



**Coordinating Council
for Children in Crisis, Inc.**

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Ending Child Abuse Begins With You



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Our Vision, Mission, Values...



Our Vision

CCCC envisions a safe family and community environment for all, free of abuse, neglect and violence.

Our Mission

CCCC works to prevent abuse, neglect and victimization across the life span and to serve those affected by providing home visiting and outreach, parenting education, family strengthening activities, counseling and advocacy to children and adults.

CCCC values...

...the right to live in an environment free from violence and physical, sexual and emotional abuse and neglect.

...the protection of children and the enhancement of their healthy development.

...accessible, coordinated and comprehensive services that support and strengthen families.

...the potential of all community members to make a contribution, however large or small, to promote the growth and development of individuals, children and families.

...justice, equality and the diversity of each individual.

Those We Serve

- ◆ Children who have been physically or sexually abused, neglected or who have witnessed domestic violence
- ◆ Infants and toddlers at-risk for child abuse or neglect
- ◆ Parents who have histories of mental illness, domestic abuse, substance abuse or homelessness
- ◆ Adults who are victims of elder abuse, robbery, assault, hate and bias crimes
- ◆ Students, parents, and professionals seeking training in the prevention, identification and response to child abuse and domestic violence

We'd Like You To Know



Dear Friends,

This past year has brought about a paradigm shift in our thinking about child abuse. Our mission has been to prevent child abuse and neglect, but can we possibly consider ending child abuse? At our annual retreat, responses to this question were unanimous - YES, child abuse is preventable and YES, we can end child abuse. This is our vision.

Our new programs over the past year represent CCCC's renewed commitment to our mission and focus on healthy child development and breaking the cycle of violence in our society. Our Teen Outreach Program empowers 8th grade students and prevents academic failure, teen pregnancy and other unhealthy behaviors. Another new program, the South Central Medical Home Initiative, provides care coordination services to children and youth with special health care needs. Integrated Family Violence Services help Dads to understand the impact their behavior has on their children. These new, exciting programs, combined with our core family strengthening services, signify our unwavering dedication to meet the needs of the most vulnerable while preparing future generations to live with compassion for one another.

We now pledge to increase our community awareness efforts and continue our campaign to end child abuse. We look forward to continued changes in attitudes toward parenting, more primary prevention programs for children and families and the proactive involvement of a community that wants to safeguard its future. We have the knowledge and the tools. Now we need you. **What will you do today to end child abuse?**

Cheryl Burack, M.S.
Executive Director

Louise Zito, Esq.
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How We Are Ending Child Abuse

PROMOTING HEALTHY PARENTING

“I love getting the information about children and their development stages. I want to be further educated so that I can be a good mom.”

Parent Education Program strengthens families through home-based parenting skills instruction, child development information, role modeling, family advocacy, and linkage to other community resources.

Nurturing Families Network offers a comprehensive array of primary prevention home visiting services to first-time parents, including developmental screenings, parenting education and the promotion of positive parent-child interactions.

The Parenting Support and Parental Rights Initiative educates parents with psychiatric disabilities about their parental rights and responsibilities, mental illness and symptom management, and helps them to maintain custody of their children through home-based parenting skill training, group support and peer mentoring.



RAISING HEALTHY CHILDREN

“What a tremendous difference you have made in their lives! They now have self-confidence and know how to manage their emotions appropriately.”

South Central Medical Home Initiative for Children and Youth with Special Health Care links children and youth with special health care needs and their families to services and resources in a coordinated effort to achieve good health.

[New Program!]

Food Bank and Diapers ensures that a family’s basic needs are met and are available to families throughout the year.



NURTURING FAMILY BONDS

“We have sat down as a family to do art projects and now the children want to spend more time together as a family rather than watching TV. I feel more connected to my children and they are more connected to us.”



Integrated Family Violence Services focuses on restoring, repairing and healing family relationships through safety planning, parenting education, counseling and referrals. **[New Program!]**

Nurturing Parenting Group provides a supportive and stable environment for parents to connect with other parents and learn about healthy and appropriate parenting techniques and child development.

Motheread/Fatheread is a family literacy class that teaches comprehension, critical thinking and speaking skills while helping parents and children explore their own needs and feelings through the use of multicultural children's literature.



Family Appreciation Day brings CCCC staff members and families together for a picnic full of family and children's games and activities.

COLLABORATING TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES

“I like to be around my children now and it makes me happy to see them laugh again. Along with our new locks, house alarm and new phone numbers, I can gladly say we have new attitudes and are excited for a new beginning.”



Neighborhood Victim Advocacy Program, in coordination with the New Haven and East Haven Departments of Police Services, increases the safety of crime victims and helps them to stabilize their lives after experiencing trauma through psycho-education, counseling, safety planning, and assistance with the court system.

