

**In this issue:**

- **Q&A Corner: HFA Best Practice Collaborations Win Honors**
  - **Resources**
  - **PCA America News**
  - **Conferences**
  - **Funding Opportunities**
- 

**➤ *Q&A Corner*****HFA Best Practice Collaborations Win Honors**

Communities, local and county governments and even state departments across the country are forming early childhood initiatives, bringing into focus the need for comprehensive and streamlined services to meet the needs of young families. The rationale is clear - aside from creating more effective systems to meet the varied needs of vulnerable families, the reality of today's financing of services, largely spurred by welfare reform in 1996, has created a push to decrease duplication of effort and utilize block grants for broader initiatives. With increasing brain development research since the 1990's, public awareness and education on the issues of children ages birth to three are also implicit goals of many initiatives.

The National Association of Counties Early Childhood and School Readiness initiative recently highlighted three HFA programs as winners of their "Counties Care for Kids" award, an honor designated to programs providing exemplary services by creating innovative collaborations that both meet a need for new services or leverage existing resources. In particular these programs exemplify ways that a county level public/private partnership can prove successful.

**Healthy Families/Healthy Start, Oakland County, Michigan**

Those in Oakland County need no convincing that the diverse population in their community is better served through effective collaborative efforts. This collaboration began in 1992 with four groups, in response to a county-wide needs assessment to address growing child abuse and neglect rates. Now an eight member multi-agency collaboration spanning major human service organizations and the county health division, the partners represent many constituencies throughout Oakland County. Partners are invested through a shared communication structure, and an Executive Advisory Board with equal representation among partners. Challenges are handled as a team through these infrastructure mechanisms. The partner agency on-site supervisors meet monthly and the family support specialists meet weekly as a group. An arrangement with the Oakland County Health Division provides clinical nursing services to participating families. Outreach efforts in the community, due to the varied specialties of the partners, are inclusive and expansive – referrals are made through the

state child welfare agency, the Health Division district offices, the county's birthing hospitals, local school districts, human service agencies, the United Way and Head Start. On-going needs assessments involving parents and professionals ensure continued community involvement. Outcomes with families, staff and participant retention rate, and participant level of satisfaction demonstrate its success.

### **Healthy Families Fairfax, Fairfax County, Virginia**

Healthy Families Virginia is a strong example of the time and growth needed to sustain strong partnerships. Four non-profits and two county departments comprise this partnership, in existence since 1998. Formed out of a demonstration grant which began close to a decade earlier, the partnership has answered an identified community need for a comprehensive community-based prevention program. In 1989, the partnership set the goal that by 2005 the program would be expanded to meet the needs of all first-time at-risk families and collaborations would be formed with other early intervention programs. To date, the capacity of the program has grown exponentially (over 655%) and HFA has successfully placed itself among a continuum of services within the community by working closely with the Department of Family Services, Head Start, the hospitals and military bases in Northern Virginia. Staff is structured in teams consisting of home visitors and supervisors from nonprofit agencies, state employed social workers and public health nurses. Managers of all parties involved meet regularly to provide oversight, and provide their staff with opportunities to lead and work on committees and special projects. Community involvement takes the form of an advisory council comprised of community representatives, annual briefings held for local elected officials and Board members, community fundraising events and grants solicited from local foundations. Since FY01 Healthy Families has been appointed one of Fairfax County Human Services Council's top funding priorities.

### **Every Child Succeeds, Hamilton County, Ohio**

Broad-based community support is at the core of services provided to families in Hamilton County. Through county-wide needs assessment (including town meetings, focus groups and surveys) conducted in 1997, parenting support and a failing child welfare system were identified as primary concerns. In response, three premier child-serving organizations - the United Way, the county community action agency and the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center - formed Every Child Succeeds in 1999. The varied resources of this public-private partnership allow them to leverage a variety of county, state and federal funds. Today, services are provided by a coalition of 17 social service agencies which bring the expertise of 120 nurses, social workers and paraprofessionals to the table. This broad base of service organizations ensures diversity in referrals and representation of the varied needs within the community. The coalition is actively involved in program design and implementation and each provider agency is informed by their own parent advisory committee. Community participation is extensive. Volunteers created and operate the Parent Aide Program, soliciting family-friendly resources and donations from local businesses to create resource bags, which

are distributed monthly to participating families. The local paper raises funds used for safety and emergency items. Community pediatricians fund a project to provide a parenting handbook to families enrolled in the program. Local media routinely feature Every Child Succeeds.

