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SCAN Serves a Growing Number of Children and Families in Need

As many children make their way back to school, we at SCAN are reminded that child abuse and neglect does not have a summer break. Our challenging work to prevent abuse before it happens and to help children and families heal after it happens continues year round.

SCAN ended its fiscal year on June 30, 2013. We have spent the last two months evaluating our progress and the number of children and families we have served. Below are highlights from last year:

Richmond Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) served **217 children**, which represented 100% of all abused and neglected children who came before the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Thanks to our committed volunteers and staff, **100%** of children served by CASA were placed in the least restrictive environment for their needs, **81%** were placed in permanent homes within 18 months of being appointed to Richmond CASA and **98%** of children did not experience reabuse while in the care of CASA volunteers.

The Families Are Magic (FAM) Prevention Program continued to reach community members through its public education and awareness efforts. In addition to reaching people through the media, special events and online, FAM trained **497** people about mandated reporter laws and **214** people about basic child abuse and neglect information. These two trainings reached nearly **200** more people than the year before. FAM also trained **335** people through the revolutionary Stewards of Children training. SCAN continues to be the main provider of this training in Virginia and has trained **1,203** people total.

Circle Preschool Program (CPP) served **18** children who had experienced trauma through abuse, neglect and exposure to domestic violence. While the Circle Preschool provided intensive mental health treatment and high quality early childhood education to these children, staff members also provided treatment and support to **28** caregivers of these children. To ensure SCAN's preschool and other therapeutic preschools are operating at the highest standards, preschool staff members have collaborated with national organizations to create a national listserv for professionals providing therapeutic preschool services across the nation.

The Family Support Program (FSP) served **375** caregivers and **195** children through a total of 15 weekly treatment and education groups. As in years past, the clients SCAN serves in this program comes from increasingly high-risk situations. For example, **55%** are unemployed, **54%** have histories of domestic violence, **52%** are receiving other mental health services and **30%** are receiving substance abuse treatment services. The FSP has made a great difference with these clients. **92%** said they achieved their personal goals from the program which include becoming better parents, to nurture their children more and learn new ways of discipline, **94%** said they would be less likely to use physical discipline and instead use other ways such as time-out and removal of privileges, **100%** said they were more likely to use coping strategies to prevent them from abusing or neglecting their children such as slow breathing, having patience, talking to other adults and more and **93%** said they have a better understanding of how they were raised and how that impacts the way they raise their own children.

The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) served **535** children by improving the investigation, treatment and prosecution of cases of sexual and severe physical abuse. Of these children, **111** received mental health services from the CAC. The CAC also offered mental health treatment to **44** caregivers of these children. In addition to providing these vital services to children and families in crisis, the CAC also added **a new multidisciplinary team (MDT)** in Henrico County, making it the fifth MDT serving children out of SCAN's CAC. The CAC was also reaccredited by the National Children's Alliance.

Families Are Magic (FAM) Community Consultant

C. Lynne Edwards, LCSW, joined SCAN this April as a Community Consultant for the **Families Are Magic (FAM) Prevention Program**. She brings more than four decades of experience in child welfare to SCAN.

Lynne provides leadership for the **FAM Network** helping to grow its membership and increase its impact. Lynne said that based on feedback from her first FAM Network meeting, she plans to strengthen the networking function of the group. She will help FAM Network members use each other for resources more efficiently and more frequently by redesigning the www.FAMRichmond.org website to make information more accessible. She also plans to collaborate with more community partners that are already engaged in general primary prevention efforts such as libraries, parent education organizations and others to increase the impact of FAM.

Lynne will also work directly with members of the FAM Network to integrate the use of protective factors and trauma-informed research into their programs, practices, policies and procedures. She will consult with three to five organizations each year to help them identify their strengths in these areas and to build on those to enhance their programs.

“This is a really complex issue and it really does take the support of the whole community to integrate protective factors and trauma-informed practices into an organization and also, a strong commitment to helping both families and children heal,” Lynne said.

Lynne has been working during the past few years on this exact issue. She met Executive Director Jeanine Harper a year and half ago when they served on the statewide Prevention Advisory Committee. The committee was working to develop guidelines for local Departments of Social Services using a trauma-informed model and incorporating protective factors in that model.

“While working with Jeanine on that committee, I got to know the work of SCAN and saw her passion for helping families,” Lynne said.

Out of the committee, Jeanine and Lynne decided they wanted to continue the work and, along with other community based organizations, they helped launch the **Trauma-Informed Community Network (TICN)**. Lynne’s trauma-informed work reaches beyond SCAN and the TIC network through her clinical work with adoptive families whose children have experienced trauma and her ongoing work as a consultant and trainer.

