



Empowering individuals and communities to stop child abuse and neglect *before it starts* through **AWARENESS, EDUCATION, SUPPORT** and **LEADERSHIP** for **ACTION**

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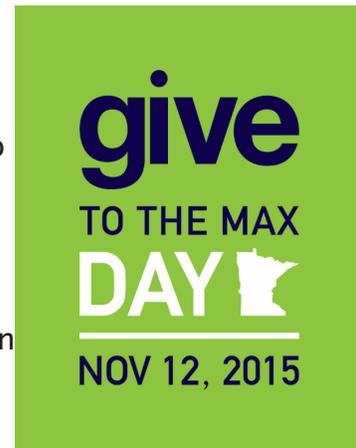
At this time of the year many of our thoughts turn to gratitude. MCCC is thankful that you join us in our mission to stop child abuse and neglect before it starts.

Speaking of being thankful, we need your help! We have a big envelope stuffing project ahead of us in the next week, if you know of a group looking for a project please contact [Sara Parceró-Leites](#) (651-523-0099) for additional details.

NEWS FROM MCCC

Remember us on Give to the Max Day this Thursday, November 12th!

Each year, generous supporters like you celebrate Give to the Max Day by making your online donation on [GiveMN.org](#). Your generosity on this day makes a difference far beyond the 24-hour giving event. Please join us on November 12, 2015, for Give to the Max Day and help us continue to change lives by making a donation to Minnesota Communities Caring for Children.



Your donation on Give to the Max Day may also help us receive an additional donation of \$1,000. How? On November 12, every gift made on GiveMN.org will be entered into an hourly drawing for a \$1,000 GiveMN Golden Ticket to be awarded to a nonprofit organization. That adds up to 24 opportunities for you to help us receive an extra \$1,000!

Here's the really exciting part: One donation made on GiveMN.org will be randomly selected at noon and at the end of Give to the Max Day to receive a \$10,000 Super-Sized GiveMN Golden Ticket! The more gifts we generate on GiveMN.org on November 12, the more our chances increase to receive that additional \$10,000 donation. Imagine what we could do with \$10,000!

JOIN US At Riverview Theater for a screening of the new documentary film

PAPER TIGERS

EVENT UPDATE: MCCC is excited to announce that following the screening will be a Q and A session with local experts!



Thursday, November 19th at 7:00pm
3800 42nd Ave S, Minneapolis | Suggested Donation \$10

Pre-register [HERE](#)

About the Film:

Paper Tigers follows a year in the life of an alternative high school that has radically changed its approach to disciplining students, becoming a promising model for how to break the cycles of poverty, violence and disease that affect families.

About the Director: James Redford makes documentaries that transform important health and environmental issues into stories that educate and inspire. With nine films to date, he's journeyed far and deep, looking at issues such as why and how chronic stress damages healthy childhood development.



This screening is brought to you by **Minnesota Communities Caring for Children**, the Minnesota Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America

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Screening of the Documentary Film Paper Tigers

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Suggested donation is \$10, go [here](#) to pre-register.

Kids and Trauma: Science Over Force

The video showing a school police officer subduing an unyielding adolescent with force is yet another reminder that children act out. Sadly, that's not news. What is news is that there are alternate, appropriate ways to deal with troubled teens that benefit both the child and the community. Prevent Child Abuse America has issued a press release to explain the complexities related to trauma, student behavior,

brain science and the use of force in schools.

Read more [here](#).

The 27th Annual 24 Hour Radiothon to End Child Abuse!

On December 3rd and 4th Hubbard Radio Stations in Northern Minnesota take over the airways to promote positive parenting and to raise money for Child Abuse Prevention Programs! To find out more about the Radiothon or to listen to the festivities on the station's livestream online please click on the link below!



[Alexandria Area](#)

[Bemidji Area](#)

[Brainerd Area](#)

[Wadena Area](#)

MCCC + Ramsey Tobacco Coalition Partnership

Minnesota Communities Caring for Children has recently partnered with the Ramsey Tobacco Coalition, whose mission is to reduce the influence of the tobacco industry on youth and other populations most harmed by tobacco.



Flavored tobacco is one of the newest ways the tobacco industry is targeting youth. Tobacco products, including cheap cigars and cigarillos shisha (hookah tobacco), blunt wraps snus, chewing tobacco and e-cigarettes, come in a wide variety of flavors and are available in stores in every neighborhood of Saint Paul. With bright colorful packaging and flavors such as strawberry, hot chocolate and cotton candy, they appeal directly to youth. Young people think these products are less harmful but flavored tobacco is just as harmful and addictive as non-flavored tobacco.

As a coalition, we are supporting efforts in Saint Paul to prohibit the sale of candy, sweet and fruity flavored tobacco products in stores where kids are allowed. In Saint Paul, this would limit these products from 262 stores to about 16 tobacco-specific shops.

