

Child Abuse Prevention Center E-news

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Hello

Welcome to the launch of the Child Abuse Prevention Center's e-newsletter. Our e-news may feature the latest information in the field, parenting tips, highlights from special events, a family's journey, a guest columnist, or a call for action to protect children.

We hope you will become involved and inspired *for the life of a child*.

Sheila

Sheila Boxley
President & CEO, Child Abuse Prevention Center

News

Anderson Cooper on Child Sex Abuse Scandal

You may remember the news last year from Los Angeles that elementary school teacher Mark Berndt had been accused of horrific acts against children which went on for many years.

In 2010 Berndt was being investigated; in February 2011 he was suspended and informed he would be fired; in March 2011 he objected to being fired; in June 2011 he settled with the school district to the disgust of the community; in January 2012 he was charged with 23 counts of lewd conduct. The process of removing Berndt was lengthy, costly and left a community devastated. [Click here](#) to see a time line of the steps that were taken to remove Berndt.

Last year, California State Senator Alex Padilla authored a bill that would protect children and communities from predators, streamlining the process of removing a person from our schools who preys on children. When the bill went to California State's Education Committee for a vote - disturbingly, it failed. CNN's program, Anderson Cooper 360, went to the State Capitol to find out what happened. Watch the short video on [YouTube](#).

A new bill, AB 375, authored by Assembly Member Joan Buchanan, was written to address the problems facing school districts so that another community does not need to settle with an employee who has grossly violated the communities' trust. The pending bill reads as follows:

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Current law requires the governing board of a school district to give notice to a permanent employee of its intention to dismiss or suspend the employee, together with a written statement of charges, for unprofessional conduct or unsatisfactory performance, at the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of the notice, unless the employee demands a hearing. This bill would specify that a governing board's notice to an employee of its intention to dismiss or suspend the employee, together with written charges filed or formulated pursuant to those procedures, shall be sufficient to initiate a hearing, as prescribed, and would specify that the governing board shall not be required to file or to serve a separate accusation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[Check here](#) to find out who your Assembly Member is and let them know where you stand when it comes to protecting children.

Special Events



\$208,000! Whew! Raffle and Telethon

"For the Life of a Child" telethon and raffle, seen on Good Day Sacramento raised \$208,000 for prevention programs. Viewers from all over Northern California loved the odds of winning and purchased raffle tickets in

the hope of winning incredible prizes.

The CAP Center limited the number of tickets to only 5,000 - so ticket holders had excellent odds to win one of the thirty-seven prizes that were each valued at \$500 or more. Matt from Elk Grove won the diamond cocktail ring from Sharif Jewelers, which was timely as it was his wife's birthday. Matt said, "The diamond ring was icing on the cake but we are happy that so many people came together for a great cause. I never thought I'd win - we just wanted to help kids." Matt's wife is seen above wearing her beautiful cocktail ring from Sharif Jewelers.

The vision for the telethon and raffle came from Kevin Walsh, President and GM of CBS 13 / CW 13. Kevin wanted not only to raise money, but also to raise awareness about child abuse prevention. Good Day Sacramento did a remarkable job of presenting a difficult topic with grace. Countless staff members at the station worked to make the telethon a huge success.

Families who received services from the CAP Center shared very personal stories to inspire those in similar situations and to create public awareness about the problems associated with child abuse.

Under the leadership of Diana Penna, CBS 13 / CW 31 Community Affairs Director, and Becca Whitman, General Manager of Nelligan Sports, the telethon was an astounding success. Together these incredible community leaders with the CAP Center's Board of Directors, put it all on the line, recruiting sponsors, securing raffle prizes and more. "This was an amazing event; over 90 volunteers joined us at the studio to prevent child abuse. From the viewers, to the sponsors, to the staff at CBS 13 / CW 31, it was magic as everyone worked together for children. And the bonus is that \$208,000 was raised, which can provide direct services to almost 200 vulnerable children before the abuse happens" said Becca Whitman.

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More News

Family Nurturing Center

Recently the CAP Center has just been designated as the Family Nurturing Center for Northern California. Dr. Steven Bavolek, the founder of Nurturing Parenting Program recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been working with the CAP Center for several years. The CAP Center will be the primary training provider in Northern California.

California State Capitol

Two bills are sponsored by the CAP Center, both introduced by Assembly Member Ken Cooley. [AB 845](#), which would require Shaken Baby Syndrome information to be distributed in hospitals, and [AB 883](#), which would establish child sexual abuse prevention and intervention programs to be instituted in counties. Both were heard Tuesday, April 30th.

In-N-Out Burger

Thank you to [In-N-Out Burger](#) for their support of the CAP Center and funding of Child Abuse Prevention Month materials.

Anne Marie Schubert

The CAP PAC is proud to announce that it is endorsing [Anne Marie Schubert](#) for District Attorney, Sacramento California. Ms. Schubert is recognized as one of the state's top prosecutors. She has prosecuted over 100 jury trials, including murder, sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence.

Shop!

Did you know that you can help build healthy families and prevent child abuse just by shopping online?

If you shop online, please shop through the [CAP Center](#) shopping portal. A percentage from your purchase will be donated to the CAP Center from more than 3,000 national retailers. It takes less than a minute to download the CAP Center's shopping portal. You can shop safely online and your total amount donated will be compiled for your tax records.

CAP Center Programs

Fun in the Sun

Coast Guard & Safe Kids California

On May 19, Safe Kids California, in partnership with Safe Kids Greater Sacramento, California Boating and Waterways and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, will be hosting the first Safe Kids Day event at Discovery Park in Sacramento. It is one day designated to celebrate children, to shine a light on childhood injury prevention, and to raise funds.

Because summer is approaching and drowning is the leading cause of death of children ages 1-4 in Sacramento and in California, we will focus our activities on drowning prevention and water safety.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct vessel safety checks and California Boating and Waterways will distribute free life jackets. Radio Disney will be on hand with fun activities for kids while we teach parents the ABC's of drowning prevention, a program developed at the CAP Center through the Safe Beginnings Collaborative. Dinger, the River Cats mascot will make an appearance.

Safe Kids California will also host a booth with many of our injury prevention materials and safety tips on display.

Accidental child injury is the #1 killer of children age 0-14, but like child abuse, it is preventable with education and the right equipment.

Please visit our [Safe Kids Day](#) website to learn more or contact ksmith@thecapcenter.org.

About the CAP Center

The CAP Center

For more than thirty-five years, the Child Abuse Prevention Center (CAP Center) has been dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect.

Located in Sacramento California, the CAP Center is a 24,000 square-foot state-of-the-art training, resource and administrative facility that is home to child abuse prevention and child safety agencies.

Governed by a single board of directors, each organization takes a different but complementary approach to prevent child abuse and keep children safe. The CAP Center is home to California Family Resource Association, Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento, Lift the Children, Prevent Child Abuse California and is the lead agency for Safe Kids California.

Annually the CAP Center serves nearly 140,000 children in California, nationally and internationally.

Child abuse is America's number one public health crisis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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