



**Prevent Child Abuse
Indiana**

A Division of The Villages

The Role of Prevention Councils

Prevent Child Abuse Indiana believes the most effective approach to reducing child abuse and neglect is to maintain a statewide network of volunteers to work on behalf of child abuse prevention in communities throughout Indiana. Chartered Councils can ensure that there is a unified and continuous voice advocating for child abuse prevention services and programs throughout Indiana. Working partnerships between **Prevent Child Abuse** Indiana and local Councils involve information sharing, technical assistance, resource development, program implementation, advocacy, and decision making.

Often Councils begin by assessing their community to see what services are available related to children and what services are lacking. They also form around the development of activities for the month of April -- the designated month pertaining to child abuse and neglect as declared by the Governor.

Many Councils are involved in educating their communities and their school-age children about child abuse and neglect. They provide programs, join with other community organizations as advocates for children, host activities at their county fairs, host candidate debates for public offices overseeing children, do media campaigns to educate their communities, and fundraising.

Councils choose one of two organizational structures; either they obtain their own corporate and tax exempt status, or they operate as a part of another nonprofit organization. Either of these options allow a Council to apply for grant funding and to do fundraising activities to support their activities.

As projects are determined through the Council's Annual Plan, additional people in the community are asked to assist in the success of specific projects. This allows a more diversified base to accomplish activities to protect children and strengthen families and continues to expand the message to all levels in the local community.

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Responsibilities to Chartered Prevention Councils

Prevent Child Abuse Indiana (PCAI) provides the following resources and support to Chartered Councils to strengthen prevention efforts in local communities:

- Offer on-site visits at least once annually.
- Offer ongoing technical assistance from PCAI staff via email, on-site support, regular meetings, and publications for local Councils. Specific assistance and resources may include, but not be limited to:
 - Public Policy Education
 - Council Development
 - Media and Public Relations
 - Fundraising
 - Board and Volunteer Development
 - Special Event Planning
 - Guest Speakers for Special Events
 - Program Development
 - Prevention Education
 - *Additional resources and services may be provided on a fee-for-services basis.*
- Authorize use of the PCAI logo, tag lines, and camera-ready art - providing they are used consistently within established guidelines.
- Annually provide one set of the Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Awareness Month materials to each PCAI Chartered Council at no charge.
- Give PCAI Chartered Councils access to a toll-free phone line for consultation. (888-542-7064 ext. 18)
- Include each PCAI Chartered Council's name and contact information on the PCAI website and appropriate communications to the public.
- Plan, facilitate, and evaluate regional and statewide training/retreats for all Councils.
- Provide training and tools to enhance the PCAI Councils' capacity to be an effective and leading advocate for child abuse prevention in their communities.
- Provide regular communications of Council-related materials; e.g., Council Directories, Council Profiles, appropriate communications from PCAA – including Position Statements, research articles, and resource materials.



Expectations of Prevent Child Abuse Indiana Chartered Prevention Councils

- Be a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt organization or be affiliated with an established community organization or agency that is tax exempt
- Be knowledgeable of child abuse trends and issues
- Understand and be able to articulate the basics of primary prevention
- Listen to and know the community that they represent and identify local prevention needs
- Involve all sectors of local community as Council leaders and participants
- Participate actively in PCAI activities planned for Councils; contribute to Council Courier and network with other Councils
- Send Council members to PCAI retreats and workshops
- Pay an annual \$ 150.00 chartering fee by December 1st
- Distribute PCAI prevention informational materials
- Schedule and co-sponsor one Prevention Education Series program annually
- Sponsor a public awareness activity in April (memorial vigil, blue ribbon day)
- Provide feedback about local priorities and concerns
- Act as advocates with local, public officials and media
- Raise funds and other resources needed to support local prevention activities