According to the 2014 Surgeon General's Report, restricting youth access to tobacco is effective for reducing youth tobacco use. This ordinance will assure that Saint Paul youth will not be bombarded by flavored tobacco products every time they walk into their neighborhood corner stores.

A public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, November 18th at 5:30pm at City Hall in St. Paul**. Please attend this important meeting!

Parent Mentor Network Updates

The Parent Mentor Network has been matched with families in Saint Louis County

and Ramsey County. Parent Mentors attend court hearings and other important meetings with parents in the child protection system. The Parent Mentor Network has been in conversations with various counties across the state around implementing the Parent Mentor Program in those counties. The Parent Mentor Network is built on empowering parents with education and knowledge they need to navigate their way through the very complicated child protection system.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regional Workshops

Minnesota Communities Caring for Children/Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota is hosting trainings in Mankato, Duluth, Sauk Rapids and Bemidji. Topics include Well-Being, Emotional Intelligence, Neuroscience, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Resilience. We hope that you can join us for this learning opportunity.

Training Details:

To register for the workshops click on the following links:

- [Bemidji on November 12th](#)
- [Sauk Rapids on November 16th](#)
- [Duluth on November 18th](#)
- [Mankato on December 16th](#)



Workshop 1 will take place from 1–4pm, and
Workshop 2 will take place
from 6–9pm.
An optional dinner will be available at 5pm.

Each workshop is \$25. Attend both for \$40! Optional dinner at 5 p.m. is an additional \$10. Note that workshop scholarships available – please contact Kate Bailey at kbailey@pcamn.org to request a scholarship.

Presentations designed to help recognize and respond to cases of sexual, physical and emotional abuse and neglect within faith-based organizations

When Faith Hurts: Understanding, Recognizing and Responding to the Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Impact of Child Maltreatment

Victor Vieth, JD, founder and senior director, Gundersen NCPTC

Topics include:

- The prevalence of child abuse
- The impact of sexual abuse on spirituality
- The interest sexual offenders have in faith-based camps and schools and the methods often used in selecting children to abuse
- Effective policies for deterring sexual offenders
- The role of background checks and worker interviews
- How to respond when the church, synagogue, seminary or other faith institution is sued by a victim or group of victims

Learn more [here](#)

Safe Mothers, Safe Newborns – An Isuroon Event

Thursday, November 12 – 9:00am to 5:00pm at The Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Isuroon's inaugural "Safe Mothers, Safe Newborns" conference will bring together highly influential women and men from the Twin Cities, Somalia and other countries worldwide. Together, we will address the pivotal need to improve Somali maternal and child health care, and acknowledge Isuroon's critical work optimizing the health and resilience of Somali women and their newborn children.

For more information and to register, go [here](#).

Investing in the Early Years: The Science of Self Control

Join us to learn about recent discoveries in neuroscience that tell us when and how children develop the abilities to manage attention, thought, emotion and behavior and what it takes to fully prepare them for success in school and in life.

Thursday December 3rd 5:00–7:30p.m. at the Calhoun Beach Club – 2925 Dean Parkway, Minneapolis 55416. [RSVP Here](#).

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Tipping the Scales: The Resilience Game

In this online game, learn how the choices we make can help our children and communities become more resilient in the face of serious challenges. Negative events can occur at any time, and it's your job to counteract their effects. Will your community thrive or dive? Play and find out. Bonus feature: Tip the resilience scale yourself at the end of the game!

[Play "Tipping the Scales"](#)

The Bully Project.

It's common for parents to feel powerless and frustrated when their kids are getting bullied. But often parents don't know it's happening. Parents play a vital role in supporting their kids, helping them be upstanders, and teaching and modeling empathy in the home and beyond. We've provided resources below to help you with these discussions and to empower you to stand up for your child effectively—when working with a school to resolve a bullying situation.

Read more [here](#)

We Have to Stop Ignoring Adverse Childhood Experiences.

NPR's Laura Starecheski, in "Can Family Secrets Make You Sick?," describes the medical science that explains how adverse childhood experiences may lead to chronic adult illnesses, including heart disease and cancer. Her excellent report was the first of two accounts of adverse childhood experiences (ACE) and the way that the medical profession has failed to grapple with the long-term effects of

sexual, physical and emotional abuse; child neglect; the loss of a parent due to death, divorce or incarceration; mental illness in a parent; and drug or alcohol abuse by a parent.

Read more [here](#)

The Downside of Resilience.

BEHIND a half-century of policies to promote child development, there lies an assumption: that children are essentially equally affected by the environments they grow up in, and that positive interventions like preschool education should therefore help all children. But what if this isn't true?

Read more [here](#)

DONATE NOW!

With the support of individuals like you, we can eliminate child abuse in our state. Thanks for joining MCCC in providing better outcomes for our children and protecting our future.

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