



Prevent Child Abuse | New Jersey

It shouldn't hurt to be a child.

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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EVENT AT WARREN HOSPITAL ON APRIL 10, 7-9PM

PHILLIPSBURG, NJ- To mark April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, Warren County Foster and Adoptive Family Services and Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey have joined together to raise awareness about the problem of child abuse. Our featured speaker, Dr. Janet Rosenzweig has appeared as an expert on child and family issues on *The Today Show* and *Good Morning America*. "Prevention can spare kids pain and suffering, spare families pain and suffering, and it can spare the government a lot of money it spends cleaning up the problem after the fact," said Rosenzweig, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse-NJ.

Did you know that?

- 40,000 cases of abuse and neglect reported annually to the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services
- An additional 35,000 cases reported annually where problems placed a child's well-being and growth at risk but did not meet the statutory level of abuse and neglect
- New Jersey spends over \$500 million each year investigating and treating child abuse cases
- Every 11 minutes a child is reported abused or neglected in the United States
- More than 3 children die each day from abuse or neglect
- The annual cost to society of abuse and neglect is estimated at \$94 billion

"Being a foster and adoptive parent, I've seen first hand how devastating child abuse is to children and I'm really excited about being able to spread the word about child abuse prevention," said Laurie Braman, Chairperson Warren County Foster and Adoptive Family Services.

Please join us on Monday, April 10 from 7-9pm at Warren Hospital Auditorium, 185 Roseberry Street in Phillipsburg to learn how you can prevent a child from becoming another victim of abuse or neglect.

For more information visit PCA-NJ's website at www.preventchildabusenj.org or by calling 1-800-CHILDREN. If you suspect abuse or neglect, report it by calling 1-877-NJABUSE.

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About Warren County Foster and Adoptive Family Services

Warren County Foster and Adoptive Family Services (WCFAFS) is a volunteer committee of Foster and Adoptive Family Services a statewide non-profit association that works to meet the special needs of foster and adoptive families in New Jersey and to advocate for improved services. Our association promotes enhanced understanding of foster care and adoption and serves as a catalyst for positive advances in New Jersey's child welfare system.

Members include foster and adoptive parents and other child advocates. Everyone who cares about children is welcome to become a member of Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS).

The association's philosophy is that New Jersey's 12,900+ children in substitute care are the community's children with the same hopes and dreams of all youngsters. FAFS provides one-on-one assistance to foster and adoptive parents statewide as well as providing a variety of newsletters, brochures, correspondence courses, teleconferences and neighborhood-based workshops on a wide variety of subjects to help parents and assist them in navigating the child welfare system. FAFS also sponsors a scholarship awards program, Fostering Wishes for Children, and a Holiday Toy Drive to ensure that every child receives a gift during the holiday season.

Fostering Wishes was started by with a challenge grant by Long Valley Presbyterian Church in 2000. Statewide 90% of all contributions go directly to providing wishes to children in foster care. Foster Children can apply for one wish of up to \$75 per calendar year.

Anyone interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent, or learning more about Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) can contact our toll free hotline at 800-222-0047 or log onto www.FAFSONline.org.

About Prevent Child Abuse-NJ

Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey (PCA-NJ) is a non-profit organization founded in 1979, as the New Jersey affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse America, a national coordinating body for chapters in 38 states. The mission of Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey is to lead statewide efforts to eliminate physical, sexual and emotional child abuse and neglect. By establishing local partnerships, PCA-NJ builds communities, strengthens families and empowers parents through parenting programs, education and training, advocacy and public awareness activities. PCA-NJ offers experts for print and electronic media interviews.

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