### **Key Program Characteristics**

While each program brings a set of strengths and unique community responses, several key elements stand alone as lessons learned.

- **LEADERSHIP** – Leadership should be experienced, knowledgeable of key community stakeholders, and committed to the belief that greater results are accomplished through collaborative efforts. At the same time, flexibility is needed, allowing the many voices of those involved to be heard. Leadership must be able to facilitate growth and attitude change, from collaborative talk to collaborative action.
- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** – All three examples prove that community involvement is essential in the beginning stages of planning. As the collaboration develops, community involvement is maintained through creative measures such as volunteerism, donations, continued needs assessments, focus groups, and local media coverage. Public education and awareness in the community ensures broad recognition of the program and a diverse referral base.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE** – Long-term planning, a strong vision and mission statement, communication and decision-making structures, and team approaches are all key elements to ensure equal involvement among partners. Flexibility, patience and hard work in the initial stages of the collaboration are needed as the variety of groups become accustomed to one another’s governance structures and cultures.
- **EVALUATION** - The ability to document continued growth and improvement guarantees greater commitment to the collaboration from a spectrum of players – staff, funders, community supporters, and policy makers. HFA collaborations in the counties listed above are now seen as leaders in decision-making processes and policy development impacting young families in their communities.

### **Starting or Improving Your Own Collaboration**

Building on the lessons learned from the programs described above, a broad body of research and resources exist to guide those interested in collaboration best practices. The following provide excellent practical advice and planning guidelines:

- The Research Forum on Children, Families and the New Federalism: “Study Identifies Multiple Strategies and Critical Factors for Integrating Human Services” <http://www.researchforum.org/>

- Cornell University has developed an interactive, competency-based training curriculum and training plan to strengthen the capacity of collaborations between child welfare and community-based services, such as home visiting. For more information, contact: Frank Berry, Cornell University, Family Life Development Center, Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Ithaca, NY 14835 Ph: (607) 255-7456.
- The Promising Practices Network on Children, Families and Communities  
<http://www.promisingpractices.net>
- The Finance Project  
“Sustaining Comprehensive Community Initiatives – Key Elements for Success”  
<http://www.financeprojectinfo.org/Publications/sustaining.pdf>  
“Thinking Broadly – Financing Strategies for Comprehensive Child and Family Initiatives” <http://www.financeprojectinfo.org/Publications/ThinkingBroadly.pdf>

The following groups aim to educate policy makers, funders and elected officials on the importance of supporting early childhood initiatives. Technical assistance to help advocate for your collaboration through these groups is available.

### **National Association of Counties**

To read about their Early Childhood and School Readiness Initiative, visit:

<http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Initiatives&Template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=7591>.

Grants in the amount of \$5,000 or \$7,500 will be awarded to a minimum of four counties to support the formation of a planning group, a needs assessment, and the development and/or implementation of an action plan. Applicants are encouraged to design projects that are an extension of the services they are currently performing, and that highlight collaborative efforts with other organizations. Deadline for submissions is May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The RFP is available at:

[http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Site\\_Map&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=7104](http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Site_Map&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=7104). For technical assistance contact HyeSook Chung at [hchung@naco.org](mailto:hchung@naco.org) or (202) 661-8841.

### **National League of Cities**

Cities and towns are challenged to develop multi-year early childhood plans for their communities. To support your planning efforts, view a [community assessment tool](#) designed to help local officials and other community leaders gain a better understanding of how young children (ages 0-5) and their families are faring and where assistance is needed. It can be used as the first step in developing a local agenda around early

childhood or to reassess current initiatives. For technical assistance contact Kirsta Millar at 202/626-3004 or [millar@nlc.org](mailto:millar@nlc.org).

