

FCCAP MISSION

Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear.
—Nelson Mandela



Child Abuse Prevention Councils are legislated in the Welfare and Institution Code section 18980 of the State of California mandating every county (58) to establish a Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) to carry out specific legislated functions within that county with the mission to **coordinate community efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect**. FCCAP along with other California CAPCs are required to fulfill this challenging mission per these objectives: (1) Provide a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment and legal processing for child abuse cases; (2) Promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children and the resources available for intervention and treatment; (3) Encourage and facilitate training of professionals in the detection, treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect; (4) Recommend improvements in services to families and victims; (5) Encourage and facilitate community support for child abuse and neglect programs.

FCCAP continues to serve in a leadership role for the Central California Coalition of Child Abuse Prevention Councils since 2012. As illustrated below, children in the central valley are at a very high risk of child maltreatment issues due to poverty.

1 in 4 California children live in poverty!

There are 8 counties in the Central California Coalition of CAPC's.

6 of the 8 have the highest poverty rates not only in California, but in the nation:

1. Fresno - 38.9%
2. Kings - 38.5%
3. Merced - 38.1%
4. Tulare - 38%
5. Kern - 33.6%
6. Madera - 30.7%



FCCAP BOARD & STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Sandra J. Yovino, RN, BSN, MHA



Sandra joined the Board in 2013 and for the past three years has served as the President. Her leadership and commitment to children has improved prevention education programming by advocating for more collaborative impact between health care professionals. Sandra has been instrumental in the development and implementation of child abuse prevention education materials such as crib hangers which are distributed at all participating birthing hospitals. She also coordinated the 2015 April Seminar between CRMC and UCSF providing local expertise in critical child endangerment issues such as domestic violence, gang violence, sexual predators, cyber safety, trauma, and mental health. The event sold out in one week and was the most successful seminar in FCCAP's history.

Debra Bekerian, Ph. D.



Dr. Bekerian has volunteered for FCCAP since 2007 and joined the FCCAP Board in 2014. Bekerian has assisted FCCAP with program development for child abuse prevention and intervention with an emphasis on child sexual abuse and the pediatric death reviews. Her expertise and leadership in the research and development of new programs to improve services to children and families living in violence in Fresno County has been a tremendous help in connecting agencies to work together and understanding the correlation between domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse and animal abuse.

Rodney Lowery, BA, M. Div.



Rodney joined the FCCAP Board in 2014 because his years of experience in Law Enforcement and his current role as the Executive Director of the Fresno Police Chaplaincy (FPC) was a perfect fit for child abuse prevention efforts and addressing ACEs – Adverse Childhood Experiences. FPC is the only chaplaincy that is responding to runaways and then following up with mentorship with programs such as RISE (Resilience In Student Education) and STEALTH (Stop Teen Exploitation and Liberate Through Hope). These programs address the interpersonal and intrapersonal development of students beginning in the first grade and bring hope into the lives of at-risk youth through education, intervention and mentorship. Without these programs, many of these kids would be out on the streets and a prime target for gangs who have taken up human trafficking as their number one resource and they prey on runaways.

Nancy Perez, Prevention Education Coordinator



Nancy joined FCCAP in June 2015 and has trained over 11,000 individuals in child abuse prevention in Fresno County. Born and raised in the town of Mendota, Nancy attended Head Start for two years and credits the program for providing a solid foundation for learning. Nancy has two degrees from CSU Fresno – BS in Child Development and a BA in Chicano Studies, and is bilingual fluent in Spanish. She has a Child Development Master Teacher Permit and is completing Fresno State's Teaching Credential Program.

PREVENTION PARTNERS

Because of the complexity and scope of child maltreatment, it takes many disciplines and services working collaboratively to intervene and prevent further abuse. FCCAP acknowledges the importance of each and every one of our "partners in prevention" because it takes the support of an entire community to protect children and keep them safe and healthy. *Thank you all!*

