

## HIGHLIGHTS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Program Development:

- 1986: Actively pursued, with the Jr. League of Binghamton, the establishment of a *Children's Emergency Shelter*.
- 1991: Active in the development of a *Parent Resource Center*. This will provide parenting education, support, and child development resources through organized and drop-in activities.
- 1993: The Council is a key partner in a new initiative with the Village of Johnson City to address abuse and neglect; central to the project is a *Family Resource Center* (with a parent resource center as its cornerstone) to open in early 1994.
- 1993: Projects piloting the *Healthy Families America* (Hawaii model) are being developed in both Binghamton and Johnson City with Child Abuse Council input and assistance.
- 1993: Development of a number of grant proposals for the County: *Neighborhood Based Alliance, Binghamton University Child Abuse Training Institute, Probation Dept. – Special Probation Officers for Juvenile Sex Offenders, Healthy Families America* (Cooperative Extension), Smart Start (Binghamton City Schools).
- 1994: Collaborated with Crime Victims Assistance Center and the Press & Sun-Bulletin to develop a *Newspaper Carrier Safety Program*.
- 1997: *Child Advocacy Center Children's Advocacy Center for Victims of Sexual Abuse and Serious Physical Abuse*:  
The Center is a highly collaborative effort between the network of services critical to successful intervention. It is housed at the Crime Victims Assistance Center office on Robinson Street. 1999:
- 1999: Family Court Domestic Violence resolution in victim advocates present for family offenses on blocked schedules.
- 2001: Child Protective Services / Domestic Violence Collaboration
- 2007-8: Initiated discussion for Broome County to begin Child Fatality Review Team
- 2007: Involved in "Safe Schools Interagency Team" collaboration with Union-Endicott School District and Village of Endicott.

### Products and Services:

- 1986: Developed legislative information piece on 1986 legislative changes and the dates these changes become effective. Plans to distribute to mandated reporters in early 1987.
- 1987: Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting Kits for children and parents. Began the development of an adolescent booklet providing information on abuse and neglect, services available and emergency numbers; a new Spiderman comic book on emotional abuse; *Parents Survival Kit* booklet. Also reproduced in '88 and '92.
- 1987: Proposed hospital policy on reporting and managing cases of child abuse and neglect based on existing policies of Lourdes and United health Services.
- 1987: Completely revised compendium for mandated reporters. Published in 88'. Reformatted to be broader in 1989 and integrated it into the physician's guide as well.
- 1987: Development of a Resource Guide: a compilation of child abuse and neglect primary service providers for distribution to community professionals working with children and families. Continually revised and distributed 88'.
- 1988: Finalize and distribute protocols to private practitioners. The Committee completed a protocol for the medical management of child maltreatment cases to all primary care practitioners in the County.

- 1988: Compile Community-based Reference listing of all material available on Child Abuse. The intent is to develop a mechanism for ongoing update and centralization of the listing.
- 1988: Referral Services guide revised, printed and distributed to community agencies/professionals.
- 1989: Distribution of Safety Tips for Children in response to community concern following the murder of a young boy in Binghamton.
- 1989: Information kits to the parents of all Broome County kindergartners (3,500+). Again in 93' and 94'.
- In late 1990 the Council became certified to provide *the NYS Syllabus in the Identification and Reporting of Child Abuse and Maltreatment*. In the decade that the Council has provided the training, 5,635 medical, mental health, and teaching professionals have completed the course.
- Model School Policy on Identification & Reporting Child Abuse. Distributed to 425 schools. Presented to school chief administrators and accepted as a countywide standard.
- "*Physician's Reference Guide for the Medical Management of Child Physical and Sexual Abuse Cases*". Revised in 1992.
- 1993: Completed survey of known juvenile sex offenders.
- 1996: A policy manual was developed to guide nursery schools in establishing their own policies to manage cases of abuse and neglect.
- Staff collaborated with DSS staff and other members of COPE to produce a "Home Alone" brochure to guide parents in their decision around a child's readiness for self-care.
- 1998: "Improving the Identification, Referral and Treatment of Sexually Abusive Children & Youth" Position Paper – SAYIT Committee.
- 1999: Template Employer Policy – The Workplace Response to Domestic Violence
- Survey of School-based Education & Prevention programs.
- 2001: Template DV Policy – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Providers; Kindergarten Kits, Speakers Bureau List; Elder Abuse Flyer "Is It Still Home Sweet Home".
- 2002: Placemats / Posters on DV.
- 2003: Broome Co. Domestic Violence Bench Book for Local Criminal Courts.
- 2004: 'Healthy Dating Relationship' poster contest for area high school students.
- 2004: Cameras for Police Agencies for Domestic Violence Evidence Collection.
- 2005: 'Healthy Relationship' poster contest for area high school students.
- 2005: April – Child Abuse Prevention Month, placemats, posters, grocery bag logos
- 2006: Child Witness to DV – Child Safety Plan; Teen Safety Card; Screening Tool; Parent Information Card; Caregiver Tool Box Tips; Healthy Family Relationship Poster Contest.
- 2007: Safe Sleep for Babies: information distribution

