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



**Prevent Child Abuse**  
 Minnesota



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**PREVENTION**

PCAMN E-Newsletter

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## Brain Hero Video Says it All



In light of the recent child abuse tragedies in Minnesota, our hearts go out to all families and children in our state and to all of you who work to protect children. We want to support the work all of us do to keep child abuse and neglect from happening in the first place as this work is so critically important. A new video from the **Harvard Center on the Developing Child** does a great job of illustrating how important it is to influence the healthy brain development of all children. The three-minute video depicts how actions by a range of people in the family and community can affect a child's development. You can view this video on PCAMN's new Videos Webpage [here](#).

## Brain Development and Child Neglect Webinar Recording Now Available

PCAMN's recent educational Webinar on **Brain Development and Child Neglect** was very well attended. We had approximately 900 people listening in on August 16, 2011. Materials and a recording of the Webinar can be found [here](#).

## Bringing the Protective Factors to Life: PCAMN Regional Workshops

**Bringing the Protective Factors to Life 2011 Regional Workshops and Strategy Sessions**  
[Please Register Online Here](#)

We have been talking a lot in Minnesota about Protective Factors that prevent child abuse and neglect from happening in the first place. In this workshop, we will dig into a strategy focusing on two of them: **Increasing Parental Resilience and the Social-Emotional Development of Children.**

The strategy we will be sharing in this workshop to promote these protective factors is **Understanding Adult Brain Science to Practice and Teach Emotional Intelligence.**

We will also take some time for you to share with us and one another about strategies that you are using in your communities to promote protective factors, what challenges you are facing, and what opportunities you see for the future. (See a list of the five protective factors we are focusing on [here](#)).

All of you throughout the state are our partners in creating a prosperous future for Minnesota by nurturing the healthy brain architecture of our children. We hope you will join us for this in-person opportunity to learn and plan together.

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## Superhero Photos

You can go [here](#) to see some great photos of PCAMN's **Superhero Run/ Walk** which was held on July 23, 2011. It was a wonderful experience, and a big thank you goes out to all of you who attended the event and/or donated to our organization. If you would still like to make a donation to this year's version of our Walk To End Child Abuse, please visit this [link](#).



## Resources

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has published a new brochure for public education, entitled "**The Teen Brain: Still Under Construction.**" A link to the publication can be found [here](#). The website also includes links to other NIMH publications on adolescent mental health.

**Cost:** \$20 (includes lunch)

[Please register online here.](#) CEUs will be available. If you have questions, please contact Ka Youa Vue by calling 651-523-0099 or 800-621-6322 or emailing [kvue@pcamn.org](mailto:kvue@pcamn.org).

## Prevention and the Child Protection Professional: NCPTC National Conference

### Prevention and the Child Protection Professional: Implementing Child Abuse Prevention Programs

The National Child Protection Training Center and Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota are co-sponsoring this national conference being held October 3-5, 2011 at the Mall of America, designed for child abuse prosecutors, investigators, and other child prevention professionals. This three-day course will assist professionals in recognizing the factors in their communities contributing to child abuse, and expose them to numerous evidence-based prevention programs that can be implemented in their communities. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

## The Invisible Children

### Building Community Support for Children of Incarcerated Parents

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There are an estimated 10,000 children in Minnesota who have a parent in jail or prison. Children with an incarcerated parent are among the most vulnerable populations of children - at high risk for neglect, abuse, behavioral health problems, delinquency and substance abuse. These issues, if left unattended, can produce intergenerational patterns of crime and violence. Learn how to best support the healthy development of these children.

#### Keynote Speaker:

Nell Bernstein, author of All Alone in the World

**When:** September 16, 2011, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

**Where:** College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN

**Fee:** Free for family members impacted by incarceration, \$15 for all others (breakfast and lunch are included)

**More information** is [here](#).

## Fatherhood Seminar Series from Minnesota Fathers & Families Network

**WEIGHING IN: HOW FATHER INVOLVEMENT FOSTERS HEALTHIER, MORE ACTIVE CHILDREN** is the topic of MFFN's 10th annual Fall Fatherhood Seminar Series for professionals, practitioners, and community leaders. You can learn more at this [link](#).

## Training

### Breaking The Cycle Of Violence: The Bully, The Bullied & The Bystander

#### Presented By:

Barbara Coloroso, Internationally Recognized Speaker

#### When:

September, 26, 2011

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

#### Where:

St. Cloud Civic Center

#### Fee:

\$5 in advance, \$10 at the door

**Information:** [Here](#)

## PCAMN Links

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

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

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