“My passion for prevention comes from adoption,” Lynne said. “Many people believe that if we just placed children in safe and good families, it would be enough, but it isn’t. I’ve seen first-hand the long-term impact of trauma and know that it takes a special way of understanding, a certain set of skills to help children heal, and a lifetime of support for children begin to feel safe and permanent.”

Although adoption can, indeed, begin to help troubled children heal from their past experiences, it isn’t the solution to abuse and neglect. The only way to stop children from being harmed is to stop them from ever being hurt by providing education and guidance to their families as early as possible. By working at SCAN, I can continue to try to make an impact in the prevention arena through the FAM Network.”

SCAN is fortunate to have Lynne join its staff to help strengthen what SCAN can do to prevent children from being hurt.

Lynne also provides other trainings, consulting and therapy outside of her work at SCAN. If anyone is interested in learning more about Lynne or the FAM Network email Lynne: LynneEdwardsC2@gmail.com.



Check out SCAN Online Today!

“We must all help keep children safe”

This is the title of a recent article in The Richmond Times-Dispatch’s guest opinion editorial page from our Executive Director, Jeanine Harper. Visit www.timesdispatch.com to read the post from the Sunday August 19, 2013 edition.



Richmond Magazine Best & Worst 2013

SCAN was recognized again as a local nonprofit with the best special events. Be sure to check their “Best and Worst” issue out for SCAN’s mention. Visit them at www.richmondmagazine.com.

Back to School with SCAN

Getting your family ready to go back to school? Be sure to visit www.FAMRichmond.org for information like homework help, protective factors, and other tips for school success.

Recruiting for a New Class of CASA Volunteers



Richmond CASA is seeking highly motivated individuals interested in advocating for the best interests of children who have been abused and/or neglected in the City of Richmond. We'll begin training a new class this fall.

Richmond CASA volunteers participate in 35 hours of pre-service training, which involves 30 hours of classroom interaction and 5 hours of courtroom observation. Volunteers learn courtroom procedure from judges, lawyers, social workers and court personnel. CASA volunteers also learn effective advocacy techniques for children and are educated about specific topics including child sexual abuse, adolescent behavior, mental health issues, cultural competency, social services and report writing. Once training is completed, CASA volunteers are sworn in by a Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge.

Learn more about becoming a CASA volunteer at <http://grscan.com/new-casa-volunteers/>.

Doing your Back to School Shopping?

Think of SCAN. Check out our wish list of supplies that SCAN uses every day in its programs and offers to its clients in need. [Click here.](#)

Thank you!

Thank you to **Osaka** who served a special “SCAN Roll” during August. Proceeds from the roll benefitted SCAN.

Thank you to **Bev’s Homemade Ice Cream** and **Richmond GRID Magazine** who worked together to create a new ice cream flavor. Proceeds from the sales from Mrs. Yoder’s Kitchen donuts ice cream benefitted SCAN.

Thank you to **The Pediatric Connection** who collected backpacks and supplies to donate to children served in our programs.

Thank you to **Ryan Homes** whose employees collected school supplies for SCAN to offer children served in our programs.

Thank you to the **Altria Companies Employee Community Fund** for their recent grant to support SCAN’s **Child Advocacy Center**.

Franco's and SCAN Annual Fashion Event

Thursday, October 3, 2013
6 to 8:30 p.m.

Franco's
5321 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond, VA 23228

This event features a menswear fashion show showcasing the Fall 2013 Collections with Italian fare by DeFazio's and music by DJ Mface. Talk directly with menswear clothing vendors and bid on silent and live auction items including an exclusive custom made suit by Hickey Freeman. **Learn more on SCAN's Facebook page.**



TASTE of Terroir

Saturday, October 26, 2013
5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Bull & Bear Club
901 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia
23219

This event features a cocktail reception, silent auction and a six-course, wine-paired farm-to-table dinner prepared by nationally recognized chefs known for their attention to local and seasonal cuisine with all proceeds benefiting SCAN. **Learn more here.**

Bourbon Street at the Tuckahoe

Saturday, March 1, 2014
8 p.m. to Midnight

Tuckahoe Woman's Club
4215 Dover Road, Richmond, VA 23221

Join us again for live music, dancing, dinner and an open bar, featuring a fantastic top-shelf bourbon selection, hurricanes, wine tastings and more. **Learn more here.**

12th Annual Progressive Dinner & Auction

Saturday, April 5, 2014
5 pm to Midnight

Join us for dinner in the homes around Windsor Farms and Westmoreland Place followed by dessert, dancing and auction at Tuckahoe Woman's Club. **Learn more here.**

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