home

districts. This is a great opportunity to invite them to visit your HFA program and see the important work going on to strengthen families.

4. *Remember to look at preventing child abuse and neglect within a broader context.* Reducing poverty, improving health care and addressing fundamental needs like childcare and early education are critical to preventing the abuse and neglect of children. Tax policy, welfare reauthorization, health care, economic stimulus legislation and early care and education issues are important and should be monitored by the child abuse and neglect prevention field.

At the same time, advocates must remain especially engaged on core prevention legislation, including CAPTA and PSSF; and work for increased appropriations for these and other funding streams.

The work of child abuse and neglect prevention has never been easy, and this year poses some unique challenges. Despite fiscal pressures and election year politics, many opportunities exist where we can mobilize, sustain funding for HFA programs and effect change for children and families.

**For more information and resources, please click on the following:**

As part of PCA America's Prevention Funding Initiative, a new advocacy initiative to sustain prevention funding, staff in the Research Center developed a literature review to examine the relationship between welfare reform (specifically TANF), the economy and child maltreatment. Preliminary research seems to suggest that there is a correlation between higher welfare benefits and a reduction in maltreatment, although it is still too early to fully understand the impact of reforms in this area. A copy of the literature review can be downloaded from the PCA America website [www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org).

For the PCA America Legislative Action Center, click to <http://capwiz.com/pca/home/>

For the special Connect for Kids, "Crystal Ball" edition featuring projections for advocacy activities in 2002, click to [http://www.connectforkids.org/newsletter-url1571/newsletter-url\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=96586](http://www.connectforkids.org/newsletter-url1571/newsletter-url_show.htm?doc_id=96586).

For information on the Children's Defense Fund's Child Welfare and Mental Health Division and action alerts related to child welfare, go to: <http://www.childrensdefense.org/safe-start.htm>

For more information on current economic stimulus legislation proposals, go to <http://www.cbpp.org/1-9-02tax.htm>.

Go to WIN's Welfare Reauthorization website for up-to-date information on TANF, [http://www.welfareinfo.org/tanf\\_reauthorization.htm](http://www.welfareinfo.org/tanf_reauthorization.htm).

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## ➤ PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA NEWS

*WORTH Magazine* names America's 100 Best Charities and PCA America is on the list!

For their special December/January 2002 issue "America's 100 Best Charities" the editors and writers of Worth Magazine ([www.worth.com](http://www.worth.com)) have done the homework for you. This special issue reported results of an extensive six-month investigation into what charities actually do, how they spend contributions, and whether or not they are making a real impact.

Read the article at: [www.worth.com/content\\_articles/articles.cfm?id=4905](http://www.worth.com/content_articles/articles.cfm?id=4905). (Scroll down for PCA America).

### *Credentialing/Quality Assurance News...*

HFA Credentialing is celebrating a name change. In order to reflect the important role that credentialing plays in a program's ongoing commitment to provide quality services, the HFA Credentialing Division will now be called the Quality Assurance Division.

The HFA Advisory Credentialing Panel has been working to refine the Self Assessment Tool. Currently, the Standards are being reviewed by primary contacts with a request for feedback by February 12, 2002. The refined standards will be available at the PCA America National Conference in March 2002.

Attention to anyone looking to work at PCA America! We currently have a Senior Associate Position titled, "HFA Quality Assurance Coordinator" available. This position is responsible for providing support and technical assistance to sites all over the country. HFA Quality Assurance Coordinators create relationships with sites beginning at the point of affiliation and support, and guide the sites through the credentialing process. Please call Wendy Mitchell at 312-663-3520 Ext. 129 if you are interested in learning more about this position, or visit our website at [www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org).

### *Training News...*

The Advanced Training for Trainers pre-conference will be held Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2, 2002 prior to the PCA America National Conference. **All certified HFA trainers are required to attend to maintain their HFA certification.** Guest presenters for this 2-day seminar will be:

- Dr. Thomas Verny, Adjunct Professor at St. Mary's University in Toronto, Ontario Canada, who will focus on pre-natal work with families.
- Mary Claire Heffron, Ph.D., psychologist at the pediatric medical center for Northern California, Children's Hospital in Oakland, CA, who will focus on infant mental health issues.