### **National Governors Association**

To strategize a statewide initiative, view:

First Three Years: A Governor's Guide to Early Childhood:

[www.nga.org/center/divisions/1,1188,C\\_Issue\\_Brief%5ED\\_1634,00.html](http://www.nga.org/center/divisions/1,1188,C_Issue_Brief%5ED_1634,00.html)

Where There's a Will: Promising Ways to Promote Early Childhood Development

[http://www.nga.org/center/divisions/1,1188,C\\_ISSUE\\_BRIEF^D\\_2405,00.html](http://www.nga.org/center/divisions/1,1188,C_ISSUE_BRIEF^D_2405,00.html)

Evaluating Statewide Early Childhood Initiatives

[http://www.nga.org/center/divisions/1,1188,C\\_ISSUE\\_BRIEF^D\\_2574,00.html](http://www.nga.org/center/divisions/1,1188,C_ISSUE_BRIEF^D_2574,00.html)

### **Success by Six**

United Way's program to support community wide early childhood initiatives

<http://national.unitedway.org/sb6/background.cfm>

For technical assistance contact Allyson Cline, Director of Success by 6/Early Childhood Initiatives at (703) 836-7112 or [allyson.cline@uwa.unitedway.org](mailto:allyson.cline@uwa.unitedway.org).

*For more information on the HFA programs highlighted above contact Laura Galbraith, Coordinator of State Systems Support at [lgalbraith@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:lgalbraith@preventchildabuse.org) or (312) 663-3520 Ext. 173.*

## ➤ **Resources**

**Child Maltreatment 2001 Available** - On April 1, HHS released its 2001 national statistics on child abuse and neglect in partnership with PCA America at a press conference at the conference for the Federal Office of Child Abuse and Neglect. The full report can be found at [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/publications/cmreports.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/publications/cmreports.htm) or by calling (800) FYI-3366.

See the press release from HHS at:

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2003pres/20030401.html>.

For a statement on the report from Sid Johnson see:

[http://www.preventchildabuse.org/learn\\_more/media\\_releases/04\\_01\\_03.pdf](http://www.preventchildabuse.org/learn_more/media_releases/04_01_03.pdf).

**Child Welfare League of America National and State Fact Sheets** - Data on the status of America's children on indicators of abuse and neglect, health care, poverty, violence, and investments in children is now available through CWLA's Advocacy website. Visit: <http://www.cwla.org/advocacy/nationalfactsheet03.htm>  
<http://www.cwla.org/advocacy/statefactsheets/statefactsheets03.htm>.

**Right Start Online – 2000 Data Now Available** - The online report, *The Right Start for America's Newborns: A Decade of City and State Trends (1990-2000)*, has been expanded to include 2000 data, adding to the birth information that the report tracks beginning with

1990. Nationally, five of the eight measures tracked show a positive trend during the 1990s, although gaping disparities persist among cities and states. For details, visit: <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/rightstart2003/>

The **School Readiness Indicators Initiative** works with 17 states to develop a comprehensive set of school readiness indicators to inform public policy for young children and their families. View their work here: <http://www.gettingready.org>

**National Child Care Information Center Online Library** - The National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC) online library was developed in partnership with the ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education. Thousands of child care-related documents are now accessible to the public. The Online Library is available at [www.nccic.org](http://www.nccic.org).

**Study Shows Preschool Can Help Prevent Child Abuse** - New findings from a University of Wisconsin-Madison longitudinal study provide evidence that preschool programs positively impact not only school readiness and performance, but also long-term family outcomes. The study, published in the January/February 2003 issue of *Child Development*, found evidence that the Chicago School District's Child-Parent Centers (CPCs)--the nation's second oldest Federally funded preschool program, after Head Start--help reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect among participating families. Parent involvement in the program, a strong emphasis of the CPCs, was cited as one of the main sources of these beneficial effects. Resource coordinators at the centers help parents receive the support and services they need to care for their children at home. More information about the study can be found on the University of Wisconsin-Madison Web site at [www.waisman.wisc.edu/cls/](http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/cls/).