The Family Support Collaborative, in partnership with ALSO-Cornerstone, serves children at-risk of child abuse whose parents are homeless, have a psychiatric disability, substance abuse problem, or cognitive limitation through parenting skills education, advocacy, supportive housing and case management.

New Haven Family Partnership, in collaboration with Also/Cornerstone, The Connection, Inc. and New Haven Home Recovery, provides case management, safety planning, and counseling to families that are currently or at-risk of becoming homeless and who are coping with HIV/AIDS, mental illness, substance abuse or other challenges.



EMPOWERING YOUTH

“Gravity is a must!
Don’t let it pull you down!”

Teen Outreach Program, in partnership with Augusta Lewis Troup Academy, is a positive youth development and service learning initiative focused on preventing risk factors that contribute to school drop-out, academic failure and teen pregnancy.

[New Program!]

Child Empowerment Groups equip children with the knowledge and skills to cope with trauma, reduce isolation and enhance resiliency.

Healthy Relationships Educational Groups work to reduce dating and domestic violence by helping students develop leadership skills and explore a sense of shared responsibility to friends and community.

Back to School Party celebrates the start of the new academic year with fun activities and delicious food. Each child receives a new backpack full of school supplies.



INCREASING COMMUNITY AWARENESS



Back
to
School
Party



Family
Appreciation
Day





The Annual
Richard Manware
Humanitarian
Award
Breakfast



Holiday Adopt-A-Family Program



Dine Out at Frank Pepe Pizzeria



BAR's Real Ale Festival

Our Numbers

Participant Information (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008)

Number of New Children and Adults Referred: 1,264



Children's Ages

Birth - 5	47%
6 - 12	38%
13 - 17	15%



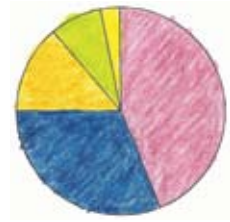
Participant Ethnicity

African American	35%
Hispanic	33%
Caucasian	26%
Other	6%



Reason for Referral

Domestic Violence	52%
Family Strengthening	21%
Special Health Care Needs	14%
Abuse	6%
Other	7%

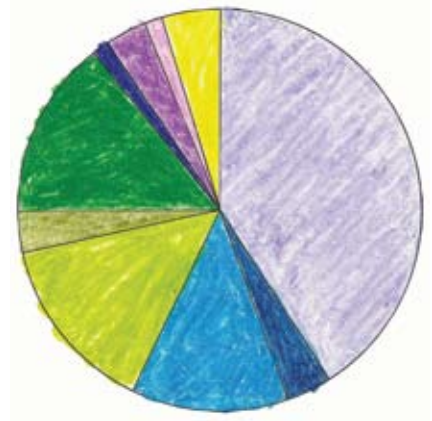


Referral Source

Protective Services	44%
Law Enforcement	31%
Health	14%
Self	8%
Other	3%

Revenue (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008)

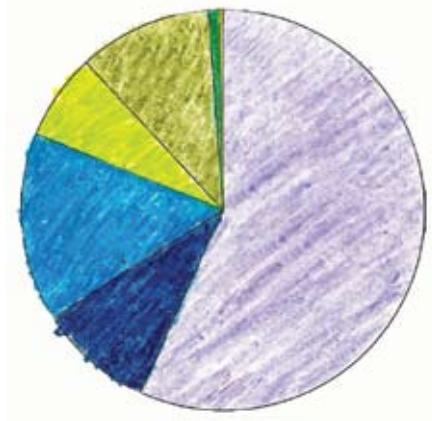
CT Dept. of Children and Families	875,165
CT Dept. of Mental Health/Addiction	75,800
CT Office of Victim Services	266,981
CT Children's Trust Fund	308,996
CT Dept. of Social Services	71,800
CT Dept. of Public Health	312,478
United Way of Greater New Haven	31,804
New Haven Home Recovery Subcontract	67,054
Special Events	28,717
Other	103,680



Total 2,142,475

Expenses (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008)

Salaries	1,211,427
Fringe Benefits	197,732
Travel, Supplies, Training	327,077
Facility Costs	147,881
Administrative Expenses	233,931
Consulting/Subcontracts	20,864
Special Events	3,563



Total 2,142,475

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There are many ways you can help. Your support can come in various forms:

- Individual donations
- United Way designated contributions
- Donations in honor or in memory of an individual
- Support of our annual events
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Keith Wortz, currently Co-Vice Chairperson and Chair of our Development Committee, has been an active and dedicated member on our board of directors for six years. His commitment to our mission and focus on supporting the development needs of CCCC makes Keith an exemplary supporter of CCCC and worthy of the 2007 Board Member of the Year award.

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