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Annual Report for 2018-2019
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It has been an exciting year for The Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council (CAPCC.) We are very pleased to report that we continued to be a recipient of \$8,000 funds for the year for the third year through the collaborative regional Innovative Partnerships program. This grant is funded through the federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention funds and is administered through the California Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention. These funds have helped us build our capacity to strategically mitigate the major contributing factors of child abuse and neglect through a regional scope of work.

The first goal in the Scope of Work is to “Support regional collaborative partnerships with county Child Abuse Prevention Councils (CAPCs) in Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties in coordination with State OCAP partners.” Our biggest accomplishment towards this goal is that Humboldt County, along with Lake County from our region, were two of the 22 Counties selected to participate in the Prevention Summit on January 31st and February 1st in San Diego. The event was sponsored by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention and California Department of Social Services, and the County Child Welfare Directors Association. The team included representatives from CAPCC and St. Joseph’s, First Five, McKinleyville Family Resource Center, Department of Health and Human Services Public Health, Redway Family Resource Center, California Center for Rural Policy, and ACES Connection.

The focus of much of the day and half long Summit presentations was a shift towards “Primary Prevention.” Breakout sessions were facilitated by a representative of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention. The event was helpful in building commitment to an ongoing collaborative process to develop a County-wide Prevention Plan. A follow up meeting was held on March 5th. Representatives from DHHS’ Child Welfare Services and Mental Health, Humboldt Network of Family Resource Centers, and the Humboldt Independent Practice Association joined the team. Also in attendance were representatives from The Office of Child Abuse Prevention and Strategies 2.0 who are providing their services to assist us to develop our local Plan.

The second regional Goal is to expand each County's CAPC capacity, assess and develop regional project strategies and identify and promote available resources within each community

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and regionally. To this end CAPCC Humboldt Activities included the participation by CAPCC Board members in Humboldt Task Force meetings. Additionally, we have increased our Board capacity through a Consulting grant from Humboldt Area Foundation. Bobbie Good was contracted to conduct a one day long Board training in January, with participation from all but 1 of the 10 Board members. A working lunch with the Summit Prevention Team was part of the day's agenda. Ms. Good also facilitated a Visioning Workshop during the February CAPCC Board meeting. Through these trainings, CAPCC adopted a new mission: Strengthening community connections to promote safe, healthy, resilient children and families in Humboldt County.

The third goal is to "Link and engage Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, & Del Norte CAPCs regionally and within their communities through public service announcements, events, web and social media to facilitate the exchange of ideas and best practices to reduce child abuse and neglect in all counties. We are partners with the 0-8 Mental Health Collaborative and others to sponsor the Counting on Community Conference/ Symposium scheduled for May 30, 31 and June 1st. We have dedicated funds from the Innovative Partnerships grant towards this multi-day educational event. We also had a square at Pastels on the Plaza this year, a fundraiser and awareness event sponsored by North Coast Children's Services.

CAPCC continues to promote its website www.capcchumboldt.org, to inform and engage community members about what we do and to provide tools and resources, like the training schedule for CWS mandated reporter trainings. We have also increased our general membership and are receiving applications submitted through our website. We have a Facebook presence, and utilize other forms of communication, including an email list serve to keep members and partners informed of opportunities to get involved in child abuse prevention activities. We produce a newsletter, which is posted on our website and sent out through our listserve. The Request for Proposals to utilize Children's Trust Fund monies was posted on the website and sent through NorCAN list to all local media outlets.

Finally, we sponsor activities in April to raise awareness. In addition to the much appreciated proclamation, we hold our Annual Children's Memorial Flag Raising Ceremony, remembering the children who have lost their lives due to abuse. This event will be on **April 26th** beginning at 9 AM, at the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center.

Additionally, banners were placed over 5th and C in Eureka and on the Plaza in Arcata during

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March. And we secured placement of announcements on local marquees to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month and our organization.

The CAPCC board meets on the fourth Friday of most months, currently at 9:00 AM, with exceptions due to holidays, and there will be no meeting in April due to the flag raising. The next meeting will be our Annual General Membership meeting on **May 3** at 9 AM. This year we are trying something new and incorporating an Awards Ceremony Breakfast to honor local champions of child abuse prevention during the meeting. And we will also hold our annual elections of Board members and officers. All community members are welcome at any of these events and to any of our board meetings.

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