**Pathways to Outcomes** – Assessing community needs to minimize duplication of effort and successfully replicate promising programs can be a complex endeavor. The Pathways Mapping Initiative at Harvard University has established a new site ([www.pathwaystooutcomes.org](http://www.pathwaystooutcomes.org)) to strengthen the capacity of community groups, funders, policy makers and service providers to achieve important outcomes for children, families, and neighborhoods. Visitors to the site will find resources to help them:

- Assess how well their community is doing in preparing young children for school.
- Develop a community-wide plan.
- Determine whether existing services, supports, and community efforts incorporate identified attributes of effectiveness.
- Prepare agency, grant, or legislative proposals.

**“Why Early Childhood Matters”** - This new video from the I Am Your Child Foundation features the country's leaders in government, business, crime prevention, and academia voicing their commitment to our nation's youngest children and emphasizing the crucial need for increased investments in early childhood. This video is designed to help you motivate communities to create and support programs so that every child enters school ready to succeed.

Featuring:

-Sheriff Lee Baca, Los Angeles County -Dr. W. Steven Barnett, Director, National Institute for Early Education Research -Mayor John DeStefano, Jr., President, National League of Cities -Governor James Douglas, Vermont -Governor Jennifer Granholm, Michigan -Kenneth D. Lewis, CEO, Bank of America -Commissioner Kenneth Mayfield, President, National Association of Counties -Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader, House of Representatives -Dr. Bruce Perry, M.D., Ph.D. -Karen Ponder, Executive Director, North Carolina Partnership for Children -Secretary Tom Ridge, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

For a free copy contact [lgalbraith@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:lgalbraith@preventchildabuse.org) or (312) 663-3520.

### **New Resources Available Through Channing-Bete**

**Marvel Comics' Amazing Spider-Man®** series of educational comics presents important, empowering information in an attention-grabbing format. Issues of abuse, violence, and the challenges of responsible parenting are presented, along with concrete strategies for self-advocacy and getting help. See the various comics and ordering information here: [http://img.channing-bete.com/B18Y/pcaa\\_B18Y.html](http://img.channing-bete.com/B18Y/pcaa_B18Y.html)

**"Welcome To Motherhood"** It's the perfect time to give new moms (and moms-to-be!) your encouragement, advice, support, and guidance -- with this engaging, information-packed booklet helps first-time and veteran moms cope with the challenges of caring for an infant while building a lasting bond with their new baby. Learn more about this new publication and ordering information at:

[http://img.channingbete.com/B18Z/pcaa\\_B18Z.html](http://img.channingbete.com/B18Z/pcaa_B18Z.html)

### **➤ *PCA America News***

The PCA America Board Development Committee would like to open the Board of Directors nomination process. Since it is critical to maintain as diverse a Board as possible, please keep in mind cultural diversity when considering nominees, as well as what skills an individual can bring, such as fundraising, child abuse prevention expertise, advocacy, research, etc. All nominations will go through a review process, including a comparison against the Board's needs, which currently include resource development and communications. As such, please be sure to inform your nominee that being nominated does not guarantee Board membership.

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Matt Feldman ([mfeldman@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:mfeldman@preventchildabuse.org) or 312-663-3520 x161) for a nomination form and other information. The deadline for the application is Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### State Systems

