

2007 Annual Report

Child Abuse Prevention Center, Inc.

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*Our mission is to reduce
the incidence
of child abuse and neglect
through education,
prevention and
intervention services
in Dutchess County.*

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2007 message from our Board Chair...

This has been a very active and rewarding year for the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. Employees have continued their outstanding task of extending themselves into the schools and to families as they work to educate individuals about the threat and dangers associated with child abuse and neglect. Programs educating school children were presented in 36 schools to 9,703 students, 415 teachers, and 86 parents. Students are made aware of the threat of abuse, how to avoid abusers, and their right to report cases when abuse does take place. Staff members working with special needs parents conduct frequent visits to the homes to provide instruction on the appropriate care of their children and the importance of proper nutrition. Additional training sessions are held at the Center with a child enhancement program providing enrichment and stimulation to the children. Follow up work is conducted at the home for infants and preschoolers. Other staff members work with drug and alcohol abusing parents in helping them deal with their problems without inflicting harm on their children. Our supervised visits for the parents involved in our programs continue to flourish.

Board committees have provided support and awareness of existing programs and continue to identify additional initiatives to advance the needed work to prevent child abuse. New members have joined the board and have brought energy and ideas to our work. Sheryl Miller and Linda Saland, along with Katri McEwen and the Fund Raising Committee, set a new record for our auction - this year raising over \$73,000 as we honored Dr. Daniel Z. Aronson. Their work in organizing the fantastic dinner and auction, and motivating all the board, represents dedication and enthusiasm at its best. Sephir Hamilton, and Gloria Cukar continued to do outstanding work in the area of public relations. Strategic planning moved forward as did the search for a new facility. The support and work of the Executive Director, the staff, and all the other board members enabled us to have a very successful year.

Funding is a perennial problem for non-profits and continues to present difficult challenges for the Board of Directors and all who desire to curb child abuse and neglect in Dutchess County. Although we have many friends in the different levels of government, they are unable to generate adequate support to meet the current needs of a population who is unable to defend themselves. Children are among our most vulnerable members of our society and we are not doing enough to provide the level of support they deserve. All of us must work extra hard to provide that support for our children.

You can help us by continuing to be more involved. Don't be afraid to talk to others about the devastating effects of child abuse, urge your legislators to support an expansion of prevention programs, and volunteer your time and money to support the Center's programs. With your help and support we can continue to give the children of Dutchess County opportunities for healthier lives.

Sincerely,

Robin Trainor, Board Chair

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2007 Programs & Outcomes

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Personal Safety Program (PSP)

This program provides classroom presentations to children in grades K through 5, teaching them skills on how to stay safe with a special emphasis on sexual abuse prevention. Older grades also learn about Internet Safety. Agency staff and teams of volunteers provide the classroom presentations. Parents are taught strategies on how to keep their children safe. Teachers are trained in the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect. Consultation is provided to schools and daycare centers on the development of policy and protocols to handle cases of sexual or physical abuse. Personal Safety for Teens offers workshops on such topics as the danger of peer asphyxiation, risks of rave parties and designer drugs, and negative content in popular video games.

In 2007, we served 9,418 children, 379 teachers, and 86 parents. 94% of the children increased their awareness of sexual exploitation and how to protect themselves; 88% of the teachers showed an increased understanding of their role as mandated reporters of child abuse and 91% of parents demonstrated increased knowledge of child sexual abuse and its prevention. 566 teens received high risk behavior workshops with 93% demonstrating increased knowledge about these behaviors.

Teen Life Connections Program (TLC)

This program provides ten-week, and ongoing workshops to at-risk youth, with an emphasis on developing positive assets to increase positive social values and decrease negative behaviors. At risk youth include those with attitudinal and behavioral issues related to child abuse and neglect that have increased their risk for legal involvement, school problems, and self-destructive behavior. TLC partners with schools and other community organizations to provide these services.

In 2007, 285 youth were served in 5 schools and other community sites in the county. 79% of the youth demonstrated an increase change in pro-social values, attitudes, and beliefs. 83% of the youth also demonstrated an increased ability to resist negative peer influences.

Community Education (CE)

This program provides speakers to community and civic groups to raise awareness of child maltreatment and neglect. Mandated reporter trainings are provided on the identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect required by the State Education Department. Special trainings are provided in the community on the prevention of child abuse and neglect. We also provide training in how to identify and report suspected child abuse to teachers, camp counselors and other members of the community working with children.

