



Community Collaboration: Important For Success

Collaborative relationships with various organizations are an essential component for a community sexual assault program to deliver quality services. Children's Response Center has developed collaborative relationships with other service providers, schools, law enforcement, government officials, and private citizens. These relationships enable a comprehensive approach to providing services, and are conducive to the prevention and elimination of sexual violence through social change.

Community collaboration calls for professional involvement in communities, working with community members to determine the conditions that support (or even promote) sexual violence. Sustaining change is dramatically increased when ownership for the prevention of sexual violence is shifted from social service providers and into the hands of the community.

The expertise of various community partners—professionals and private citizens, is vast and valuable to the process. Further, through a collaborative process, community members provide a broad base of support for prevention work and increase the credibility of social change efforts.

Examples of this collaborative process could include a faith community that is interested in developing greater skills for preventing sexual abuse, or a school that wants to address the prevention of sexual harassment and violence among students. A sexual assault program may serve as an advisor for the faith community and school, assisting with creating educational opportunities to address prevention and safety skills, that can then be offered in the future by leaders within those communities. The eventual goal would be to have both of these projects become self-sustaining, no longer needing the direct

involvement of the sexual assault program.

Children's Response Center is collaborating with various service professionals with the intent of sharing resources and support to better serve communities. Partners in this process include Youth Eastside Services, Eastside Domestic Violence Program, Children's Hospital Bellevue, Seattle Mental Health, and the Division of Children and Family Services. The Center is also a member of the Sexual Offender Management (SOM) team of King County, assisting with the education of citizens for increasing safety and addressing issues related to sex offenders living in the community. Members of SOM include law enforcement, victim advocates, treatment providers, the Department of Social and Health Services, the Department of Corrections, faith community representatives, and private citizens.

If you are interested in working toward the prevention and elimination of sexual violence in east and north King County, please contact Children's Response Center at (425) 688-5130. A listing of sexual assault programs throughout the state can be obtained from the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs at (360) 754-7583 or www.wcsap.org. ■

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Volunteer of the Year: Beverly Jacobson

Beverly Jacobson, a Children's Response Center advisory board member, was named as the 2003 co-volunteer of the year. Jacobson received this honor from the Harborview Community Service League (HCSL) at this year's Volunteer Leadership Luncheon. Harborview Medical Center, the parent organization of Children's Response Center, annually recognizes volunteers for their time and contributions to various programs within the institution. This year's luncheon was held May 1st at the Renaissance Madison Hotel in downtown Seattle. Karen Moyer of

the Moyer Foundation delivered the keynote speech.

"We are fortunate to have Beverly as an advocate of the Center's vision and mission," states Debbie Doane, director of Children's Response Center, adding, "we would like to thank Beverly for her service and dedication."

Jacobson, who joined the board in January 1995, actively participates in numerous Center activities and has served in various leadership roles. Congratulations on this well deserved honor! ■



Johnese Spisso, Beverly Jacobson, Karen Moyer, and David Jaffe at the Volunteer Leadership Luncheon.



Maddy Connolly, a Center volunteer.

Volunteer Focus: Maddy Connolly

Maddy Connolly is one of Children's Response Center's extraordinary volunteers. Over the last three years, Connolly's attention to detail, organization, and problem solving skills have helped the Center on multiple projects.

She played a key role in completing the Center's electronic database of clients, often working with handwritten materials dating to the inception of the Center. Connolly helps out with fundraising event preparation. She routinely proof-reads contract applications and

checks our database and donor list for accuracy.

Originally from Portland, Connolly is a graduate of Seattle University. She returned to Seattle in the 80s, following her husband's military and career moves. She has a son, daughter, and a grandson living in the Bay area. When she is not visiting them, she enjoys the opera, theatre, and playing a "bad game" of golf.

The Children's Response Center is grateful for Maddy Connolly's efforts on our behalf. ■

Community 'Swings into Action' at Annual Luncheon

"Swinging Into Action" the 2003 "To Heal a Child's Heart" fundraiser for the Children's Response Center was held on April 4th at the Bellevue DoubleTree Hotel.

Kathi Goertzen, KOMO-TV news anchor, emceed the event. Peter Horvitz, president and publisher of the King County Journal provided an informative keynote address. Gina Levinson, this year's parent speaker, shared her family's experience with the Center when sexual assault affected them. Special recognition was given to Dr. Mark Dedomenico, chief executive officer of ProSports Club, and to



Event co-chair, Beverly Jacobson introduces luncheon emcee, KOMO-TV news anchor Kathi Goertzen.



Peter Horvitz, publisher of King County Journal Newspapers, delivers the keynote speech.

Beratta Gomillion, executive director of the Center for Human Services. The honors were for exemplary support to services for sexual assault and traumatic stress victims and families.

The annual event is organized by the advisory board's fundraising committee. Special thanks to co-chairs Gayle Zawaideh and Beverly Jacobson, as well as the many other volunteers who made this year's luncheon another success. Over \$35,000 was raised to support the Center's counseling, advocacy, prevention, and education services. ■



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Children's Response Center would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their contributions and support in making the luncheon a success:

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Union Bay Café

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Children's Response Center Heads to Olympia

The annual Lobby Day, sponsored by the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP) was held March 4 in Olympia. Advocating on behalf of Children's Response Center were board members Phyllis Franklin, Beverly Jacobson, and Gayle Zawaideh, along with the Center's director, Debbie Doane.