### **Media Campaigns:**

- 1992: Community awareness program called "*Promises for Parents*" kicked-off in April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- 1994: "*Scared Silent: Exposing and Ending Child Abuse*": A TV Documentary. With support of TV Station WBNG and local businesses, the Council raised \$1,750.00 locally to purchase and air this compelling documentary, hosted by Oprah Winfrey. Coupled with call-in component to panel of local experts, area TV viewers saw frank discussion of how abuse can happen, what can be done to prevent and treat its occurrence, and heard about resources within the Br. Co. community to assist children and families.
- 1996: "*It Shouldn't Hurt To Be A Child*". Designed in 1995, a 12-segment prevention media campaign was launched in January 1996 and aired throughout the year on a leading local TV station and two radio stations. The campaign received the acclaim of statewide advocates in winning the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse – NY Chapter, 1996 award for EXCELLENCE IN CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION, an honor conferred at the first annual state prevention conference

- 1999: “*You Can Hit A Home Run, But You Can’t Hit At Home*”. The Council collaborated with RVSA Advertising and the Binghamton Mets as the first campaign to expose all types of family violence.
- 2003: Elder Abuse Awareness Campaign: Public Service Announcements / Station 101.7
- 2005: 4-part TV series on WBNG for Older Americans Month (May)
- 2006-9: 4 part TV series on WBNG for Child Abuse Prevention Month
- 2008: Collaboration with Children’s Home Information Phone Bank for April/Child Abuse Prevention Month (WBNG).

### **Professional Conferences / Forums:**

- 1985 “The Educators’ Response to Child Maltreatment: A Blueprint for Action”, (230 educators and daycare providers).
- 1986 “*Child Abuse and the Nurse’s role: Resolving the Dilemmas*”, (68 nurses).
- 1987 “*The Educator’s Response to Child Maltreatment*”
- 1987 Community Forum on prevention of *Child Sexual Abuse* and a full day training for practitioners on child sexual abuse.
- 1987 Presented Clergy Seminar, “*Caring for Abused Children and Their Families*”. (75)
- 1988 Training program for health professions – A conference entitled “*The Team Response to Child Abuse and Neglect*” (110 individuals from Tioga, Chenango, Chemung, Delaware and Broome counties.)
- 4/90 “*Perspectives on Child Abuse and Neglect*”
- 3/91 “*Perspectives on Adolescent Sex Abuse*” (160)
- 4/91 “*Perspectives on Child Abuse and Neglect*” (230)  
“*Legal Aspects of Child Abuse and Neglect: A Physician’s Perspective*”
- 5/92 “*Child Sex Abuse: Challenging Cases - Difficult Decisions*”
- 10/93 “*Child Abuse and Children with Disabilities*”
- 11/93 “*Children in Crisis in the Classroom: The Teacher’s Response*”
- 1994 “*Permanency Planning for Children in Foster Care*”
- 4/95 “*Child Abuse: Surviving/Resiliency/Healing*”
- 5/95 “*Kids Who Molest: A Multidisciplinary Community Response*”
- 5/96 “*Healthy Fathers; Healthy Children: Strengthening This Important Bond*”
- 9/97 “*New Perspectives on Child Abuse and Neglect*” (186)
- 3/98 “*It Takes A Team To Protect A Child*” (170)
- 6/98 “*Religious Response to Child Abuse*” (100)
- 4/99 “*Psycho-Social Dynamics of Prenatal, Postpartum & Parenting Interventions*” (144)
- 9/99 “*Children Who Act Their Pain: Sexual Behavioral Problems*” (144)
- 9/99 SAYIT, “*A Model Response to Sexually Aggressive Youth*” (118)
- 5/00 “*Family Violence: The Continuum*” (264)
- 9/00 “*Current Issues in Child Abuse*” (140)
- 4/01 “*Pregnant and Abused*” (182)
- 11/01 “*Cultural Competency*” – Bridging the Gap between Families & Providers (100)
- 10/02 Three-part conference: 10/21, 11/21, 1/23/03 “*Religious Response to Family Violence*” (50 each session)
- 10/03 “*Children Who Witness Domestic Violence / Men Who Batter*” (175)
- 6/04 “*Improving Family Outcomes through the Court Process*” (Collaboration with BC Family Court and Bar Association)
- 6/14/05 “*Caring For and About the Elderly in Our Community*” – Elder Abuse Seminar (70)
- 11/4/05 “*Rebuilding Lives: Overcoming the Impact of Domestic Violence on Families and Children*” (140)
- 10/6/06 “*Schools & Agencies Join Together for a Day of Networking and Learning*” (161)

11/3/06 *“Self-Injury: Understanding Its Causes, Interventions and Strategies For Treatment”* (180)  
4/07 “Let’s Get Out”, co-sponsored with Family & Children's Society – Dr. Jeffrey Edelson (115)  
4/07 Safe Babies Seminar for parents / caregivers / professionals (101)  
9/14/07 Elder Abuse Recognition & Reporting for Medical Professionals Collaboration with UHS (163)  
10/4/07 School-Agencies Join Together for 2<sup>nd</sup>. Annual Joint Superintendent’s Day Conference (201)  
4/08 Resiliency Conference with Dominic Carter as keynote speaker (130)  
10/10/08 “Tuning into Youth Issues of Today”, Annual Superintendent’s Day Conference (205)  
1/14/09 Discussion Forum of Systemic Process of Child Abuse/Maltreatment Cases (65)  
4/29/09 Binghamton University- Lunch & Learn – Elder Abuse