



When we help  
**children**  
do better today,  
we all do better  
**tomorrow.**



**Prevent Child Abuse**  
Minnesota



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## Saving Everyone's Baby

As we all struggle with how the country is responding to the Casey Anthony trial, this [blog post](#) by Elizabeth Gaucher captures the thought that we need to do more to **help all children** while they are alive and prevent harm from occurring in the first place - not just seek vengeance afterwards.

## St. Thomas Invites Participation in Childhood Experience Study

**Dr. Kurt Gehlert**, Associate Professor and the Director of the MA program for the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at the University of St. Thomas, is doing research about childhood experiences, adult attachment styles, and relationship satisfaction. We encourage you to participate in the voluntary research study which has the potential to further illuminate our field. After completing the survey, please read the debriefing and should you like, follow the instructions to enter into a drawing for a chance to win one of several gift cards. To find out more follow this [link](#).



## A Government Shutdown and PCAMN

As some of you may have noticed in our most recent annual report ([view here](#)), 42.5% of our revenue comes from our State Government. This support, along with resources from private donors, corporate donors, and foundation grants, has allowed us to sustain and expand many of our critical programs and services throughout the state of Minnesota.

Minnesota has long been known as a state who invests in their citizens and communities. Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota (PCAMN) and our statewide Child Abuse Prevention Councils (CAPCs) represent 80 of the 87 counties throughout Minnesota, providing critical parent support, education, resource and referral, and leadership initiatives for countless families and communities. Providing access to culturally sound parenting tools, approaches, and peer support are critical to effective prevention efforts. Our infrastructure has grown significantly over the past five years, and we are close to representing every area of the state.

The current government shutdown will have an immediate impact on PCAMN and all its prevention programs. Initially, we will have to limit our travel and reduce staff time. Hopefully, the shutdown is only temporary, and we can all quickly get back on our feet. In the meantime, this may mean that instead of meeting with community members and volunteers in person, a phone call or a meeting through Skype may be substituted. If the shut down

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Superhero Run/Walk



**Saturday, July 23, 2011**  
**Be a Superhero and join us for a fun run/walk at Lake Phalen.**  
Learn more [here](#).

## PCAMN Links

**PreventionWorks:** Fall/Winter 2010 Newsletter from PCAMN on Understanding Neglect

**ParentPower:** May 2011 Newsletter from the Parent Leadership Team on Social Connections

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Circle of Parents®

continues, PCAMN, along with many other community initiatives, may be significantly reduced long-term and our statewide infrastructure irreparably damaged.

Please know that our Circle of Parents® Program Coordinators and Prevention Team are still working hard across the state to ensure continued assistance as needed with Circle of Parents® Chapters, Child Abuse Prevention Councils, and community prevention development via phone, email, Skype, GoToMeeting, etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at 651-523-0099 or 800-621-6322.

This is a challenging time for our organization as it is for many others in prevention work throughout the state. We have confidence that regardless of the current funding situation, PCAMN will continue to serve you and your community in the best capacity possible.

If you would like to make a donation to assist our child abuse and neglect prevention efforts, simply click [here](#) or visit our website at [www.pcamn.org](http://www.pcamn.org).

## Webinar on Brain Development and Child Neglect

### Educational Webinar Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota's new Executive Director, **Karina Forrest-Perkins**, recently presented a national 3-part webinar on Brain Development, Substance Abuse, and Child Maltreatment on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control. Drawing on this material and her extensive background (see her full bio [here](#)), Karina will offer a free webinar presentation on Brain Development and Child Neglect followed by a question and answer period. If you haven't met Karina yet, this will be a great opportunity to both learn from her presentation and get to know her a little bit. The webinar will be held at **two different times** in order to provide more options.

Tuesday, August 16, 2011  
**12:00 pm to 1:30 pm** Central Time  
[Register here.](#)

Tuesday, August 16, 2011  
**6:00 pm to 7:30 pm** Central Time  
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