



## A Look Ahead

### **Prevention That Works!**

Next year, 2017, we will celebrate 35 years of prevention leadership under the banner of Prevent Child Abuse America. Throughout those years, we have met with some great success! We led the charge to grow and sustain the premier early childhood home visiting program--Healthy Families New York--and have done ground-breaking work on child sexual abuse through the Enough Abuse New York campaign. Prevention works! We can build strong families and communities that nurture and protect children. We are so grateful for the thousands of partners who have worked with us to achieve these successes, but we still have a great deal of work to do.

### **The coming year--partnership, programming and policy**

The number of communities actively engaging in prevention is growing! During the past year we achieved 100% county participation in New York State with our outreach campaigns. Prevent Child Abuse New York continues to focus on targeted strategic partnerships that position us to expand and solidify this growth.

This year we are specifically targeting growth in Healthy Families New York training, Enough Abuse NY and Pinwheels for Prevention campaigns. We have secured additional funding and continue to build support for these ongoing programs.

And finally, our advocacy future is so much larger than our current footprint. Prevention spans multiple disciplines from health and law enforcement to social work and education. Each of these fields offer policy opportunities where we can make a difference for families and communities. While many decisions are made at a state legislature level, much of this policy work happens at a community level. PCANY is moving to engage both state and community policy makers in new ways.

### **What can we really hope to accomplish?**

When we are faced with a near-constant array of tragic stories about children being harmed, what can we really hope to achieve? We believe we can see fewer children killed by abuse each year. We believe that we can have fewer children derailed by the impact of domestic violence, homelessness and substance abuse. And, we believe that every community in the state can actively be educating adults about how to protect children from sexual abuse. We believe in a future where our children are free from abuse and neglect. We hope that you will join us in securing that future for the children of New York State.

To keep up to date on all of the latest developments during this exciting 35th year of growth and prevention, follow us on Facebook (@preventchildabuseny), Twitter (@PCA\_NY) and sign up for our e-news blast on our website [preventchildabuseny.org](http://preventchildabuseny.org)