

### **2007 Shaken Baby Prevention**

**SB 468/825 (Padilla):** Through the State Child Death Review Committee and a grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, a Prevent Team was formed to research Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention efforts in the United States. This team, including Sheila Anderson, CEO of PCA CA traveled to Chapel Hill, North Carolina to meet with some of the top researchers in the field on two separate occasions. This team concluded that the Dias model, a hospital based prevention program would be the most appropriate way for California to work in preventing these tragic cases. SB 468 was written to create a pilot program in up to 10 California counties to test the Dias model in our state. The bill would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to establish the program and evaluate its effectiveness over three years. Funding for the pilot program (approximately \$500,000 per year) would be taken from the State Children's Trust Fund, which had a surplus of funds when the bill was introduced.

PCA CA worked with CDSS on a series of amendments that would provide the Department with more flexibility and added specific language to allow for private funds to be used in addition to the Trust Fund. PCA CA and CDSS came to agreement in August 2007, just days prior to the deadline for bills to move out of fiscal committees. SB 468 was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, in part because, the agreed upon amendments did not go to print.

Shaken Baby Syndrome was given new life again in 2008 when Senator Padilla once again authored a near identical bill, SB 825. Using the agreed upon language, SB 825 hit the ground running in 2008 with quick passage through the Senate. Unfortunately, It met the same demise as the previous year when it was held in Assembly Appropriations Committee due to the State Budget concerns.