



Prevent Child Abuse Arizona™

October Newsletter

Prevent Child Abuse Arizona is shifting the public conversation about child maltreatment so that prevention is the priority.

PCA Arizona provides training, parent education and prevention services for families, foster parents, child welfare professionals, social service providers, law enforcement, court personnel and the public.

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Board Member Highlight

Cara Kelly

On September 10, Cara defended her doctoral dissertation at the ASU School of Social Work. Her research examined the utility of the Healthy Families Parenting Inventory (HFPI) to predict a family's risk for future maltreatment.



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Our Board of Directors gladly congratulates Cara in becoming Dr. Kelly!

Personal Dreams and Goals:

- Learn conversational Spanish
- Take advanced statistics courses to improve data skills
- Learn to play the cello

"I was raised by a social worker, so naturally, discussions surrounding our responsibilities in working towards social justice were incorporated into our household from a very young age. I believe that people can change, and as a social worker I am often in the position to guide and facilitate these changes in a family's life. Every time I'm able to help a parent better understand the needs of their child, connect them to a community resource to better support their family, or empower them to make decisions to keep their children safe and protected, I'm making a difference with the potential to last a lifetime.

Moving forward in my career I hope to continue my work in risk assessment, in assisting professionals who come into contact with at-risk families make the best possible decisions in order to keep children safe and protected. By assisting social work practitioners and the community in identifying at-risk families before they come into contact with the public child welfare system, we have an opportunity to alter a family's trajectory away from abuse and neglect, towards more positive parenting practices over time. **Prevention is key!"**

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**Yavapai Family
Advocacy Center**

A project of Prevent Child Abuse Arizona



Honoring the Volunteers Who Spread Hope

On September 27, a group of volunteers were celebrated at Prevent Child Abuse Arizona for their extensive volunteer efforts over the years. In the past two years, our volunteers have contributed an impressive:

2017: 635.75 hrs = 12.23 hrs/wk

2018 to date: 1,202.25 hrs = 30.83 hrs/wk

The notable increase in volunteer hours in the past year has inspired YFAC staff to demonstrate their appreciation through making colorful handmade gifts. Director, Missy Sikora, designed white-washed wooden planks each featuring their own unique quote about service, then adorned with charms. Missy utilized this as a team bonding opportunity, where all of the various staff gathered together to each play a part in recognizing volunteers.



"The highest of distinctions is service to others."

King George VI



Today In Prevention

Infant Mental Health Training



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The cost is \$90 for all three classes or \$35 per class. Seating is limited.

A three-part series on infant mental health, featuring early childhood development experts:

Robert Weigand, MS, IMH-E (IV)

ASU Child Development Laboratory Director

Barbara Weigand, MSW, IMH-E (IV)

ASU Assistant Clinical Professor

Classes will take place at PCA Arizona in Prescott Valley on the following dates:

Friday , October 26:

Foundational Concepts

Monday, December 3:

Assessing the Unique Needs of Maltreated Infants and Toddlers

Monday, February 4:

Evidence-Informed Treatment Approaches



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Real Estate Giving Reception

Are you interested in learning about our new Reals Estate Gifts Program? Join us for an afternoon reception where you will learn about some of the charitable strategies that can be used to accomplish your goals:

- **Avoid Capital Gains Tax**
- **Create income payments for life**
- **Leave a legacy in your community**

For more information,
call Rebekah at (928)-830-9579

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October 17, 2018

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Prevent Child Abuse Arizona

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Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of Arizona children.

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