Registration for this pre-conference seminar will be mailed to certified trainers under separate heading. For additional information, contact Cynthia Stringfellow at [cdenise@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:cdenise@preventchildabuse.org) or 312-663-3520 ext 165.

Attendance at this Advanced Training is reserved for trainers that have fully met the requirements and have received certification as an HFA trainer. In addition, we will be providing time for trainers to share innovative trainings that have been created to enhance the knowledge and skill development of Family Support Workers, Family Assessment Workers, Supervisors, etc. Trainers who are interested in presenting, please contact Cynthia Stringfellow, [cdenise@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:cdenise@preventchildabuse.org) or 312-663-3520 ext 165.

The next Train the Trainers Institute will be held May 4-10, 2002 in Lisle, Illinois. Please start identifying individuals that you would like to have trained as in-state trainers. Application for attendance will be mailed at a later date. If you have additional questions, please contact Diana Jemison at [djemison@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:djemison@preventchildabuse.org) or 312-663-3520 ext. 125

As a reminder, we are requesting that trainers submit their Site Training Summaries once HFA core/primary training has been completed. If these summaries are forwarded to state systems of training please ensure that PCA America HFA receives a copy of these as well. This form will be revised shortly to include aggregate training and participant evaluation data. Revised forms will be distributed to trainers during the Advance Training in March. For additional information, please contact Phyllis Medrano at 312-663-3520 ext.115 or via email [pmedrano@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:pmedrano@preventchildabuse.org).

### ***Research News...***

#### Home Visiting Helps Reduce Child Abuse and Neglect

Visiting nurses have helped reduce child abuse and neglect by up to 80 percent over a 15-year period among a group of low-income, unmarried women visited during their pregnancies and the first two years of their babies' lives. This is the conclusion reached by Human Ecology researchers in the longest study on record of the effects of nurse home visits during pregnancy and following birth. **Source:** Human Ecology 29, no. 1 (Wntr 2001) **Title:** *Nurse Home Visits Reduce Child Neglect. (15-year follow-up study results conclusive)* **Author:** Lang, Susan S.

#### Relationship Between Involvement in Group Parenting Programs and Participation in Home Visiting Programs Established

An article in the December 2001 issue of *Child Abuse and Neglect* highlights findings from a randomized controlled study designed to determine if there was a relationship between involvement in group parenting programs and participation in home visiting programs. Six months after participating in a 10-session parent intervention, the authors found a substantial increase in the proportion of intervention group parents participating in home visitation compared to parents in the control group. (*Supplementation of urban*

*home visitation with a series of group meeting for parents and infants: results of a “real-world” randomized controlled trial.* J.N. Constantino, N. Hashemi, E. Solis, T. Alon, S. Haley, S. McClure, N. Nordlicht, M.A. Constantino, J. Elmen, and V.K. Carlson). This article provides encouraging news both to HFA programs that are already offering or are considering offering parenting groups as well as the National Family Support Roundtable programs that offer mutual self-help support services to parents.

#### Sex Abuse, Drugs Link Cited

Repeated sexual abuse can cause physical changes in the brain that may explain why abused children often use drugs later on, says a study in the January issue of the journal *Psychoneuroendocrinology*. A study of 32 adults, ages 18-22, who had been abused as children finds damage to a part of the brain—the cerebellar vermis—possibly causing victims to be more likely to seek external means to calm themselves down.

#### Adverse Childhood Experiences Increases Risk of Suicide Attempts in Adults

A report published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in December 2001, shows that adults who experienced adverse experiences as children, such as sexual/physical, or verbal/emotional abuse have an increased risk of attempting suicide. **Source:** JAMA, The Journal of the American Medical Association 286, no. 24 (Dec 26 2001). **Title:** Childhood Abuse, Household Dysfunction, and the Risk of Attempted Suicide Throughout the Life Span: Findings From the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study. **Author:** Dube, Shanta R.; Anda, Robert F. Felitti, Vincent J. Chapman, Daniel P. Williamson, David F. Giles, Wayne H.

