

Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now)



Child Abuse in Virginia*

- 58,234** Number of children reported as possible victims of child abuse or neglect in Virginia.
- 6,413** Number of children in founded cases of abuse and/or neglect in the Greater Richmond area
- 142** Estimated number of children who died as a result of abuse and/or neglect in Virginia
- 37,359** Number of children in unproven cases of abuse referred to intervention services such as SCAN's
- 57%** 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 2018-19

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, advocacy, 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, victim advocacy, multidisciplinary case review and case tracking.

Community Programs

Community Programs encompass all of SCAN's prevention programs and initiatives that are at the organizational, community and state level. These programs are focused on the prevention of child maltreatment through the advancement of protective factors and trauma informed approaches in organizations, communities and systems.

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. CASAs serve as the voice of the child in the courtroom and stay on each case until the child is in a safe, permanent home.

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 also significantly improves family functioning.

Who does SCAN serve?

SCAN primarily serves families from the cities of Richmond, Colonial Heights, and Petersburg and the counties of Chesterfield, Cumberland, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Louisa, New Kent, Powhatan and Prince George, in addition to other localities in Central VA. During the July 2019 - June 2020 fiscal year, the Family Support Program served **446** caregivers and **69** children—all from families who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing child abuse and/or neglect. Our Richmond CASA volunteers advocated for **219** children in the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court system. The CAC served **623** children and **555** caregivers through child forensic interviews, family advocacy services, and Trauma-Focused Treatment outpatient therapy services. The Circle Preschool Program served **25** children and **18** caregivers.

SCAN's Community Programs, including FAM (Families are Magic) and the TICN (Trauma-Informed Community Network), reached **over 6,000** adults through Resilience screenings and various trainings on how to recognize and report child abuse and neglect, trauma informed practices and positive parenting.

**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 call 804-257-7226 x104.

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 for 20 weeks, doing activities that help children cope with their experiences and build positive relationships. For more information, please contact Heather at 646-5180 or 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 2-4-hour shifts during the day and early evening, at the same time each week, and make a semester long commitment. For more information, please contact Heather at 646-5180 or volunteer@grscan.com.

Become a CASA Volunteer

CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to advocate for children who have been abused or neglected. They make sure the child's needs are heard – in the community and in the courtroom – and serve as a caring, consistent adult in a child's life. They are individuals from all walks of life who are willing to dedicate their time to looking out for a child's best interests. Volunteers must be 21 years of age and be able to devote 10-15 hours a month to working a case. For more information, please contact Heather at 646-5180 or volunteer@grscan.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, please contact Heather at 646-5180 or volunteer@grscan.com.

Collect school supplies and healthy snacks

These much-needed items will be used in the Family Support Program's children's groups and at our Child Advocacy Centers. 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. For more information, please contact Heather at 646-5180 or 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 Natalie Clavon at 257-7226 ext 105 or nclavon@grscan.com for more information.

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