The Center's group met with east and north King County elected officials including Senators Luke Esser, Rosemary McAuliffe, Dino Rossi, and Jim Horn, a Children's Response Center advisory board member; and Representatives Maralyn Chase, Judy Clibborn, Ross Hunter, Ruth Kagi, Toby Nixon,

Al O'Brien, Cheryl Pflug, Laura Ruderman, and Rodney Tom. We would like to thank the senators



Gayle Zawaideh, Debbie Doane, Beverly Jacobson, and Phyllis Franklin join Senator Jim Horn for Lobby Day in Olympia.

and representatives for taking the time to meet with our group.

Lobby Day provides a dedicated venue for reminding our legislators of the importance of sexual assault

services in the communities they represent. The primary message this year was maintaining state funding for sexual assault services through the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) as included in the governor's budget. Lobbying for passage of HB1054, a bill adding clergy as mandated reporters of child abuse

and neglect, was also a priority. (The bill did not pass in this session). ■



Board Benefits From Ongoing Education

Children's Response Center advisory board members welcomed Dr. Gerald Hover to their May board meeting for an educational program. Dr. Hover is the community clinical supervisor for the Sex Offender Treatment Program at the Monroe Correctional Complex. He provided an overview of the program, including the number of offenders enrolled and the overall effect of treatment and outcomes for graduates released into the community.

Speaker presentations are a part of the board's commitment to quarterly board education sessions. Board education helps to reaffirm the role organizations such as Children's Response

Center fill in the community as human services providers.

According to advisory board member Pam Layton, speakers like Dr. Hover provide an invaluable education for the board. She adds, "The information they share provides a better understanding about sexual assault and the challenges we face as an organization and as a society."

All new advisory board members attend a yearly volunteer training in the fall. Ongoing training for all board members is provided at board meetings. Advisory board members are also encouraged to attend community training opportunities sponsored by other human services providers within King County. ■

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learning more about
Board membership
and
volunteering?**

**Call
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NCMEC Launches National Advertising Campaign

“America’s Dirty Little Secret” is out now. It is a new advertising campaign launched by the Exploited Child Unit of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The campaign addresses child sexual exploitation, child prostitution, and other “out of family” sexual abuse. With the support of national media partner, *USA Today*, the print ads are appearing throughout the country.

Parents of a child victimized in the advertising and marketing indus-

try created the campaign for NCMEC. The campaign launched three years to the date after the daughter’s disclosure of abuse on April 30, 2000. The campaign alerts families to the resources available if they face dealing with child sexual assault.

As part of the campaign, NCMEC has created a Family Advocacy Division to work with families, law enforcement, and family advocacy agencies to provide technical assistance, referrals, and crisis intervention services.

The campaign presents child sexual exploitation as a major problem. A goal of the campaign is to increase NCMEC’s visibility as a resource in child sexual exploitation cases. If suspected, the ads encourage reporting child sexual exploitation to law enforcement and then contacting NCMEC. NCMEC is providing prevention information and outlets for reporting sexual exploitation crimes against children through their hotline at 1-800-843-5678 or online at www.cybertipline.com. ■

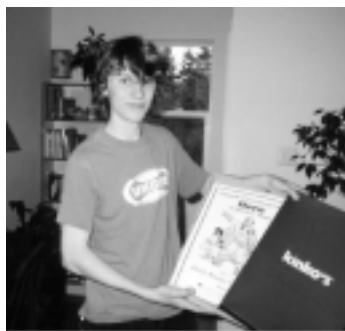
Child Abuse Prevention Month Marks 20th Anniversary

This April marked the 20th Anniversary of Child Abuse Prevention Month. This milestone marks the continued efforts across the country toward the prevention and elimination of child maltreatment. Proclamations declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month were presented to the Center’s staff by the City of Bellevue, the King County Council, and the City of Kirkland.

Children’s Response Center participated in a variety of activities this year. The Center continued the annual tradition of creating

posters raising awareness of child abuse issues which were distributed throughout the county and the state. One of the posters was designed by Peter Prosch-Jensen, a ninth grader from Kamiakin

Junior High School in Kirkland, who worked with the Center as a school community project. In addition to designing a poster, Prosch-Jensen secured production of the posters as a donation from Kinko’s and delivered the posters to various locations. He was recognized for his contributions at a Kirkland City Council meeting, where the mayor also made the April proclamation.



Peter Prosch-Jensen shows the poster he designed for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Other activities included two displays with information for families on preventing child sexual abuse and other

forms of child maltreatment. The displays were at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue and Third Place Commons in Lake Forest Park. Center staff were at the downtown Bellevue Barnes and Noble on April 12th

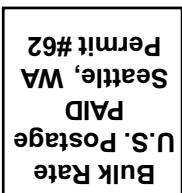


providing information on child abuse prevention.

The Center also participated on a Blue Ribbon Committee headed by the Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. Staff assisted in planning an event marking the end to Child Abuse Prevention Month. Over 500 people were on hand May 3rd at the Seattle Center House for the music, information resources, and activities for children and families. Plans for next year’s event are already in the works. ■

Calendar of Events

- August 2, 2003** King County Kid’s Court
- August 22, 2003** Volunteer Recognition Celebration Children’s Response Center
- August 26, 2003** A Celebration of Cultures. Sponsored by the Northshore/Shoreline Community Network. Third Place Commons in Lake Forest Park, 6:00 - 8:30 PM.
- September 3, 2003** Harborview Classic Golf Tournament at the Newcastle Golf Club
Benefiting Sexual Assault Centers
- October 16, 2003** “Action for Children in Times of Change” Public Policy Conference at the Yakima Convention Center.
- October 22, 2003** The Second Annual Children’s Day Celebration, organized by North FACES of King County, Third Place Commons, Lake Forest Park.
- November 7-8, 2003** Volunteer Core Training - Children’s Response Center ■



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