

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

MISSION

Our mission is to build effective community partnerships dedicated to the support of strong families and the prevention of child abuse and neglect through education, advocacy and coordination of services.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

RealCare Parenting: Educational products developed by Realityworks, Inc., (www.realityworksinc.com) are loaned to schools and community groups to teach young people the consequences of teen parenting and the challenges of caring for an infant.

Atascadero High School Teacher: I believe that the program is definitely an important part of teenage pregnancy prevention. It is not the complete answer — but I use it in an entire semester program. The students do not like the program while they are using the babies — but afterwards they think it is great and are so glad that they participated in it. They feel they learn a tremendous amount about the time, skills, and support that is needed in taking care of a baby. I think that, beyond helping to prevent teenage pregnancy, the RealCare Parenting Program helps prevent future child abuse by teaching how to properly take care of a baby. Yes, the program is still very relevant.

Talking About Touching: A researched-based, age-appropriate curriculum, designed by Committee for Children (www.cfchildren.org) serves 2000+ Kindergarten age children, 2nd Grade Students and their parents.

Parent: I feel strongly that the TAT lessons were effective in making it possible for my 5 yr old to disclose unsafe touching that was occurring. “My daughter came to me and said, Mom, I have a secret about touching. The TAT lessons gave language to what was occurring and my child knew it was not okay to keep secrets about unsafe touching.”

Kindergarten Teacher: I have a 3 yr old and this is the first year I have seen the TAT lessons. This is a great program - now I know how to talk to my own son.

Mandated Reporter of Suspected Child Abuse Training: SLO-CAP delivers presentations and trainings that targets an estimated 25,000+ professionals in San Luis Obispo County identified as Mandated Reporters on the requirements of the Child Abuse Reporting Act

Public Awareness Activities: An annual project with the Cal Poly Art & Design students to develop child abuse prevention public awareness materials.

Postpartum Depression Support Line: The Support Line provides resources and treatment services for pregnant/postpartum women. In addition, we provide workshops targeting the health professionals that serve women with newborns.

Beginnings www.beginningsofslo.org. SLO-CAP provides coordination services for a collaborative of multi-disciplinary professionals to promote the consequences of perinatal alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.

Coastal Tri-Counties Child Abuse Prevention Coalition www.ctc-capc.org. SLO-CAP works with Santa Barbara and Ventura counties to strengthen our approaches in addressing policies and legislative prevention of child abuse and neglect. SLO-CAP provides fiscal and administrative services for the coalition.

Parent Connection of San Luis Obispo County www.sloparents.org. With a grant from the Mental Health Services Act, SLO-CAP manages a web-based resource, county-wide parent education delivery and a Help Line staffed by volunteer parent coaches.

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