PCAMN E-Newsletter

Parent Leadership Month
To promote Parent Leadership Month in Minnesota, Circle of Parents®, a program of Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, will host an event on **Friday, February 25, 2011** at the Minnesota State Capital at 12 noon. At the event, we will celebrate the great contributions parents make to our communities by recognizing professionals and parents partnering in Minnesota to build on the strengths of families and prevent child abuse and neglect. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Building Brighter Futures

**PCAMN’s Annual Conference**
**Building on the Strengths of Families and Communities**
This year’s conference features a keynote from Dr. Poussaint of Harvard University, and will focus on:

- Understanding Brain Development
- Preventing Neglect
- Ending Racial Disparities

**March 29 and 30, 2011**
Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Saint Paul

Click [here to view the brochure](#) and then [click here to register.](#)

Fun new materials for Child Abuse Prevention Month!

New bookmarks ([view here](#))
New brochure ([view here](#))
New yard signs & posters (see below)
New Pinwheel/Blue Ribbon Stickers (see image on right)

[Follow this link to our online order form.](#)

Yard Signs for 2011

**Order Your Yard Signs Now**
Child Abuse Prevention Month yard signs will be two-sided (as shown below), and you can [order yard signs at this link](#). Deadline for ordering is February 28, 2011.

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Other Events

"Recruiting Parents through Parent and Community Cafes" A technical assistance workshop on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 2:00 pm. Email or fax your [registration form](#) and questions to Dora Walker at dwalker@circleofparents.org or Fax: 773-277-0715 by February 16th. This workshop will include the following:

* Understanding the origins of the model
* Recruiting parents through the empowerment connection between Circle of Parents and Parent Cafes
* Developing partnerships between parents and practitioners
* Helping parents recognize their voice
* Leading to parent leadership
* Reaching diverse groups (Latino)

Organizing Apprenticeship Project
Rally: 10:00 am Capitol Rotunda
Press Conference: 11:00 am Capitol Room 125. Please Join the Organizing Apprenticeship Project as they look back five years from the 2005 Minnesota’s Report Card on Racial Equity to 2010 that measures equity in the state. For more information call 612 746-4224.
Posters Accompany Yard Signs. Give Your Input!
The brief message of the yard signs makes people wonder how do we help children and how does helping children help us all? AND what can we do? To answer these questions, we are also creating printable posters (sample shown here) available for April that our partners throughout the state can post everywhere. We want your ideas for printable posters! Send them to Priscilla Bennett at pbennett@pcamn.org. What would you like your poster to say?

Nominate Your County or Tribe for a Blue Ribbon Award

At our annual conference each year, PCAMN gives out Blue Ribbon County/Tribe awards to counties and tribes that have consistently worked to create safe and healthy environments for their families and children. Counties and tribes can win a Blue Ribbon Award each year. Would you like to nominate your county? Click here for Blue Ribbon County/Tribe nomination criteria and nomination form.

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