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The Child Advocacy Center Earns Reaccreditation

The National Children's Alliance Board of Directors has approved SCAN's Child Advocacy Center's application for re-accreditation. The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) was first accredited in 2007. The CAC is based on a national model that provides comprehensive intervention designed around what is best for victimized children. Being recognized by a national organization validates the hard work and commitment of our program.

"The purpose of the reaccreditation application is to demonstrate how our CAC is performing based on 10 main standards," CAC Coordinator Ian Danielsen said. "These standards all center on serving children and families as effectively as possible, which includes coordinating the multidisciplinary teams, providing evidence-based mental health services, managing a forensic interviewing program, and being culturally competent."

The key to the success of the CAC is the flow of services through a multidisciplinary team, which consists of service providers involved in cases of severe sexual and physical child abuse: law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, mental health, medical services and victim advocacy. The multidisciplinary team approach improves every aspect of a case. It reduces the number of interviews a child has to endure by increasing joint interviews or by replacing multiple interviews with one comprehensive forensic interview. It improves the investigation of cases through increased collaboration and information sharing among team members. It improves treatment by ensuring children and caregivers receive the mental health support they need to heal.

Ultimately, the team improves the prosecution of a case by producing evidence that is more reliable and a victim capable of being a stronger, more cooperative witness. This coordinated system continues to grow in the Greater Richmond area to help the children who have been physically and sexually abused in our community.

Read more about SCAN's Child Advocacy Center at www.grscan.com and learn more about the National Children's Alliance at www.nationalchildrensalliance.org.

Family Support Program Clinical Coordinator Gets Published

Family Support Program Clinical Coordinator Jenny Shadik co-authored an article entitled "Incorporating Discussion of Sibling Violence in the Curriculum of Parent Intervention Programs for Child Abuse and Neglect." The article was recently published in *Health & Social Work*. The article explores how physical and emotional violence among siblings is one aspect of family dynamics that is often overlooked by practitioners working with children and families receiving services.

The effects of sibling violence can lead to poor peer relations and behavioral problems (Stormshak, Bellanti, & Bierman, 1996); depression and anxiety (Duncan, 1999); and continued self-blame, depression, substance abuse, eating disorders, interpersonal relationship problems, and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) (Wiehe, 1997). Sibling violence has also been associated with the occurrence of peer bullying (Ensor, Marks, Jacobs, & Hughes, 2010; Finkelhor, Turner, & Ormrod, 2006), suggesting that this form of family violence may have indirect implications for the health of others outside the family. However, these findings seem to have had limited inclusion in intervention programs serving children and families.

Read the article at <http://hsw.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2013/01/24/hsw.hlso66.extract>.

SCAN Becomes a Partner in Prevention

SCAN has achieved “Partner in Prevention,” a nationally-recognized public standard to end child sexual abuse (CSA). The designation was awarded because of SCAN’s commitment to protecting children by training 100 % of its staff and volunteers how to prevent, recognize the signs and react responsibly to CSA.



“Partner in Prevention” was created as a national standard to help parents and caregivers recognize organizations who take CSA prevention seriously by implementing policy and training staff.

The training and designation award is provided by Charleston, SC-based Darkness to Light (D2L). D2L has championed the movement to end CSA since its founding in 2000 and now has education programs in 49 states and 15 foreign countries.

“Being a Partner in Prevention will let people know that we take prevention seriously,” Denise said. Eventually, Denise said, SCAN would like to lead efforts locally to encourage all child serving organizations in the Greater Richmond area to become Partners in Prevention.

D2L’s training curriculum points out that CSA is pervasive in a society where it is repressed and not discussed. Thousands of organizations across the U.S. and Canada are now seeking out a dialogue for prevention and they are sending parents and the community a message with the Partner in Prevention distinction.

To learn more about CSA prevention training and D2L’s “Partner in Prevention” program, please visit www.d2l.org.



5th Annual Race to Protect Children

April 6, 2013

West Broad Village in Short Pump

Help us kick off National Child Abuse Prevention Month!