3 RS Group Home	Fresno County Sheriff
Alliant University	Fresno Department of Social Services
American Ambulance	Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
Area 2 Head Start	Fresno Housing Authority
Aspiranet	Fresno Pacific University
Assessment, Training and Research Associates	Fresno Police Department
Association of United Latina Providers of Fresno County	Fresno Survivors of Suicide Loss
Attachment Parenting International	Fresno Unified School District
Fresno Chapter Behavioral Sciences Institute– CSU Fresno	Fresno Unified Student Support Services
Bethany Christian Services	Garden Way Head Start
Bethel Christian Center	Generational Changes Inc.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central California	Hands On Central California
Big Sandy Rancheria	Hinds Hospice
Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County	Jack & Jill's Learning Center
California Health Collaborative	JDT Consultants
California Highway Patrol	Kastner Intermediate
California Psychological Institute	Kerman Unified School District
California State University, Fresno	Kids Can 2
California Teaching Fellows	Kids Kasa Foster Care, Inc.
CAPMC - Head Start	Kings Canyon Unified School District
Care Fresno	Kings View Youth Empowerment Center
Caruthers Head Start	Marjaree Mason Center
CASA of Fresno & Madera Counties	Mendota Migrant Head Start
Catholic Charities	Mendota Unified School District
Center for Advanced Research & Technology	Merced Parent Institute
Central California Autism Center	National Active & Retired Federal Employees
Central Unified School District	New Connections
Central Valley Regional Center	New Life Discovery
Centro Binacional Para El Desarrollo	North Star Family Center
Indigena Oaxaqueño	Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Centro La Familia	Owen's Valley Career Development Center
Children's Learning Center	Parlier Migrant Child Care Center
Children's Services Network	Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
City of Reedley	Proteus Inc.
Clovis Community Medical Center	Quality Foster Care
Clovis Police Department	Reading and Beyond
Clovis Unified School District	Reedley Police Department
College Assistance Migrant Program, CSUF	Safe Kids
Community Care Licensing	San Joaquin Valley Veterans
Community Regional Medical Center	South West Transportation
Dakota Circle Head Start	Stone Soup
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center	Supportive Services Incorp.
Education and Leadership Foundation	Teach and Tutor
Exceptional Parents Unlimited	The ARC Fresno
Fig Garden Library	Transitions Children's Services
Focus Forward	Turning Point
Franklin Head Start	UCSF Fresno Center for Medical Education & Research
Fresno Barrios Unidos	Uplift Family Services
Fresno Building Healthy Communities	Upward Bound – Coalinga
Fresno County Board of Supervisors	Upward Bound – Reedley
Fresno County Child Health and Disability Prevention	Valley Children's Healthcare
Fresno County Department of Public Health	Valley Children's Medical Group
Fresno County District Attorney's Office	Web Dubois Public Charter School
Fresno County Family Child Care Association	West Hills College
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	WestCare
	Where the Garden Grows Preschool
	WIC-United Health Centers
	Yosemite Head Start

2016-17 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & INTERVENTION SERVICES

- 15,970 – Child Abuse Pamphlets distributed
- 2,932 – Children trained in Talking About Touching
- 2,174 – Professionals trained in Mandated Reporting
- 827 – Children trained in Internet Safety Risks
- 258 – RT/OCAP/LCF
- 198 – Information and Referral Calls
- 188 – Resource Posters distributed
- 84 – Adults trained in Alternative Discipline
- 67 – Adults trained in Internet Safety Risks
- 66 – Adults trained in Stewards of Children
- 65 – Adults trained in Child Abuse and Neglect
- 50 – Pediatric Death Reviews
- 39 – Other Trainings (Fresno State)

22,918 – TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICES

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE FOR JULY 2016-JUNE 2017

GRANTS

Fresno Co. Children's Trust Fund\$231,786
 Fansler Foundation\$45,240
 Children's Bureau \$27,333
 Farmworkers Enterprise Foundation\$1,500

REVENUE FOR TRAININGS

MDRT, SOC, TAT, AD, CA, ISR \$10,862

CONTRIBUTIONS

Year End Memberships\$1,066
 Phi Omega Alpha\$566
 FCCAP Board Members\$2,500
 April Campaign\$467
 New Covenant Church\$395

OTHER

Miscellaneous Income \$1,651

TOTAL REVENUE.....\$323,366

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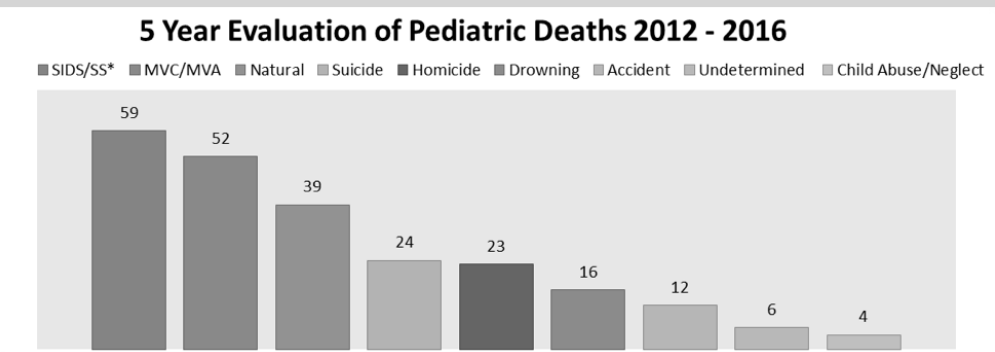
Victoria Sarabia, BA
 Prevention Educator