### ***National Conference News...***

#### Conference Registration Information

Don't miss your opportunity to attend the 2002 PCA America National Conference, *Imagine A Nation Without Child Abuse: Combining Our Strengths For Prevention*, in Dallas, Texas at the Adam's Mark Hotel, March 2-5. The pre-conference registration deadline is quickly approaching! Pre-conference registrations must be postmarked no later than 2/15/02 in order to qualify for the regular registration fee of \$275.00. Otherwise, you may register on-site for \$325.00. *Please note that registrations postmarked after 2/15/02 will be returned along with any payment received and you will be required to register on-site in Dallas where the higher on-site registration fee will be charged.* No exceptions!

The registration fee includes conference materials, plenary sessions, breakout sessions, two continental breakfasts, the Welcome Reception, and the Closing Luncheon. The PCA America National Conference will provide opportunities for you and your organization to connect with colleagues on a trans-national level, learn from experts in the field, and revive your commitment to working on behalf of children and families.

#### Silent Auction at National Conference

PCA America will again be holding a silent auction at the annual conference. The auction will benefit the PCA America National Conference Scholarship Fund that provides scholarships for direct service workers who might otherwise not be able to attend the conference.

We would like to request your support of PCA America's silent auction by asking for a donation. We are looking to our network to donate items that are related to their state. Examples of previous donations include a wool cape from Maine, a gift certificate to a bed and breakfast in Vermont, a western-themed basket from Texas, and a beach bag with beach-related items from Florida. Most organizations are able to solicit donations from local area businesses. We will be listing the donors in our conference binder that will be distributed to all attendees. Also, those who donate items will be able to display brochures from their business at the silent auction tables.

We hope you will consider participating in this worthy cause to help raise money for scholarships for the next PCA America Conference. Our goal is to have all states participate! If you are interested, please contact Babette Nyka at 312-663-3520, ext. 164, or [bnyka@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:bnyka@preventchildabuse.org).

### ***National Family Support Roundtable News...***

#### Roundtable Expands to 21 States

The Roundtable now reaches families coast-to-coast, from Florida to the state of Washington! A new partnership with Parent Trust for Washington Children brings Roundtable membership to twenty-one. Supported by the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Roundtable partnerships link together PCA America chapters and other state and regional organizations that offer mutual self-help parent support as a child abuse prevention program. If you are interested in starting a mutual self-help parent support group in your state, please contact Barbara Shaffer at [bshaffer@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:bshaffer@preventchildabuse.org).

#### Roundtable Synergy Produces New Ideas

Representatives of parent leadership, capacity-building, infrastructure and training and technical assistance teams of the Roundtable met for three days in early December to address overarching critical issues that have emerged after the program's first year of operation. They developed and polished strategies for bringing in new partners, sharing resources, assessing and delivering training and technical assistance needs and strengthening mutual self-help parent support groups throughout the nation. For more information about the Roundtable and PCA America partnership, as well as information on where Roundtable programs are located, please contact Cynthia Savage, Project Manager, at [csavage@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:csavage@preventchildabuse.org).

#### Parent Support Group Facilitation Manual Now Available

Individual Roundtable members are sharing the new facilitators manual for mutual self-help parent support groups within their states or regions with facilitators, parent leaders, and sponsoring agencies and funders. The manual, written by practitioners and program specialists, covers such functions as group process, parent leadership development and trouble-shooting an ailing group. A train-the-trainers curriculum is in development. Over the next few months, a cadre of 20 volunteers will be recruited and prepared to train in the model on a state and regional level. If you are interested in being chosen for this training, please contact Sue Campbell at [scampbell@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:scampbell@preventchildabuse.org).

## ***Chapters News...***

### ***Chapter Services Receives a \$50,000 Grant***

Alcoa, a long time friend of PCA America and financial supporter of our conferences, has awarded us with a \$50,000 planning grant for new chapter development. This grant will focus on three key strategies, including planning, outreach and engagement, and will target states where chapters currently do not exist. For additional information, please contact Ben Tanzer, at 312-663-3520 ext. 123 or by email at [btanzer@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:btanzer@preventchildabuse.org).

