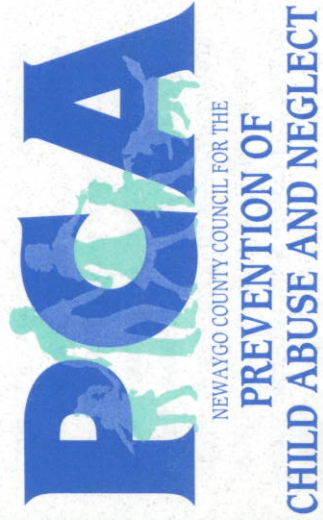


# GOAL

TO PREVENT CHILD  
ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
THROUGH EDUCATION,  
CHILD ADVOCACY,  
AND COMMUNITY  
COLLABORATION BY  
ATTEMPTING TO ENSURE  
THAT THE HEALTH,  
SHELTER, SOCIAL,  
EMOTIONAL, AND  
INTELLECTUAL NEEDS OF  
EVERY CHILD IS MET.



*PLEASE. HELP US PUT AN END  
TO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
IN NEWAYGO COUNTY.*



# THE PROBLEM

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IS A PROBLEM OF GROWING CONCERN TO ALL OF US WHO CARE ABOUT CHILDREN. EACH YEAR NATION-WIDE MORE THAN TWO MILLION CHILDREN ARE VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT; 50,000 OF THEM IN MICHIGAN. THE NUMBER OF CASES TO OCCUR IN THE FUTURE IS PROJECTED TO BE EVEN HIGHER, WITH A MARKED INCREASE IN BOTH REPORTED SEXUAL AND PHYSICAL ABUSE CASES



SO SEVERE THAT THE CHILD IS LEFT PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR ACTUALLY KILLED.

## MICHIGAN CHILD PROTECTION LAW OF 1975, TERMS DEFINED:

CHILD ABUSE IS: "HARM TO A CHILD'S HEALTH OR WELFARE BY A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR A CHILD'S HEALTH OR WELFARE WHICH OCCUR THROUGH NON ACCIDENTAL PHYSICAL OR MENTAL INJURY, SEXUAL ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT."

CHILD NEGLECT IS: "HARM TO A CHILD'S HEALTH OR WELFARE BY A PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR A CHILD'S HEALTH OR WELFARE WHICH OCCURS THROUGH NEGLIGENT TREATMENT, INCLUDING THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER OR MEDICAL CARE."

# NEWAYGO COUNTY'S RESPONSE

WE HAVE DEVELOPED A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE CAUSED BY GENERATIONS OF DYSFUNCTIONAL BEHAVIOR, LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, POOR COMMUNICATION SKILLS, FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, SINGLE PARENTING, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. AMONG THOSE ARE:

- YOUNG MOM'S SUPPORT GROUP
- CONFLICT MANAGEMENT
- CARING FOR KIDS NEWSLETTER
- SCHOOL PREVENTION PROGRAM
- ADULTS MOLESTED AS CHILDREN
- SPEAKER'S BUREAU/RESOURCE BOOTH

WE'RE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER AND CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES ON CHILD RELATED PROGRAMS AND ISSUES.



# NEWAYGO COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

PCA  
P.O. Box 936  
NEWAYGO, MI 49337

PCA IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SEEKING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR PREVENTION PROGRAMS. ANY DONATION YOU MAKE WILL BE USED FOR SUCH PURPOSE AND IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS PLAY A VITAL ROLE FOR THE PCA. WE ARE SEEKING INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER TIME TO ASSIST WITH CLERICAL DUTIES, PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND FUND RAISING. ACTIVE COMMITTEES AS WELL AS COMMITTEES YET TO BE ESTABLISHED ARE IN NEED OF INTERESTED PERSONS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (616) 652-2054.

TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE  
OR NEGLECT  
CALL (616) 689-5575

## To Honor Our Children

We approach the problems  
of children with affection.  
Theirs is the province of  
joy and good humor. They  
are the most wholesome  
part of the race for they  
are freshest from the  
hands of God.

The above quotation expresses a philosophy with which the Child Abuse Council is in complete agreement. Unfortunately, the reality is too often quite different. There are those in our society who approach problems of their children with rage. The province of these children is pain and suffering. They are still the most wholesome part of the race, freshest from the hands of God, but they are brutalized; the purity of their innocence corrupted by violence and hatred.

The Newaygo County Council for the PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT is dedicated to the prevention of such child abuse and neglect through education, child advocacy, and community collaboration.

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CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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