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Fighting the Long-term Impacts of Abuse and Neglect

Each day, our highly trained staff and volunteers work hard to prevent child abuse and neglect before it happens and empower children and families to heal after abuse or neglect has occurred. We do this work to help children who are hurting today, but we also work so that the long-term impacts of abuse don't prevent them from living full and decent lives. These three articles highlight some of the long-term emotional, mental, physical and economic impacts of child abuse and neglect.

[“Violence Puts Wear and Tear on Kids’ DNA”](#)

Children who have experienced violence might really be older than their years. The DNA of 10-year-olds who experienced violence in their young lives has been found to show wear and tear normally associated with aging, a Duke University study has found.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” said Moffitt, who is the Knut Schmidt Nielsen Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience. “Some of the billions of dollars spent on diseases of aging such as diabetes, heart disease and dementia might be better invested in protecting children from harm.”

[“The Poverty Clinic: Can a Stressful Childhood Make you a Sicker Adult?”](#)

Nadine Burke, who founded Bayview Child Health Center in 2007, believes that regarding childhood trauma as a medical issue helps her treat more effectively the symptoms of patients like the one featured in this article have several chronic illnesses but also have several Adverse Childhood Experiences. In the view of Burke and the researchers she’s been following, many of the problems that we think of as social issues might be better addressed on the molecular level. If these researchers are right, it could be time to reassess the relationship between poverty, child development, and health, and the Bayview clinic may turn out to be a place where a new kind of pediatric medicine is taking its tentative first steps.

[“Cost of Child Abuse and Neglect Rival Other Major Health Problems”](#)

In fiscal year 2008, U.S. state and local child protective services (CPS) received more than 3 million reports of children being abused or neglected—or about 6 complaints per minute, every day. An estimated 772,000 children were classified by CPS authorities as being maltreated and 1,740 children 17 and under died from abuse and neglect in 2008.

The financial costs for victims and society are substantial. A recent CDC study, [The Economic Burden of Child Maltreatment in the United States and Implications for Prevention](#), found the total lifetime estimated financial costs associated with just one year of confirmed cases of child maltreatment (physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse and neglect) is approximately \$124 billion. This includes financial costs for child healthcare, adult healthcare, child welfare, criminal justice and special education as a result of a child being abused or neglected. In addition, the costs associated with the loss in productivity for a just one year of cases of abuse and neglect is \$144,360.



Funding Restored for the Child Advocacy Center

State funding for Child Advocacy Centers and our state chapter CACVA is officially and fully restored. A total of \$931,000 was at stake in the state's budget. Many thanks for your support and collective efforts to make this possible.

Thank you!

Thank you to Kinker Press for their contribution to the 10th Annual Progressive Dinner & Auction. [Learn more about Kinker.](#)

Thank you to our volunteers who joined us for a Volunteer Appreciation Reception at Glave Kocen Gallery. Thank you to [Glave Kocen](#) for hosting

“Goodbye” and “Hello” to BYP Members This Month

This month, we say “Goodbye” to several Board of Young Professionals members who have served SCAN. As BYP members, they have helped plan special events including the Race to Protect Children, Bourbon Street in Shockoe Bottom and Santa Shop. They do so much and are advocates for SCAN's mission throughout the community. We are so grateful for their dedication to our mission to protect children. Thank you Trisha Krause, Sherrina Gibson, Kristin Hamlin, Ashley Jones, John Kostyniuk, Ashley Reyher and Jessica Stankus.

While we say, “Goodbye” to some BYP members, we are saying “Hello” to a talented group of young professionals who will join us in our work each day. Welcome Meredith Leffler, Amy Ciarametaro, Scott Coston, Mary Simpson, Jessica Kaufman and Nancy Melton.

Board of Young Professionals Spotlight: Ron Page

“As an attorney, protection of the vulnerable and innocent is a core principle in my professional life,” said Ron Page, SCAN's incoming Board of Young Professionals Chair. “No one is more vulnerable and innocent than children. I am proud to contribute in my small way to the larger work of SCAN.”

Ron has been a BYP member for more than three years. During his time serving on the BYP, he has shown a willingness to help SCAN in any way he can. We are fortunate to have Ron as an advocate for the children and families served by SCAN.

“The success of this year's Mardi Gras party and Race to Protect Children 5K have only inspired me to further grow and expand these events,” he said. “I can guarantee that the Board of Young Professionals will not be resting on its laurels. Instead, we will strive to spread the message of SCAN at the same time as raising funds to contribute to its bottom line.”

Outside of SCAN, Ron's professional foresight, expertise and creativity have helped him stand out. Ron started his own law practice in Richmond and now serves nearly 100 clients out of three offices in the area. He has become one of the few lawyers in Richmond who practices in the boutique area of business bankruptcy and creditors rights and he often helps businesses who can't afford the big firms.

In addition, Ron is President of the Historic Richmond Foundation Quoit Club. With the Virginia State Bar, Ron works to provide free or low-cost continuing education programs for lawyers, specifically young lawyers. In addition, he works to provide courses on emergency legal services so that lawyers are able to serve pro bono clients during natural disasters.



Executive Director Honored with Award

SCAN's Executive Director Jeanine Harper was recently recognized in April by the VCU School of Social Work. Randi Buerlein, the MSW Interim Director of Field Instruction, awarded Jeanine the MSW Field Instructor SWAPP (Social Work Administration Planning and Policy) Award. Each academic year, Jeanine and other staff members at SCAN welcome VCU's MSW interns into our programs to support our work with children and families. In return, our staff offer them insight, training and education in their respective fields.

"We appreciate your contributions of time, knowledge and skills that promote student growth and learning for future professional practice," Buerlein wrote.

Many of SCAN's staff members received their Master's of Social Work degrees from VCU. SCAN is proud to extend their expertise and guidance to future graduates. SCAN also works closely with students from other universities such as Randolph-Macon College and the University of Richmond. Students, in return, offer valuable service and support in our fight to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect. Read this [Community Prevention Plan](#) recently published by one of our VCU MSW interns.

Save the Date!



TASTE of Chinoiserie

SCAN's Second Annual TASTE event

Saturday, September 22, 2012
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Bull & Bear Club
901 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia

This special evening will include a cocktail reception, live and silent auctions that will offer you a chance to bid on unique culinary adventures and a six-course, wine-paired, seated dinner, featuring dynamic chefs trained in the art of Chinese and French Cuisines.

Learn more and purchase tickets at
<http://grscan.com/events/taste/>.

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