- The HFA State Leader's Meeting was held on March 3, 2003 in Jacksonville, Florida and was attended by state leaders from over 30 states. The meeting was a great success and for the first time, was facilitated by the HFA State Leaders Advisory Committee (SLAC), an advisory group of 14 state leaders and one PCA America Board Member. National HFA staff and SLAC have forged a productive partnership and have made great strides together in the areas of research, advocacy and strategic planning on behalf of the HFA initiative. Foremost in our current efforts is the commitment to the sustainability of HFA during these challenging fiscal times. Therefore, the agenda of the meeting focused primarily on the areas of leadership development, advocacy and research. In addition, the state leaders received information on the newly formed pilot Regional Resource Centers (RRCs).
- Proceedings of the 2003 State Leaders Meeting have been sent to every state leader so look for your copy in the mail. Contact Lisa Cashion at [lcashion@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:lcashion@preventchildabuse.org) if you have not received your proceedings.
- HFA has received increased recognition in recent months with the publication of an article in the April 2003 newsletter of the Administration for Children Youth and Families' newsletter, Children's Bureau Express ([http://www.calib.com/cbexpress/articles.cfm?article\\_id=627&ref=htmlEml](http://www.calib.com/cbexpress/articles.cfm?article_id=627&ref=htmlEml)). The article highlights the information presented in the HFA Research Folder and is a nice marketing tool for programs and state systems.
- In addition, HFA was featured in the April 21, 2003 edition of People Magazine. Featuring stories on Healthy Families Florida and Healthy Families Virginia, the People article is expected to be viewed by 3.7 million People readers across the country. The HFA website has seen a significant increase in hits since the release of the article. Contact Julie Rowe for more information on the article, [jrowe@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:jrowe@preventchildabuse.org)
- As part of the Advocacy strategy for HFA, staff has been hard at work around federal earmark efforts for the HFA initiative. After several visits to Washington, DC, we are happy to report that two direct requests for funds for HFA have been submitted to Congress. One is by Senator Fitzgerald (R-IL) and the other by Representative LaHood (R-IL). Both submitted a direct request for \$800,000 to support HFA in the areas of research, sustainability and the RRCs. We are now

working on letters of support from the Appropriation Committee members on both sides of Congress and are engaging our Illinois sites at the grassroots level to support this effort. Be on the lookout for action alerts from the national office guiding states in calling and writing letters to influential Congressional members. Those states with strong relationships with their federal level representatives are encouraged to contact [lgalbraith@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:lgalbraith@preventchildabuse.org).

### Training

- PCA America will conduct the next **Train the Trainers Institute**, July 12-18, 2003 near Chicago in Lisle, IL. The Institute is the first step in a two-part process that leads to certification as a HFA Trainer. The deadline for submitting the application form is May 8, 2003. Please contact Phyllis Medrano at 312-663-3520, Ext. 115, for further information or to obtain an application.
- In early March, 2003, 25 HFA certified trainers attended an **Advanced Training Institute** in Jacksonville, FL. The three day Institute provided trainers with an opportunity to review and train on the new "Great Beginnings Start Before Birth" prenatal training curriculum. Trainers shared many positive observations regarding the materials and are excited to begin implementing the training in their respective states after final revisions are made. The next Advanced Training will be held near Chicago in Lisle, IL September 10-12, 2003.
- The prenatal project "**Great Beginnings Start Before Birth**" is in the evaluation phase. Pilot sites in Virginia, New York and Ohio have been implementing the prenatal component which includes many activities for home visitors to use with prenatal families. Father involvement, prenatal bonding and stimulation, and stress reduction are among the topic areas that are discussed during home visits. Each of the 225 families that are part of the pilot project receives the video "Preparing for Parenthood" and the publication "Great Beginnings Start Before Birth".

### Credentialing

- The **HFA Listserv** has been temporarily suspended, however we are happy to report that the new listserv function is expected to be up and running by mid-May 2003. For questions or suggestions, please contact [rreid@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:rreid@preventchildabuse.org).
- The HFA Quality Assurance and Credentialing Division is pleased to announce the number of credentialed HFA sites has reached 200! Healthy Families America currently has 451 affiliated programs operating in 38 states, D.C. and Canada. Training for 16 new peer reviewers was held in Phoenix, Arizona, bringing the peer reviewer network to 139 members. The next peer reviewer

training is to take place in August. New members were added to the HFA Advisory Credentialing Panel filling the available researcher and training slots. Final touches are being made to the Peer Reviewer Training Manual and revisions to the Credentialing Manual are set to be completed in May. If you have questions regarding credentialing, please contact Holly Seymour, Quality Assurance Coordinator, [hseymour@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:hseymour@preventchildabuse.org).

