



Prevent Child Abuse
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Protecting Our Children and Strengthening Families Focus of Annual Conference

BATON ROUGE – Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Louisiana will hold its 22nd Annual “Kids Are Worth It!” Conference beginning Wednesday, February 27, 2008, through Friday, February 29, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Select in Baton Rouge.

Continuing education credits will be provided for licensed professional counselors, social workers, daycare providers, employees of the state Office of Community Services, foster parents, substance abuse counselors, attorneys and psychologists.

Highlights of the conference **include a presentation by Texas District Attorney John Bradley, a nationally-known speaker and expert on Internet Safety issues**, who will encourage attendees to become more knowledgeable about the dangers of the internet and ways to monitor children’s activities. Also, **H. Wallace Goddard, Family Life Extension Specialist with the University of Arkansas will present the six key principles that make a difference in personal well-being**. Friday’s closing luncheon will once again feature the announcement of the **Champion for Children Award winners**, and the keynote will be **Rev. Darrell Armstrong, of Trenton, New Jersey, a vibrant nationally recognized expert on empowering and strengthening families, and founder of the National Association of Foster & Displaced Children, Inc.**

In addition to the featured plenary sessions, participants are offered **36 workshops on various child abuse and neglect topics, including internet safety, fatherhood skills, long term effects of sexual abuse, supporting all child care providers utilizing home visit models, challenges with toddlers, infant nurturing and well-being and a special education track for parent educators. A Pre-Conference Summit to begin the planning for a Louisiana Parent**

Educators Network will be held on Wednesday, February 27th at 9:30 a.m. Keynote speaker for the summit is Mary Kay Stranik, Chair of the National Parenting Education Network, who will speak on outreach and retention of “difficult families”.

The cost to attend the three-day conference is \$225, however, one day registrations are available and to attend the Pre-Conference Parent Educators Summit is \$15. Registration information can be obtained on PCA Louisiana’s web site, www.pcal.org, or by calling (225) 925-9520.

Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana, the state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, is a statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing the abuse and neglect of our state’s children.

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