Inspired by his experiences while serving in the Peace Corps, John Scholefield, M.D., became a pediatrician and has dedicated himself for over 34 years to caring for and protecting the health of vulnerable children. Scholefield spent more than 20 years practicing pediatrics in a rural/poverty private practice before joining the faculty at the UCSF Medical Education Program in 1994. While working with many high-risk and underserved children and families, he recognized that caring for a child's total health goes beyond addressing their physical needs and that is why he is dedicated to ensuring their psychosocial and emotional needs are identified and met. Since 1981, Scholefield has been an active member of the Board of the Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention (FCCAP) and was instrumental in the development and implementation of several child abuse intervention and prevention programs such as the Multi-disciplinary Interview Center, Pediatric Death Review, and Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Education. He officially retired from the FCCAP Board in June 2017 but continues to consult and participate in program development and intervention.

Thank you Dr. Scholefield for your many years of outstanding service to children at risk.

FCCAP facilitates the **Pediatric Death Review Committee** for Fresno County through the Coroner's Office. We utilize the protocol and strategies from the National Child Death Review to better understand why children die so that we may take action through prevention education forums to protect children and prevent other child deaths. It is estimated that for every one child that dies from a preventable cause, approximately 100 other children are in danger of that same fatal illness or injury. FCCAP is evaluating a five-year study of child deaths in Fresno County from the Coroner's Office, under the guidance of Dr. Debra Bekerian - see chart below. The most common cause of death in infants is SIDS/SUIDS - Sudden Infant Death Syndrome/Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Syndrome and/or a combination of Safe Sleeping issues. FCCAP provides information to new parents on how to keep their newborn safe and healthy during the first few years of life. Pictured at top is the PDRC leadership from the Coroner's Office (Lt. Mark Padilla, Dr. Venu Gopal, Dr. Michael Chambliss and Dep. Coroner, Kelly Matlock).



It is with immense gratitude that FCCAP acknowledges the outstanding support of **The Fansler Foundation** for over 10 years of funding FCCAP's child abuse prevention education programs. In particular, The Fansler Foundation has awarded funding to support FCCAP's Mandated Reporter Training Program since 2008 and more recently began supporting our Internet Safety Risks training in 2016. Keeping Mandated Reporters educated on how to detect and report child abuse and neglect is imperative for early intervention to stop maltreatment as early as possible and prevent suffering and provide referral of supportive services for the family.



As a follow-up to the **September Roundtable** on Teen Suicide, FCCAP coordinated this preview of an 8-hour training for Mental Health First Aid, from a certified trainer. Just as CPR helps assist an individual having a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) helps assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. The MHFA course teaches risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help. As adults, we sometimes forget how hard it was being an adolescent. When we see troubled youth at school, we might think they choose to be that way or that it's just part of adolescence. But in fact, they might be in a mental health crisis and a teacher has an opportunity to be that child's life line. There are two types of trainings - adult and youth - and in English or Spanish. Topics covered include: depression and mood disorders; anxiety disorders; trauma; psychosis; and substance use disorders.

Visit <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org> for more info.

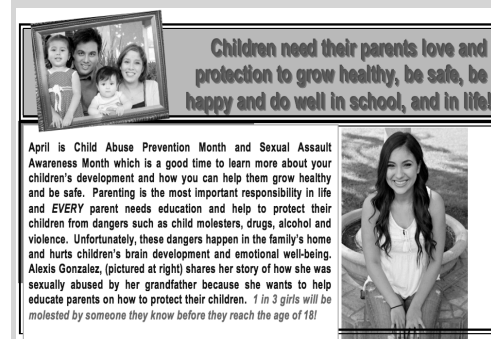
January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. FCCAP staff stay involved with Human Trafficking issues because the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is closely related to sex trafficking. Studies indicate the age of entrance into sex trafficking and commercial exploitation is approximately 12 to 16 years. By virtue of their young age, youth are vulnerable to manipulation and exploitation, because they have limited life experiences, and immature prefrontal cortex with limited ability to control impulses or think critically about alternative actions. Runaway and homeless youth, as well as thrown away youth, are at especially high risk, as are children with a history of sexual or physical abuse or neglect, those from families with other dysfunction, including youth with a history of juvenile justice or child protective services involvement, and those who are lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender or questioning. Youth with substance use problems, behavioral and mental health problems, or learning disabilities are at an increased risk, as are girls associated with gangs and children living in regions with high crime rates, adult prostitution, or poverty and areas with transient male populations, i.e. military bases, truck stops, convention centers.