### Regional Resource Centers

- Two pilot Regional Resource Centers became operational effective January 20, 2003.
- The Midwest RRC is a collaborative effort between Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois and is housed out of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Oakland, Michigan. The following states are included in the Midwest Region: MI, IN, IL, IA, KY, MN, MO, OH, and WI. Contact Information for the Midwest RRC: Kathleen Strader, Director; 44405 Woodward Avenue, H-700, Pontiac, MI, 48341. Phone: (248) 988-8990.
- The Western RRC will be coordinated by HFAz, in partnership with the AZ Department of Economic Security and Prevent Child Abuse, Inc. The following states are included in the Western Region: AZ, AK, HI, ID, NV, NM, CA, OK, OR, TX, UT, and WY. Contact information for the Western RRC: Kate Whitaker, Director; 620 North Country Club, Suite #B, Tucson, AZ, 85716. Phone: (520) 326-5154.
- To date, the RRC's have received grant funding through the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the A.L. Mailman Foundation.

### Research

- PCA America research staff convened a historic and exciting **Think Tank** during the Office of Child Abuse and Neglect's 14<sup>th</sup> National Conference on April 1st in St. Louis. The purpose of this meeting was to solicit a broad base of input towards the development of a **National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Research Agenda**. More than 100 individuals attended and engaged in participatory research methods. Attendees included researchers, advocates, federal governmental administrators, media representatives, parents, funders, program planners (including representatives from HFA programs and SLAC) and others from across the country involved in the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Presentations representing the range of work that is occurring in the field were made by:

**Marti Erickson**, Children, Youth & Family Consortium

**Domonique Hensler**, National Call to Action  
**John Lutzker**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
**Tom Morton**, Child Welfare Institute and National Center on Child  
Maltreatment.

**Susan Orr**, Administration of Children and Families

**Art Reynolds**, School of Social Work, Human Development and Family Studies,  
University of Wisconsin- Madison

**David Thomas**, Caliber Associates

**Ying-Ying Yuan**, Walter R. McDonald & Associates, Inc

Nearly half of the participants pledged their commitment for further involvement as the process continues and many others who were not in attendance are hoping to be part of the future activities. If you would like to get involved or have additional questions, please contact Nancy Peddle at [npeddle@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:npeddle@preventchildabuse.org). For information from the Think Tank please contact [awarren@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:awarren@preventchildabuse.org) or [jdiaz@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:jdiaz@preventchildabuse.org).

- Results of PCA America's National Center on Child Abuse Prevention Research 2001 HFA Site Survey are now available. For more information contact Lori Friedman at [lfriedman@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:lfriedman@preventchildabuse.org).

## ➤ *Conferences*

**Save the Date!** The 2004 PCA America National Conference will be held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. A special conference rate of \$138 per night will be honored six days before and after the conference dates for all attendees. For more information contact Ann Johnson, Conference Manager, [ajohnson@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:ajohnson@preventchildabuse.org) or Rebecca Loden, Conference Services Coordinator, [rloden@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:rloden@preventchildabuse.org).

### National Fatherhood Initiative

*"Carrying the Flag for Fatherhood,"* June 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Philadelphia, PA. Visit: [www.fatherhood.org/summit03home.htm](http://www.fatherhood.org/summit03home.htm).

### Research & Training on Family Support and Children's Mental Health

10th Annual *"Building on Family Strengths,"* June 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Portland, OR. The goal of this conference is to showcase culturally competent, family-centered research and innovative programs and practices, featuring presenters specializing in improving services for families and children affected by emotional, behavioral or mental disorders. Visit: [www.rtc.pdx.edu/pgConference.shtml](http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/pgConference.shtml) or contact Lyn Gordon ([gordonl@pdx.edu](mailto:gordonl@pdx.edu)) for more information.

