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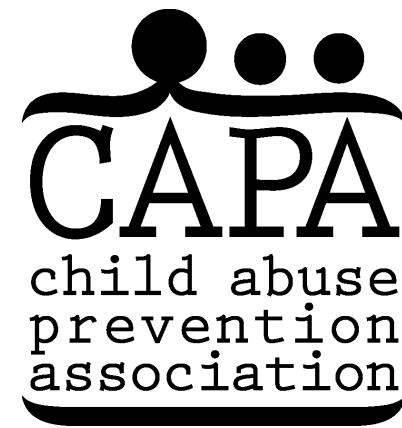
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Child Abuse Prevention Association
of Beaufort County, SC

Mission Statement: CAPA breaks the destructive cycle of child abuse and neglect by equipping parents, children and their caregivers with necessary skills, knowledge and values.

Call to Action

by Susan Cato, CAPA Executive Director

What happened to Caylee Anthony may never be known nor anyone be brought to justice for the act that so sadly ended her life. As the highly publicized case indicated, child abuse victims rarely have successful outcomes through the criminal court systems. The burden of proof in criminal cases is extremely high. These cases, whether highly publicized like the Anthony case, or shrouded in confidentiality, are at best, extremely difficult to investigate and prosecute.

Our community is fortunate to have services in place that encourage collaboration such as the 14th Judicial Circuit's Multi-Disciplinary Treatment Team coordinated by Hope Haven of the Lowcountry, our local child advocacy center. Representatives from 30+ organizations, including CAPA, sit down together each month to discuss child abuse and neglect cases and make recommendations for working toward the best outcome for child victims. Sadly, this dedicated group

must review many cases each month. Child abuse and neglect happens in our community more often than we like to think. It is important that agencies support each other.

Children need caring and responsible adults in their lives who are willing to step forward and protect them from intentional and unintentional harm. The Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA) has been advocating for children and strengthening Beaufort County families for more than 30 years. You can get involved by volunteering, donating and speaking up.

Want to make a difference daily in the lives of local children? Consider serving on CAPA's Board of Directors. It meets monthly for a one hour meeting. Call the CAPA office at 843.524.4350 to learn more.

Let's keep our focus on what we can do to protect children in our state and everywhere by asking ourselves, "What will you do today to honor the lives of children such as Caylee Anthony?"

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Support CAPA today!

Please complete the below form and return to CAPA, PO Box 531, Beaufort, SC 29901.

Make all checks payable to CAPA.

- I want to learn more about becoming a volunteer with CAPA.
- I would like to receive this newsletter by email. My email address is _____.

- I want to help the children of Beaufort and surrounding counties. My donation of \$_____ is enclosed.

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- Enclosed is a check made payable to CAPA or please charge my credit card for \$_____

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**18th Annual
CAPA Golf Challenge**
presented by Waste Management

Friday, March 16, 2012
Pete Dye Signature Golf Course
at Hampton Hall, Bluffton

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A Guide to Internet Safety for Your Children

by Michael J. Pierce, Special Agent, U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service and CAPA Board Member

The Internet is a powerful tool. It allows children to explore endless possibilities. It can also expose them to inappropriate and dangerous material and open them to contact with unknown individuals. Sexual predators are increasingly using the Internet as a way to sexually exploit children. Children are curious individuals and are especially vulnerable to the deceptive tactics that predators use to target and lure them. Social networking websites such as facebook, Myspace and many others allow children to talk to one another, maintain relationships, post pictures, keep an online diary and meet new people. Often these websites require you to create a personal online profile including everything from name, favorite movies, likes and dislikes, school location, to the status of what you are currently doing. The danger of these personal online profiles is that children are giving out their personal information.

Michael J. Pierce, Special Agent U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service and CAPA Board Member has developed a compelling presentation on the dangers of the Internet for our children and warning signs and safety tips on what parents need to know to protect our youth. If you are interested in having this presentation offered to your organization, please contact the CAPA office at 843.524.4350.



CAPA's Little Sweethearts Calendar - Order Now!

Local award winning child portrait photographer Nadine O'Quinn spent the past few months photographing 48 area children to compete against each other in the CAPA's Little Sweethearts Calendar Contest. Voting kicked off in April where parents and friends paid \$1 per vote for their favorite "little sweetheart." The thirteen photographs receiving the most votes appear in the 2012 calendar.

Go to www.nadineoquinn.com and buy yours today! Each calendar costs \$15 and all funds raised go directly to CAPA.



Pictured above: Judy Algar, owner of Coastal Knitting, and Robin Boozer, CAPA Board President and knitting instructor with arms full of wonderful hand-made hats and scarves for the residents of the shelter. Thanks to all the local knitters for your time and talents!

Cribs for Kids Program Partners with Local Agencies

We are excited to announce partnership with the Beaufort County Early Childhood Coalition to promote safe sleeping practices through CAPA's new Cribs for Kids program. The program's mission is to reduce the number of babies dying accidentally because of unsafe sleeping practices by educating parents and caregivers on the importance of safe sleep practices and providing cribs to families who cannot otherwise afford a safe place for their babies to sleep.

The safe sleep message centers around the **ABC's of Safe Sleep** - Your baby needs to sleep Alone, on his/her Back, and in a Crib or safe sleep environment. The following agencies and organizations have partnered with CAPA to promote safe sleeping practices throughout Beaufort County: First Steps, Family, Adult & Children's Educational Services (FACES), BJ EOC Head Start, Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC), Department of Social Services (DSS), New Parent Support Services (military families), PASOS (meaning Steps in Spanish), and Collaborative Organization of Services for Youths (COSY).

These partner agencies will assist CAPA in delivering the safe sleep message throughout Beaufort County. They will also refer clients to CAPA who would benefit from further education on safe sleeping and qualify to receive a portable crib.

If you are interested in getting involved with implementing this program, please contact Gloria Duryea at 843.524.4350. To learn more about the Cribs for Kids program, visit www.cribsforkids.org.



Nothing Refreshes Like a Watermelon

Watermelon is a favorite summer treat and perfect for blazing-hot days. A few months ago, the kids at the shelter were enjoying a juicy watermelon and spitting out the seeds into the yard. Believe it or not, one seed got just the right amount of sun, water and love to sprout!

The vine now winds and twists along the ground and has produced multiple melons. The kids have really enjoyed watching the watermelons grow. It's amazing what the right conditions and a little love can do. CAPA's Open Arms Shelter provides just the right conditions and such love for the kids that stay with us.

Need a Speaker for an Upcoming Meeting?

We always welcome the opportunity to speak to our neighbors about who we are and what we can all do to keep Beaufort's children safe.

Currently, we offer programs on Safe Sleeping Practices for Babies, Internet Safety, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Character Development for Youth, and a General Introduction to CAPA.

Do you belong to a civic group, club or church that wants to learn more about CAPA? Call us today and book us for your next meeting!

Extreme Closet Makeover Coming Soon!

CAPA's Closet Thrift Store will soon have a new home! The thrift store is moving from its current location (next door to Bi-Lo on Parris Island Gateway) to a new location. The move is expected to take place this winter. We need your help to make the move as streamlined as possible. If you love to paint, have a truck and/or a strong back, WE WANT YOU! Please contact Katie Grindle at 843.524.4350 if you are able to help with the move.



will host the following events this fall to benefit CAPA:

19th Annual

GHOST TOURS OF BEAUFORT

October 14-15, 21-23 & 27-30

Downtown Beaufort

Carriage Tour: \$20 adults/\$10 kids

Walking Tour: \$12 all ages

24th Annual

Denim & Pearls Auction

Saturday, November 19

The Shed, Port Royal

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