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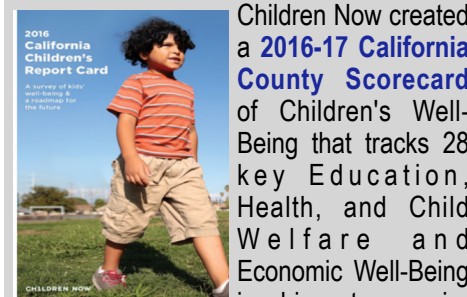
Male and female victims of trafficking and CSEC may be recruited by peers, relatives, or strangers who groom children and seduce them with promises of love, money, attention, acceptance, jobs, acting/modeling opportunities, drugs, or other desirables. Recruitment usually begins over the Internet using social media or may involve face-to-face encounters.

Fresno is ranked as the 5th largest city for sex trafficking, therefore there is a critical need to educate professionals, parents and children on the risks of sexual abuse and how predators manipulate victims.



FCCAP coordinated our first **Spanish Press Conference** to target Hispanic families which are the largest child population and thus educate parents and professionals on how to keep children healthy and safe. Pictured above are attendees at the conference and a sample of the magazine ad in English which was published in Spanish in local Spanish magazines. Special thanks to Maria Rangel for organizing this event.

Each spring, **Comprehensive Youth Services (CYS)** hosts a luncheon to honor several outstanding individuals from our community who have championed the rights of all children in our community to grow up in safe and loving homes. These child advocates are nominated by their peers to receive this honor and funds raised through the event provide counseling and other supportive services at **CYS** to help children who have experienced abuse and neglect to heal from past traumas and lead happier, healthier lives. This year, FCCAP Director, Esther Franco, received the **CYS Award**. Pictured with Franco in the top row are FCCAP staff, Sylvia Estrada and Nancy Perez. Seated in the front row are volunteers Judy Murillo, Alexis Gonzalez and Sam Chernabaeff.

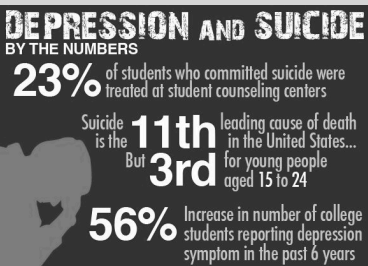
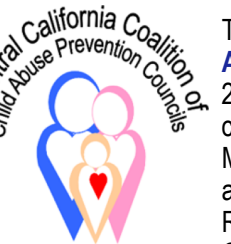


Children Now created a **2016-17 California County Scorecard** of Children's Well-Being that tracks 28 key Education, Health, and Child Welfare and Economic Well-Being indicators in California, across 58 counties, over time, and by race and ethnicity. By providing a robust snapshot of children's well-being, the Scorecard encourages the discovery of best practices, fosters collaboration, and supports action by communities, policymakers, and advocates. Visit the **public website** at <http://pub.childrennow.org/2016/county/fresno/> to view your county's data. Quick facts for Fresno County include:

- 280,951 children live in Fresno county
- 39% of children live in poverty
- 36% of families can afford basic living expenses
- \$40,214 is the average family income for this county
- Ethnicity is 63% Latino, 20% White, 5% African-American, 9% Asian, 3% Other

JUL 2016 AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN 2017 FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

The **Central California Coalition of Child Abuse Prevention Councils** was formed in 2005 and is currently comprised of eight counties (Fresno, Kern, Kings, Merced, Madera, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare) and two regional hospitals, Community Regional Medical Centers and Valley Children's Hospital. However, when funding for a Regional Coordinator was cut in 2011, Cathy Long-Page (San Joaquin County) and Esther Franco (Fresno County) stepped up to reform the Coalition and have volunteered serving as President and Vice-President to lead regional meetings. The mission of the Coalition is to provide a forum for collaboration of the CAPCs in order to prevent child abuse and neglect in Central California by providing a network for council members to share information, exchange ideas and support and to update on innovative programs or developments. By providing a united voice, we can advocate for resource development for the Central Valley and link up with other coalitions across the state and nation.