Please join us in congratulating Ben Tanzer and his wife Debbie on the arrival of their new bundle of joy, Myles Levi Tanzer, born January 8, 2002 at 4:07am. Myles weighed in at 8 lbs., 2 oz., and, according to Ben, has “lots of hair”!

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## **➤ FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***FEDERAL***

#### **➤ Adolescent Family Life Demonstration Projects**

Closing Date: March 11, 2002

Under this program announcement, the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs (OAPP) intends to make available approximately \$6.5 million to support an estimated 35 new prevention demonstration projects only. The awards will range from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Any public or private nonprofit organization or agency is eligible to apply for a grant.

These grants are for community-based and community-supported demonstration projects to find effective means of preventing pregnancy by encouraging adolescents to abstain from sexual activity through provision of age-appropriate education on sexuality and decision-making skills. These Title XX grants should clearly and consistently focus on promoting abstinence as the most effective way of preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV.

For detailed information go to:

[frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_register&docid=02-517-filed](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-517-filed)

## ***FOUNDATIONS***

### ➤ The Funding Exchange Emergency Fund

Closing Date: Emergency Fund requests may be submitted at any time. Up to \$1,000.00

The Funding Exchange national office can make grants to organizations that: (a) are classified under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3); or (b) have established a relationship with a fiscal sponsor with IRS 501(c)(3) status; or (c) whose programs conform to the IRS definition of charitable activity even though they have not received an IRS letter.

Funding Exchange  
666 Broadway, Suite 500  
New York, NY 10012

THE EMERGENCY FUND makes grants in response to political crises or opportunities, when a small amount of money can make a difference in educating or mobilizing for social change. Emergency funds, if available, have been made to support rallies, mailings, printing and other costs associated with political organizing around quickly developing situations

For detailed information go to: [www.fex.org/2.3\\_grantmakingindex.html](http://www.fex.org/2.3_grantmakingindex.html)

### ➤ Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Funds Program

Closing Date: February 11, 2002

Award of grants under this program announcement is subject to the availability of funds

State and local public agencies, Territories, and Native American Tribes and Tribal Organizations who are, or have been, recipients of Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grants; State and local private non-profit agencies experienced in the field of family violence prevention; and public and private non-profit educational institutions, community organizations, community-based coalitions, faith-based organizations, and other entities that have designed and implemented family violence prevention information activities or community awareness strategies.

This announcement consists of two priority areas:

1. Public Information/Community Awareness Campaign Projects for the Prevention of Family Violence - The purpose of the public information/community awareness

projects is to assist in the continued development of state/local public information and community awareness campaign projects and activities that assist in preventing family violence.

2. Collaborative Efforts Between Faith-Based Organizations and Domestic Violence organizations - The purpose of this priority area is to support collaborative efforts that would enhance the response to a battered woman whose initial point of contact for help was with a member of a faith-based organization.

For detailed information go to:

[frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001\\_register&docid=01-30825-filed](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-30825-filed)

➤ Office Depot

Eligible Applicants: Non-profit organizations that qualify as 501(c)(3) charities

Office Depot  
2200 Old Germantown Road  
Delray Beach, FL 33445  
Attn: Donations

Office Depot makes monetary donations to charities focused on children's education, health, and welfare.

For detailed information go to:

[www.officedepot.com/CompanyInfo/community/monetarydonations.asp](http://www.officedepot.com/CompanyInfo/community/monetarydonations.asp)

➤ New York Life Foundation

Eligible Applicants:

Grants are made only to private, nonprofit organizations which have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and which are not private foundations. The Foundation does not make grants to individuals or government agencies.

