

# CCAP Newsletter

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## Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention: The PREVENTION arm of SafePath

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NEXT CCAP GENERAL MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009** AT SAFEPath OFFICE. LOCATED AT 736 WHITLOCK AVENUE AT **8:30AM**

### CCAP's

#### Mission:

We are dedicated to preventing child abuse & neglect in all forms. We are committed to providing education to the community in the prevention & elimination of child abuse & neglect. We are further dedicated to serving as the voice of those children unable to defend & protect themselves.



### CCAP News and Notes

The Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention honored several individuals for their work on behalf of abused and neglected children during their annual holiday breakfast on December 5, 2008 at SafePath's Children's Advocacy Center. CCAP presented Cobb County Detective John with its Award, recognizes a member a significant in pre-child neglect. prevention which



a non-profit entity that significantly impacts child abuse prevention, was presented to Darkness to Light. Georgia Center for Child Advocacy State Prevention Coordinator Tiffany Sawyer accepted the award. Chairman Sam Olens was presented the Crystal Gavel Award, which recognizes an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution toward decreasing the negative effects of abuse and neglect of children in Cobb County. The recipient must have gone above and beyond the call of duty and must have a continued commitment to alleviating and preventing the abuse of children. Commissioner Olens along with all the Cobb County Commissioners have a "heart" for the safety and care of our children.

McCraw VIP which recognizes CCAP who made a significant impact preventing abuse and The Pre-Award, recognizes



### CCAP

#### Membership

If you have not paid your dues please do so ASAP!

- Dues: Students \$15; Individual \$25; Organizations \$50
- Payable to : CCAP Membership Attention: Penny Warren & Kristin Hanfland c/o Safepath 736 Whitlock Avenue Suite 600 Marietta GA 30064

### SAVE THE DATE!

## Hearing Children's Voices

Saturday April 18, 2009  
6pm at the  
Cobb Galleria



### CCAP Memberships Highlights:

New 2009 CCAP Officers:

- Chair: Monica Bright
- Vice Chair: Tiffany Sorensen
- Secretary: Jackie Payne
- Membership: Penny Warren & Kristin Hanfland
- Training: Debi Acree & Christie Nerbonne
- Special Projects: John McCraw & Jamie Allison

## A Letter from our new Chair, Monica Bright



Welcome to the 2009 year of CCAP! I am truly honored to have been elected to serve as CCAP Chair for this term. First and foremost, I would like to thank Det. John McCraw for his work and dedication to this organization and his overall commitment towards the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Secondly, I would like to welcome Tiffany Sorenson as our Vice-Chair. I cannot think of anyone more enthusiastic and dedicated to work with in this organization.

My visions for CCAP are, of course, centered on *prevention*. To accomplish this we will continue to work with the Darkness to Light Stewards of Children Program to provide education to professionals and community members alike; particularly to parent and neighborhood groups. We have several members who plan on attending the D2L fund raising conference in Charleston, SC and with their gained knowledge we hope to find funding to support our educational programs.

Even with funding in place, meeting this goal will be no easy feat. To accomplish this I plan on bringing back small group committees particularly the Training Committee and a Grant Writing Committee. The Training Committee will focus on identifying and programming efforts to meet the needs in the community. They will also be charged with evaluating our D2L facilitators to ensure we are providing the highest quality trainings possible. The Grant Writing Committee will work to secure funding for the trainings. By meeting separately from the larger group and reporting back to us we can take more time in the monthly meeting to network and discuss current topics in child abuse and neglect.

I really want to have an active membership base. Please think about how you will commit; whether it's by joining a committee, bringing topics for discussion or becoming a trained facilitator. All of you are important members of CCAP and your time and expertise are needed!

I look forward to another wonderful year full of educational meetings and community trainings.

## Community News

The Cobb County Safety Village will be built on a 8 acre site off County Services Road by Al Bishop Park. It will be developed into the most comprehensive safety training environment in the region where our residents and business community can gain knowledge through hands on experiences.....a place where the walls come alive with knowledge while instructors share the most advanced techniques and ideas for making our community safer. Local organizations will construct limited number of sites in the village. These life-like streets will include side-by-side structures that represent a variety of structures that represent structures will become an interesting experience. Programs at the village will include: Fire and Life Safety, Crime Prevention, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Health Issues, Disaster Preparedness, Pedestrian Safety, Construction Site Safety, and Work Site Safety. Cobb County wants to construct the most comprehensive safety training environment in the region where our residents and business community can gain knowledge through hands on experiences. A place where the walls come alive with knowledge while instructors share the most advanced techniques and ideas for making our community safer. Their philosophy is simple:



Tell me and I will forget;  
Show me and I may remember;  
Involve me and I will understand