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

The 11<sup>th</sup> National Colloquium - a major source of information and research necessary for interdisciplinary professionals in the field of child abuse and neglect. July 23<sup>rd</sup>-July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Orlando, FL. Visit [www.apsac.org](http://www.apsac.org)

➤ ***Funding Opportunities***

**FEDERAL SOURCES**

**Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities Discretionary Grant Program**

- Continuation grants up to \$75,000 will go to support operational programs that develop and improve services preventing child sexual abuse. Tribes can apply online at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdf/FY03CIADGP.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdf/FY03CIADGP.pdf) or contact Cathy Sanders at 202.616.3578.

**Family Violence Prevention and Services Program- Part 1** - The purpose of these grants is to assist States and tribes in establishing, maintaining, and expanding programs and projects to prevent domestic violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of domestic violence and their dependents. The closing time and date for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time zone) on May 15, 2003.

Agency/Department: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. For detailed information go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gov/2003/03-9154.htm>

**Family Violence Prevention and Services Program- Part 2** - The purpose of these grants is to assist in the conduct of activities to promote domestic violence intervention and prevention and to increase public awareness of domestic violence issues. The closing time and date for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone) on May 15, 2003. Agency/Department: The Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. For detailed information go to:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-9212.htm>

In other funding news, the **Children's Bureau** within the **Administration on Children and Families at HHS** is expected to issue the agency's discretionary funding announcement in late April. This notice will include a listing of priority funding areas, evaluation criteria, and other pertinent information for potential applicants. While it is not known for sure which priority areas will be funded this year, sources anticipate that awards will be issued for competitive grants under CAPTA to support research and demonstration programs. Other priority areas may include Adoption Opportunities, child welfare training programs, and Abandoned Infants Assistance.

Those interested in submitting an application should keep an eye out for the funding announcement by checking the federal register at [www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/) or the Funding Opportunities area of the Children's Bureau website at [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb). The program announcement will be published in the Federal Register and posted on the Children's Bureau website the following day.

If you are interested in becoming a grant reviewer for ACF, check out the agency's Call for Grant Reviewers Site at [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/grantreview](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/grantreview).

### **Bush Administration's Healthy Marriage Initiative**

HFA staff is beginning to explore the impact of the proposed healthy marriage initiative on the field of home visitation. The healthy marriage and fatherhood involvement dollars are currently tied into TANF reauthorization, which is expected to be revisited in the late summer/early fall of this year. In order to proactively explore how this initiative might impact HFA, staff is interested in hearing from you. Are you exploring ways to pilot healthy marriage or fatherhood curriculum, information or training in your state? Are you interested in exploring this issue with us? If so, please contact Lisa Cashion, [lcashion@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:lcashion@preventchildabuse.org) at your earliest convenience. To view the Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.'s framework for the healthy marriage initiative visit: <http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/PDFs/helpingunwed.pdf>

### **FOUNDATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS**

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** – This year, RWJ has offered start-up grants of \$35,000 to local coalitions established by faith congregations, volunteer organizations, or social/health service provider agencies that can demonstrate the participation of more than one faith denomination in the proposed project. Visit [www.interfaithcare.org/pressroom](http://www.interfaithcare.org/pressroom) or email Jill Kagan [jbkagan@aol.com](mailto:jbkagan@aol.com).

**Union Pacific Foundation** – Child nonprofits in AR, AZ, CA, IL, IA, KS, LA, MN, MO, OK, OR, TX, and WI are eligible for grants through the foundation's Health & Human Services and Community categories, ranging from \$1,000-\$10,000. Visit: [www.up.com/found/howto.shtml](http://www.up.com/found/howto.shtml).

**Salomon Family Foundation** – New programs within established nonprofits offering innovative solutions to child abuse, while maintaining a focus on the whole family system are eligible for grants up to \$150,000. Visit: [www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/salomon/proposals.html](http://www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/salomon/proposals.html).

**As always, please feel free to contact State Systems Staff with any questions or feedback:**

Lisa Cashion, Manager, State Systems Support, [lcashion@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:lcashion@preventchildabuse.org)

Laura Galbraith, Coordinator, State Systems Support,

[lgalbraith@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:lgalbraith@preventchildabuse.org)

or 312-663-3520

See you again in Summer 2003!!