New York Life Foundation  
51 Madison Avenue, Room 1600  
New York, NY 10010-1655  
212-576-7341

Currently, the Foundation is focusing its efforts on organizations, programs and services which target children, particularly in the areas of mentoring, safe places to learn and grow and educational enhancement

For detailed information go to:  
[www.newyorklife.com/foundation/](http://www.newyorklife.com/foundation/)

Please follow the funding link below for information on past funding opportunities:  
[www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org/services/funding.html](http://www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org/services/funding.html)

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## ➤ CONFERENCES

### February 2002

- February 8–9, 2002  
Center for Parent Education 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Parent Education at the University of Northern Texas, Denton, TX. Information at [www.unt.edu/cpe](http://www.unt.edu/cpe)
- February 25-27, 2002  
8th National Conference on Abuse of Children & Adults with Disabilities  
Riverside, CA. Contact: 8th National Conference-CAN/DO  
310-473-6768, 310-478-0588 (TDD)  
Email: [DrNora@doctor.com](mailto:DrNora@doctor.com) Web Site: [www.disability-abuse.com](http://www.disability-abuse.com)

### March 2002

- **March 2– 5, 2002**  
**Prevent Child Abuse America 2002 National Conference: Imagine a Nation Without Child Abuse: Combining our Strengths for Prevention in Dallas, TX.**  
Information at [www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org) or call 312-663-3520 ext. 221.
- March 6– 8, 2002  
Child Welfare League of America National Conference for Children 2002: Making Children a National Priority in Washington, D.C. Information at [www.cwla.org](http://www.cwla.org)
- March 10-12, 2002  
Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana 16th Annual Conference Baton Rouge, LA Contact Sunita Augustine, Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana 225-925-9520  
Email: [publicedasst@pcal.org](mailto:publicedasst@pcal.org) Web Site: [www.pcal.org](http://www.pcal.org)

### April 2002

- April 8-9, 2002  
Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina 23rd Annual Statewide Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect, "Partnering to Protect Children: Families, Communities, Agencies" Contact: Jodi Mendenhall Greensboro, NC 919-829-8009, or 800-354-KIDS (Toll-Free) Email: [pcanc@mindspring.com](mailto:pcanc@mindspring.com)  
Web Site: [www.childabusenc.org](http://www.childabusenc.org)

- April 10-12, 2002  
Child Welfare League of America 5th National Child Welfare Data Conference  
Washington, DC (202) 638-2952 Web Site: [www.cwla.org](http://www.cwla.org)
- April 14–17, 2002  
HIPPY National Conference: “Building Blocks” for a Stronger HIPPY in San Francisco, CA. Information at [wjones@hippyusa](mailto:wjones@hippyusa) or call Wanda Jones at 888-35-HIPPY.
- April 22–25, 2002  
Family Support America Family Support: The Time Has Come in Chicago.  
Information at [www.familysupportamerica.org](http://www.familysupportamerica.org) or 312-338-0900.
- April 25-26, 2002  
State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect/Governor's Office for Children Youth and Families The Governor's 9th Annual Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect  
Baltimore, MD Contact: Alisa Santucci 410-767-1841  
Email: [alisa@mail.ocyf.state.md.us](mailto:alisa@mail.ocyf.state.md.us)
- April 26–28, 2002  
Parents as Teachers National Center Parent Involvement: International Conference: Born to Learn at the Adams Mark Hotel in St. Louis, MO.  
Information at [jhinr@patnc.org](mailto:jhinr@patnc.org) or [www.patnc.org](http://www.patnc.org) or call 314-432-8963.

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## ➤ WEB SITES/RESOURCES

### TANF

[www.researchforum.org/cfm/keytopics.cfm](http://www.researchforum.org/cfm/keytopics.cfm)

For a round up of the research on welfare reform and impact on families, visit the Research Forum.

[www.clasp.org/pubs/TANF/redflags.pdf](http://www.clasp.org/pubs/TANF/redflags.pdf)

Is welfare reform increasing child abuse and neglect? Read one analysis regarding the impact of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) policies on child maltreatment.

[www.futureofchildren.org](http://www.futureofchildren.org)

Children and Welfare Reform – Heads Up

Children constitute the majority of those dependent on welfare benefits.

“Children and Welfare Reform,” the next issue in the Packard Foundation Future of Children series, will be released February 20. The issue will examine welfare reform’s impacts on child development, child care options for low-income families, fertility and

father involvement and family economic resources, along with analysis and recommendations regarding reauthorization of the welfare reform legislation and commentaries by leading experts.