8:30 a.m. Kids Run

9:00 a.m. Children’s Festival

9:00 a.m. 5k Run/Walk

\$30 for adults until race day

\$10 for kids

Start a team, fundraise and register at www.grscan.com.

Prevent-A-Thon April 22-26

It's that time of year again; we are gearing up for our 5th Annual Prevent-A-Thon! During this time, SCAN reaches out to area agencies, non-profits, schools and faith-based communities in an effort to train as many adults as possible in Stewards of Children. This is a nationally accredited training designed to raise awareness for and to diminish the incidence of child sexual abuse. If you would like to register for this training, please email Virginia Lamneck at vlamneck@grscan.com.

Encourage your friends and colleagues to join you in this engaging and eye-opening training! Last year, we trained 192 adults in the Richmond area, and this year we hope to reach even more!

Wednesday, April 24, 1-4pm
and

Friday, April 26, 9-12pm
at United Way, 2001 Maywill
Street, Richmond, VA 23230,

Save the Date

**Windsor Farms
Progressive
Dinner & Auction**

April 20, 2013

Tuckahoe Woman's Club

Thank you!

Thank you to Mustaches for Kids who donated to SCAN and two other local organizations. Their 2013 "growing season" raised more than \$55,000 to support local organizations that serve children. View their check presentation to SCAN on Facebook.

Thank you to Dominion who recently awarded SCAN with a grant to support the Circle Preschool Program.

Thank you to ColonialWebb's Corporate Citizenship Committee who recently contributed to support SCAN's programs.

Thank you Protector's Circle Members

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Bourbon Street at the Tuckahoe

The 6th Annual Bourbon Street event was a success with great silent auction and raffle prizes, fun music and dancing, as well as delicious food. The event raised more than **\$25,000**, which will support our programs that prevent and treat child abuse and neglect in the Greater Richmond area.



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Stay tuned on [Facebook](#) for photos from the event coming soon!

Board of Young Professionals Member Alicia Hogue Conrad



Alicia Hogue Conrad has been a Board of Young Professionals (BYP) member for four years. She has held a number of leadership positions and next year, she will serve as Chair of the BYP.

“I was first introduced to SCAN as a guest at the annual Mardi Gras event,” Alicia said. After talking with other BYP members, Alicia soon accepted a position on the BYP.

“I have never been with such a great group of people,” Alicia said. “Everyone on the BYP is really involved and welcoming. The SCAN staff is extremely helpful and everyone is always focused on the same mission.”

After joining the BYP, Alicia eventually became the co-chair of the Bourbon Street event and was chair of the event last year.

“I was excited to step up to a leadership role,” Alicia said. “I think Bourbon Street is such a classic and practical event that takes little time and resources from a large group like the BYP to benefit the children in our community.”

The 6th annual event was held on February 9 this year and raised more than \$25,000 to support SCAN’s five programs. More than 350 people attended Bourbon Street at the Tuckahoe Woman’s Club. Alicia said she enjoys spreading the word about what SCAN does, especially the in-depth work of some of SCAN’s programs.

“The Circle Preschool Program, for example, touches my heart,” Alicia said. “I love to hear stories about the intensive work the staff is doing with the children and how SCAN is changing lives. The FAM program is also great because it’s a valuable resource for all parents, even those who aren’t involved in other SCAN programs,” she added.

As she prepares to become the Chair of the BYP beginning in July, Alicia said she is excited to play a more important role in raising awareness about SCAN’s work and working to engage new BYP members. Alicia is a new mom, with a 9-month old son. She said her new role as a parent has made her focus on SCAN’s mission more sharply. Outside of SCAN, Alicia is an interior designer at JMJ Corporations. Alicia has worked at the business started by her grandfather for eight years. She also serves on the Junior Board of the Historic Richmond Foundation to help with historic preservation throughout the city.

Learn more about SCAN’s Board of Young Professionals at www.grscan.com