In 2007, we trained 557 members in the community with mandated reporter training. 98% of all participants were satisfied with the instructor and course content of the 31 trainings held.

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Internship Program

We work with area colleges to have students do internships at the agency. They become acquainted with human services, the mission of child abuse prevention, and various agency programs and offer us fresh and new ideas to incorporate into our work as well.

In 2007, we provided internships to two Marist College students, one SUNY New Paltz student and one Mount Saint Mary's College student.

PARENTING SERVICES

Special Needs Parenting Program (SNPP)

This program provides parenting education and intensive case management to parents with developmental disabilities through parenting support groups and weekly home visits. The parents receive specific training on basic childcare, child safety and health issues, child discipline, and child development. The goal of this program is to assist special needs parents with basic parenting skills that will enable them to raise healthy children and reduce the risk of abuse. We also meet some of their ongoing physical needs with household goods, food, and child development toys, books, etc. We also have child enhancement component for our parents' infants and toddlers to promote stimulation and socialization, which takes place at the same time as our parenting classes.

In 2007, we provided 62 parenting workshops and 1,161 home visits to 41 parents with 47 children. 98% of participants were satisfied with our services. 52% of the parents were able to demonstrate safe and nurturing parenting skills during weekly home visits. In addition, we provided 203 supervised visits with parents whose children are in foster care placement.

Parent Empowerment Program (PEP)

The Parent Empowerment Program provides support, information, resources, and referrals to parents who are at risk of abusing and/or neglecting their children or who have already abused or neglected their children. The program provides parenting classes, and community resource referrals. Workshop services are also available to schools, daycares or parenting groups upon request.

In 2007, 2,002 parents with 2,442 children were served. 99% of the parents reported increasing their knowledge of parenting issues, 99% felt they learned a variety of ways to utilize the class information, and 99% felt they had a better understanding of parental concerns and children having different view points than their parents.

P.A.R.E.N.T.S. Plus (Parenting, Assistance, Resources, Education, Nurturing, Teamwork, and Support)

Provides parenting classes for parents enrolled in Dutchess County drug treatment programs through family and criminal courts. Program staff works closely with the entire treatment team.

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In 2007, we served 25 parents with 37 children and conducted 58 classes and attended 58 team meetings. Of those served 100% report an increase in their knowledge of child development and improved relationship with their children. 100% did not have any new reports of abuse or neglect. 91% did not relapse in their sobriety.

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Child Advocacy Center Program (CAC)

The CAC provides a warm, welcoming child friendly facility to reduce the trauma to children and their families during the investigative phase of a sexual or physical abuse report. The on-site team comprised of agency staff, child protective services workers, and law enforcement work together to support the child and his/her family. State of the art video equipment supports the gathering of forensic evidence. Supportive counseling along with referral services to other community agencies are offered to families. Additionally, the CAC works to impact perpetrators so they get treatment or are arrested. The team works to ensure the safety of children by helping achieve positive legal outcomes in these cases.

Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)

The team represents area agencies including social services; law enforcement, prosecutorial, medical and treatment professionals completing specific case reviews to ensure the needs of the child and family are met following the investigative phase of a child abuse report. Additionally, the team works to ensure a positive legal outcome to help or prosecute perpetrators.

In 2007, 553 children were served at the CAC. 156 interviews were conducted onsite with 98 additional offsite interviews conducted and 132 positive legal outcomes were reported. 62% of the children and teens surveyed felt safe and comfortable at the CAC. 96% of the parents felt their children were at ease at the CAC, with 75% stating they were offered or received referrals to needed services.

The MDT members reported an overall satisfaction rate of 84% with increased effective communication and cooperation among the disciplines.

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Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	<u>2007 Total</u>
Revenue, Gains and Other Support	
Fees and Grants	\$827,886
Campaign and Activities	126,449
Contributions	236,198
In-Kind Contributions	2,494
Miscellaneous	4,904
Interest	<u>4,829</u>
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	<u>1,202,760</u>
Expenses	
Program Services:	
Child Advocacy Center Program Expenses	184,254
Educational Services Expenses	143,142
Parenting Program Expenses	181,000
Special Needs Parenting Program Expenses	191,874
Skipper Program Expenses	300
Supporting Services:	
Management & General Expenses	48,552
Fundraising Expenses	<u>40,287</u>
Total Expenses	<u>789,409</u>
Change in Net Assets	413,351
Net Assets, January 1, 2007	<u>311,521</u>
Net Assets, December 31, 2007	<u>\$724,872</u>

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