



Prevent Child Abuse
Louisiana™

Prevention Update
July 2017

Pinwheels for Prevention

More than 16,000 pinwheels were planted or displayed across the state in April to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

First Lady Donna Edwards served as Honorary Chairwoman of Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana's CAP Month activities. Mrs. Edwards hosted a pinwheel planting at the Governor's Mansion on April 1 and attended the Baton Rouge planting at the State Capitol.

In addition to Baton Rouge, PCAL held pinwheel garden plantings in Hammond,

New Orleans, Houma, Thibodaux, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Sulphur and, for the first time, Alexandria. More than 60 non-profit organizations, state agencies and law enforcement members joined our Task Forces that organized the plantings, and even more volunteers came out in each city to help plant the pinwheels.

Our AmeriCorps workers - Ashley Myers in Lafayette and Nikki Waltrich in Thibodaux - held their own CAP Month events, in addition to helping plan their local pinwheel gardens. Ashley orga-

nized parenting classes and attended outreach events. Nikki organized paper pinwheel sales and held outreach events at several libraries in her region.

We would like to thank First Lady Donna Edwards, our CAP Month Sponsors, all of our partners and volunteers, the state and local dignitaries who attended each planting and everyone who purchased pinwheels or t-shirts during April to show their support for the children of our state!



Baton Rouge Mayor Sharon Weston-Broome, First Lady Donna Edwards, EBR District Attorney Hillar Moore, DCFS Secretary Marketa Garner Walters and PCAL Executive Director Amanda Brunson at the Baton Rouge pinwheel planting.



A volunteer and her grandchildren help to plant the garden in Thibodaux.



(l to r): District Attorney Keith Stutes, Judge Thomas Duplantier and Mayor-President Joel Robideaux joined PCAL and our Lafayette partners in planting the garden in front of Blackham Coliseum.



Students from Holy Name of Jesus School helped plant the New Orleans garden in Audubon Park.



Representatives from local and regional nonprofits, as well as the regional DCFS office, came together to help us plant our first pinwheel garden in Alexandria.

Thank you to our Child Abuse Prevention Month sponsors!

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Summit attendees learn about ACEs, share ideas

With grant funding from the Beaird Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana was recently able to host “ACEs to Action” Summits in Monroe, Pineville and Shreveport, which were attended by 177 professionals who work with children and families.

Each day-long training started with a presentation about Adverse Childhood Experiences led by PCAL’s Family Nurturing Center Director Sheri Hogg. Sheri was trained through the Louisiana ACE Educator Program in 2015. She was joined by fellow trainees Gatha Green in Monroe and Clay Walker in Shreveport.

The Louisiana ACE Educator Program was created through a partnership between the Louisiana Department of Health’s Bureau of Family Health and the Tulane Institute of Infant and Early Child-

hood Mental Health, with the support of the Louisiana ACE Initiative. The training was conducted by Dr. Robert Anda, co-principal investigator of the ACE Study.

Over lunch attendees viewed *Paper Tigers*, a documentary about a high school in Washington that took a trauma-informed approach to working with at-risk students who have a high number of ACEs.

PCAL Executive Director Amanda Brunson led the afternoon World Cafe discussion, where attendees broke into groups and answered questions that prompted them to think of ways to use what they learned in their work and their communities.

Thank you to the following for their help organizing the Summits: The

Adverse Childhood Experiences, known as ACEs, are traumatic or stressful incidents that can lead to serious consequences with child development and the child’s overall health and well-being into adulthood.

Children’s Coalition for Northeast Louisiana, ULM’s School of Behavioral and Social Sciences, NextStep of Central Louisiana, the City of Pineville, the Shreveport Police Department, Community Support Programs and Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport.



Sheri Hogg, PCAL’s Family Nurturing Center director, leads the ACE presentation in Monroe.



PCAL Executive Director Amanda Brunson listens as an attendee in Pineville shares her group’s ideas during the World Cafe’ discussion.



Notes from each World Cafe discussion were posted on a sticky wall for all attendees to see. This is the wall after the Pineville session.

To learn more about Adverse Childhood Experiences or take the 10-question ACE Survey, visit the ACEs page on our website at www.pcal.org.



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