

# Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now)



## Child Abuse in Virginia\*

- 6,459** Number of founded [proven] cases of child abuse and/or neglect in Virginia
- 644** Number of children in founded cases of abuse and/or neglect in the Greater Richmond area
- 37** Estimated number of children who died as a result of abuse and/or neglect in Virginia
- 35,613** Number of children in unproven cases of abuse referred to intervention services such as SCAN's
- 56** Estimated percentage of maltreated children who experienced physical neglect
- 28** Estimated percentage of maltreated children who were victims of physical abuse
- 10** Estimated percentage of maltreated children who were victims of sexual abuse

\*Reported by Virginia Department of Social Services for fiscal year 2015-16

### SCAN's Mission

Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) is a local nonprofit organization founded in 1991 and dedicated solely to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect in the Greater Richmond area.

### How does SCAN help keep children safe?

By providing the awareness, treatment and education needed to enhance the lives of children, SCAN's services promote positive parenting, strengthen families and help create a community that values and cares for its children. Our programs include:

#### Family Support Program

This program seeks to strengthen families and give parents the tools they need to provide

healthy homes for their children. The program provides intensive, family-focused services for children and parents who have been affected by abuse or neglect.

#### Child Advocacy Centers (CAC)

Based on a national model and the first of its kind in Richmond, the CAC is designed to dramatically improve the investigation, treatment and prosecution of severe physical and sexual abuse cases in our community. Both the Richmond CAC and Henrico CAC provide a safe, child-friendly place for victims and their families to receive child forensic interviews, trauma focused treatment, medical services, victim advocacy, multidisciplinary case review and case tracking.

#### Families Are Magic (FAM) Prevention Program

FAM connects parents with other parents, with information on everyday child-rearing issues and with parenting services. Through FAM, SCAN promotes the 1-800-CHILDREN helpline, provides a clearinghouse for parenting resources through [www.FAMrichmond.org](http://www.FAMrichmond.org), offers Circle of Parents groups, organizes the annual National Child Abuse Prevention Month campaign and coordinates a FAM Network of service providers to help improve the community's service delivery to parents.

#### Richmond Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program

Richmond CASA trains volunteers who advocate for the best interests of children involved in cases of abuse or neglect in the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court process. CASA seeks to assure safe and permanent homes for all children.

#### Circle Preschool Program

The therapeutic preschool program offers early childhood education and mental health treatment to preschool-age children who have experienced trauma related to abuse, neglect or exposure to domestic violence. The innovative program is the first of its kind in the area. Based on best practices and models around the country SCAN improves social and

emotional functioning for children with the goal of enhancing school readiness. By incorporating caregivers, SCAN will also significantly improve family functioning.

#### Who does SCAN serve?

SCAN serves families from the City of Richmond and the surrounding cities and counties of Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Cumberland, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Louisa, New Kent, Petersburg, Powhatan and Prince George. During the July 2015 - June 2016 fiscal year, the Family Support Program served **321** parents and **127** children—all from families that have experienced or were at high risk of experiencing child abuse and/or neglect. The CAC served **677** children who were victims of severe physical or sexual abuse and **29** of their non-offending caregivers. Richmond CASA served **288** children. The Circle Preschool Program helped **12** children and **20** caregivers.

Unlike other SCAN programs, which target high-risk families, FAM services are for ALL parents because child-rearing presents universal challenges for everyone. SCAN reached an estimated **70,000** people last year through public education and awareness efforts. Specifically, FAM served **799** adults through parenting workshops and child abuse and neglect trainings.

**Thank you for your support!**

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# Volunteer Opportunities

## ***Become a Pinwheel Partner***

Each April, SCAN coordinates the local public awareness campaign for National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Your company or organization can become a **Pinwheel Partner** by displaying pinwheels in recognition of child abuse prevention, displaying SCAN posters, distributing educational materials and inviting a SCAN representative to talk about how to prevent child abuse and neglect. For more information, contact Melissa McGinn at 257-7226 or [mmcginn@grscan.com](mailto:mmcginn@grscan.com).

## ***Become a Children's Group Volunteer***

Volunteering in one of our weekly children's groups is a fun and rewarding way to help children and their families in the Richmond community. The children's groups are for children (ages infant to 17) who are at a high risk of experiencing, or have already experienced, abuse and/or neglect. We need caring individuals who can work with children two evening hours a week, or every other week, for one year doing activities that help children cope with their experiences and build positive relationships. For more information, please contact SCAN at 257-7226 or [volunteer@grscan.com](mailto:volunteer@grscan.com).

## ***Become a CAC Volunteer***

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who will assist in monitoring playroom activities and administrative tasks. We would like volunteers who are able to work 4-hour shifts during the day and early evening, 2 to 4 times a month, and make a year long commitment when possible. For more information or to sign up please contact SCAN at 257-7226 or email [volunteer@grscan.com](mailto:volunteer@grscan.com).

## ***Become a CASA Volunteer***

CASA volunteers are highly motivated individuals who are trained by CASA staff and appointed by a juvenile court judge to speak for the best interest of children brought before the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court as a result of abuse and/or neglect. Volunteers must be 21 years of age, be able to devote time for training, meetings, court appearances and case follow-up and have a genuine desire to help a child in need. For more information please contact Heather Farber at (804) 646-5180 or [Heather.Farber@richmondgov.com](mailto:Heather.Farber@richmondgov.com).

## ***Volunteer for a SCAN event***

SCAN has several fun and exciting special events throughout the year, and we are always looking for volunteers who can help. These special events are vital to SCAN's programming, as they generate funds for program services and increase the public's awareness of child abuse and neglect issues. For information on coming events or further information, please call 257-7226. To be placed on SCAN's volunteer list, send your e-mail address to [volunteer@grscan.com](mailto:volunteer@grscan.com).

## ***Collect school supplies and healthy snacks***

These much-needed items will be used in up to 15 weekly children's group meetings and at our CAC. All donations can be delivered to the SCAN office at 103 East Grace Street.

## ***Help in our office***

Administrative volunteers are very important to SCAN. When we have volunteers to assist us with clerical tasks, we are better able to focus on our mission of preventing and treating child abuse and neglect. The times for this volunteer opportunity are generally during normal business days and hours. To sign up or for more information, please contact SCAN at 257-7226 or [volunteer@grscan.com](mailto:volunteer@grscan.com).

## ***Become a Steward of Children***

Help your company or organization schedule a "Stewards of Children" training—a program that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse by following five key steps. Contact Melissa McGinn at 257-7226 or [mmcginn@grscan.com](mailto:mmcginn@grscan.com) for more information.

**SCAN's volunteer opportunities and projects are well-suited for civic organizations and for companies wishing to engage their members/employees in important community issues, because they:**

- ✓ **Are scheduled for the evening or weekends**
- ✓ **Provide short-term and/or long-term commitments**
- ✓ **Frequently give groups from companies and organizations the opportunity to work together**
- ✓ **Allow various levels of hands-on involvement**

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