Hello Friends,
We hope the New Year brings renewed energy, interest and resolve! We hope you had a chance to slow down and get re-energized. As a staff, we are looking forward to the coming year. We know we will face changes and challenges, but with continued commitment to our mission and the support of many - we believe that 2015 will be a great year for children and families in Minnesota!

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Radiothon 2014 Recap
It was great driving weather as our staff divided and drove from the Twin Cities and points North to Alexandria, Brainerd, Wadena and Bemidji on December 4th for the annual Radiothon to End
AIAFS American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies offers *A Review of Fundamental Criminal Justice, Legal, and Mental Health Issues* and *Pathways from Childhood to Adult Violence*

Register here for MN Adopt Beyond Consequences Training & Support Series

2015 Community Connections Conference - Creative Engagement and Action using arts and placemaking-Saturday, March 21 | 9:00am -3:00pm
Minneapolis Convention Center Conference is FREE.

Visit the Search Institute Store January is National Mentoring Month. The most popular resources for mentors are available in a new *Great Mentor’s Collection* that includes two great books and a downloadable evaluation tool.

Parenting Press offers 2 New Autism Info Sheets - Ideal for family members of newly diagnosed children, for babysitters and other caregivers and for teachers. These new *Qwik Sheets* on autism provide overviews of autism, the risk factors, symptoms and coping strategies.

Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute Inc. workshop: *De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations™*

Child Abuse. As always, each location was blessed with many volunteers and dedicated DJs and station staff, putting in long hours to raise awareness and funds for child abuse prevention efforts in their regions. Each region reports higher totals than last year! Amazing! Thank you Northern Minnesotans!

Our most sincere THANKS to Lou Baron and Mary Campbell for their visionary creation of the Radiothon in 1989 and their leadership in supporting child abuse and neglect prevention work.

Gear Up for CAP Month!
It's time to start making plans for April - Child Abuse Prevention / CAP Month. The purpose of CAP Month is to build awareness around child abuse and neglect prevention and to engage the public with our mission to build positive and healthy families and communities.

As in other years, MCCC/PCAMN will host a planning Webinar to gather and share ideas - watch for an eBlast for details, and in April we will offer a Resilience focused Webinar Series. To find out what you can do for CAP Month check the CAP Packet on the PCAMN website!

PCAA will roll out a new logo for use in April! That's right, *no more blue ribbons or blue stick figures.* PCAA (and all state chapters) will use an updated Pinwheel logo starting in April 2015. The Pinwheel was selected to signify the happy, carefree childhood everyone should experience.

PCAA CAP Month Materials: *Talking Points, Sample Press Release, Social Media Copy, Sample PSA Copy, Sample Op-ed*

**AABC Trains Community Conversation Hosts**
The first African American Babies Coalition (AABC) Community Conversation Host training session was held on December 5th and 6th. Eighteen Hosts were trained to deliver Living Room and Kickin' It Conversations. Ranging in age from 23-64, these Hosts will be leaders in starting these important conversations and laying the framework for change in communities. The Hosts were trained by expert trainers on topics such as Adverse Childhood Experiences
Minneapolis, MN | March 3, 2015 (early rate deadline February 10)

**Live Webinars:**

**De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations™**
February 12, 2015 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CST)

**Crisis Response Planning**
March 9, 2015 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CST)

**Free Webinar - Each month CTRI offers a complimentary webinar.**
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19th Annual Child & Adolescent Mental Health Conference  April 26th-28th, 2015 | Duluth, MN
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(ACE's), community resilience, historical trauma, practical parenting strategies and more. Hosts also had the opportunity to attend breakout sessions to learn strategies on starting conversations with both youth and adults. The Hosts engaged in group discussions surrounding the topics presented, and discussed what is needed in their communities in order to increase the healthy development in their youth. They had opportunities to share personal experiences and hear stories from across generations. With the training completed, the Hosts are prepared to go into the community and begin conversations with continued support from the AABC. AABC work is sponsored by a partnership between Minnesota Communities Caring for Children and Wilder to ensure that the work is supported, shared and communicated to the entire community. [More background on AABC](#)

Three-Part Minnesota Café Series Underway

The first Café of the series focused on building strong relationships between parents/guardians and child care providers. The second Café, was co-hosted by two Parent Leaders, after several months of training and skill building. The Café centered on helping children develop positive self esteem. The Parent Leader Co-Hosts were pleased with the interest shown by participants, depth of discussion and overall success of the Café experience. The last Café of the series will be presented for Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington County on January 30, 2015.

Plan to STAND for CHILDREN

Attend our Gala!

April 25 at [Minikahda Club](#)
3205 Excelsior Boulevard, Minneapolis