The first **Children's Advocates Roundtable** of the fiscal year was scheduled in September which is **Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**. Unfortunately, findings from the PDRC revealed a dramatic increase in teen (11 to 17 year olds) suicides in the calendar year of 2016 for a total of 12 deaths which demonstrated a 300% increase over the previous eight years of child death review history. The mission of the Roundtable forum is to address current issues affecting children and families in Fresno County primarily through multi-disciplinary collaborative discussion and implementation of change within the systems of child abuse prevention, intervention and treatment. It is unknown whether child maltreatment or other adverse childhood experiences were the causal factors in these pediatric suicides. However, in an effort to prevent further child deaths and offer comprehensive grief support to surviving family and friends, FCCAP arranged for the Fresno Survivors of Suicide Loss to present their specialized program within the Hinds Hospice Center for Grief and Healing. This presentation was given by Kelly Orender, Program Director.



Prenatal substance abuse continues to be a significant problem in our country and our community which poses critical health risks for the developing fetus. FCCAP hosted a meeting with health professionals to discuss the scope of work in addressing the effects of prenatal substance exposure for the most commonly drugs used such as: Nicotine, Alcohol, Marijuana, Opiates, Cocaine, and Methamphetamine. Almost all drugs are known to cross the placenta and have some effect on the fetus, both short and long-term. The objective of the discussion was collaboration of a county-wide intervention and prevention education campaign targeting girls and women of child bearing ages. FCCAP is researching other successful campaigns such as the 049 (Zero for 9 Months) Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day because alcohol causes the most damage to the fetus.

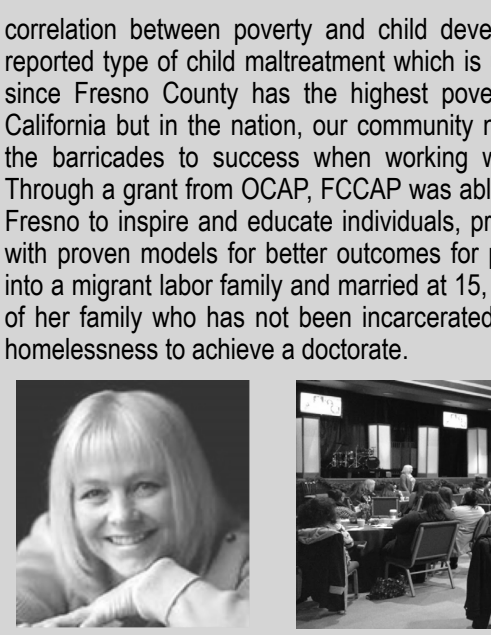
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

If you're pregnant, don't drink. If you drink, don't get pregnant.

A baby's life shouldn't begin with detox.

HEROIN

Every 19 minutes, an opioid addicted baby is born in the United States.



OCAP Poverty Conference. Since January is Poverty in America Awareness Month, it was an opportune time for children's advocates to convene and discuss the causal factors and correlation between poverty and child development. Neglect is the most reported type of child maltreatment which is usually a result of poverty and since Fresno County has the highest poverty rates (38.9%) not only in California but in the nation, our community needs to learn how to address the barricades to success when working with families living in poverty. Through a grant from OCAP, FCCAP was able to bring Dr. Donna Beegle to Fresno to inspire and educate individuals, professionals, and organizations with proven models for better outcomes for people living in poverty. Born into a migrant labor family and married at 15, Dr. Beegle is the only member of her family who has not been incarcerated and moved from 28 years of homelessness to achieve a doctorate.



FCCAP was asked to kick-off a new regional program from **Strategies 2.0** and received a **"Learning Communities Facilitator"** grant to provide trainings in the Central Valley. The first step was coordinating a Cafe Conversation to discuss critical child maltreatment issues in the Central Valley. Dr. Jackie Ryle facilitated the process. Attendees included key stakeholders such as Comprehensive Youth Services, Valley Children's Hospital, Barrios Unidos, and Centro La Familia.



Spring 2017 was a banner year for FCCAP's **Talking About Touching (TAT)** program thanks to Kings Canyon Unified School District Superintendent, Juan Garza, who arranged for all students in Kinder, First and Second grade to receive the 3-day TAT Training at all 12 elementary schools. TAT is a research based, age appropriate curriculum designed by the *Committee for Children*, (leaders in social and emotional learning) that teaches young children basic skills to keep themselves safe from dangerous or abusive situations (including child sexual abuse) and supports families and teachers in discussing sensitive but critical issues.

