



# The Children's Advocate

Los Angeles Community Child Abuse Councils

Newsletter

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7th Annual  
Childhood  
Grief and  
Traumatic Loss  
Conference  
MARCH 23,  
2011  
The Pasadena  
Convention  
Center

ICAN Policy  
Committee  
Meeting  
Wednesday,  
April 27, 2011  
1:30 p.m. –  
4:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles  
Sheriff's  
Headquarters  
4700 Ramona  
Boulevard  
Monterey Park

Save the date:  
Nexus XVI  
October 20,  
2011 at the  
Universal  
Sheraton  
Hotel

**March 23, 2010**

**East Side CAPC**

Free Parent Conference in Spanish at Citrus Valley Health Partners (Queen of the Valley Hospital, 1115 South Sunset Ave, West Covina, CA, 91790) from 8:30 am to 2 pm. Lunch and child care will be provided. Call Damariz Vasquez at (626) 442-1400 for reservations

**April 1, 2011**

**Foothill Child Abuse & Family Violence Council**

Celebrating 25 years. Dr. Eliana Gil presents Play Therapy for Children and Adolescents with Severe Psychological Trauma on Friday, April 1, 2011 from 8:30 to 4pm. Brookside Country Club in Pasadena

**April 1, 2011**

Over 20 San Gabriel Valley Cities in partnership with the **San Gabriel Valley Child Abuse Prevention Council** proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child Abuse Prevention materials will be distributed to each of the cities.

**April 9, 2011 10am-2pm**

**SPA7 Child Abuse Council** SPRING 2011 Promoting Health, Safety, Nutrition and Exercise Community Fair at Los Nietos Library 11640 Slauson Ave. Whittier, CA. For further information contact : (562) 777-1410

**Asian and Pacific Islander Children, Youth and Family Council** is filming a PSA on Child Abuse Prevention. Launch Date TBA

**April 9 & 10, 2011**

**San Fernando-Santa Clarita Valley Child Abuse Prevention Council**

Community Fusion Arts Project. Emphasis will be placed on the over-all theme of child abuse prevention through the building of community connections and the raising of awareness and responsibility for the safety of children.

April 9, 9a-12n, 1pm-4pm

Canoga Park Youth Arts Center in Canoga Park

Contact: 818-702-1255

April 10 12n-4

Location TBD in Pacoima

Contact: Deborah Davies -

818-988-4430

**April 12, 2011 10am**

**LA County Board of Supervisors** will declare April as Child Abuse Prevention month at:

Hahn Hall of Administration

500 W. Temple Street

Los Angeles

**April 13, 2011**

**Yes2Kids- Antelope Valley 2011 Writing Contest Awards Event at Palmdale's Chimbole Ballroom**

Honoring student and adult writing contest winners.

Also recognizing 2 DCFS staff, selected from the Palmdale office and from the Lancaster office.

**April Date TBD**

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Youth Child Abuse Prevention Council**

For the fourth year in a row, the West Hollywood City Council will be recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**April 13, 2011**

**Eastside Child Abuse**

**Prevention Council** will cosponsor the Annual Resource Fair for Providers at the Grace Black Auditorium (3130 Tyler Ave, El Monte, CA, 91731) from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Contact Cheri Sauter at (626) 442-1400

**Thursday, April 14, 2011 End Abuse Long Beach**

Program: "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" presented by **Father Greg Boyle, S.J.** 8am-10:30am at the Alpert Jewish Community Center, 3801 E. Willow St, Long Beach, CA 90815

**April 19, 2011**

**Yes2Kids**

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Mandated Reporter Training at the Palmdale Office of DCFS 39959 Sierra Highway Palmdale 93550

**Tuesday, April 26**

**Advocacy Council for Abused Deaf Children** 3rd Annual Deaf Role Model Event at Marlton School 4000 Santo Tomas Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90008

**June 7, 2011**

**LAC- Family, Children, Community Advisory Council**

Ten Habits of Highly Successful Parents and Professionals Training" by Jeff Cotton  
ST. ANNE'S Maternity Home, Foundation Room, 155 N. Occidental Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90026,

Please visit [www.lachildabusecouncils.org](http://www.lachildabusecouncils.org) for more information on upcoming events

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**National Parent Helpline®** - This toll-free service (1-855-4A PARENT/ 1-855-427-2736) and website ([www.nationalparenthelpline.org](http://www.nationalparenthelpline.org)) seeks to strengthen families by helping parents and building protective factors. Helpline Advocates are available Monday-Friday from 10 AM -7 PM Pacific Standard Time, providing emotional support and referrals in English and Spanish to parents, caregivers and organizations.

**The Five Protective Factors** are the foundation of the Strengthening Families approach. Extensive research supports the common-sense notion that when these Protective Factors are present and robust in a family, the likelihood of child abuse and neglect diminish.

**Parental resilience:** The ability to cope and bounce back from all types of challenges

**Social connections:** Friends, family members, neighbors, and other members of a community who provide emotional support and concrete assistance to parents

**Knowledge of parenting and child development:** Accurate information about raising young children and appropriate expectations for their behavior

**Concrete support in times of need:** Financial security to cover day-to-day expenses and unexpected costs that come up from time to time, access to formal supports and informal support from social networks

**Children's social and emotional development:** A child's ability to interact positively with others and communicate his or her emotions effectively



**2011 California Parent Leadership Conference:** The Los Angeles CAPC's proudly-co-sponsored the conference, held February 8-9 in Ontario, CA with 500 participants in attendance. Some of the highlights included speakers Lisa Pion-Berlin, Ronald Culberson and Jerry Tello; Charles Avila from the Antelope Valley CAPC, joyfully surrounded by members of the LA Regional Coalition and Don Pickens of the California State Parent Team, (see photo above) received an award recognizing him as outstanding parent leader .

The LA CAPC's are pleased to assist in promoting the following campaigns:

**Safe Sleep Campaign:** ICAN has convened a taskforce consisting of various public and private representatives from the community with a multi-disciplinary framework aimed at developing strategies to reduce the number of infant deaths related to co-sleeping or unsafe sleeping environments. Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas has agreed to "champion" the efforts and First5LA to an allocation of \$1.5 million in funds. ([www.ican4kids.org](http://www.ican4kids.org))

**Text4baby** is a free mobile information service designed to promote maternal and child health. text4baby provides pregnant women and new moms with information to help them care for their health and give their babies the best possible start in life. Sign up for the service by texting BABY to 511411 (or BEBE in Spanish) For more information, you can visit [www.text4baby.org](http://www.text4baby.org)



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