



# Frequently Asked Questions About Prevent Child Abuse Iowa

Protecting Children is Everyone's Business

## **What is Prevent Child Abuse Iowa?**

A statewide, non-profit organization with the mission to “end child abuse in the entire state of Iowa.”

## **Who benefits from programs funded by Prevent Child Abuse Iowa?**

In 2005, Prevent Child Abuse Iowa provided:

- Sexual abuse prevention classes to 50,000 children and 5,700 adults
- Parent instruction and support for more than 10,000 parents.
- Nearly 90,000 hours of crisis nursery and respite child care to 1,600 families.

## **How does Prevent Child Abuse Iowa support families and children?**

Prevention programs connect families to needed resources and ensure healthy development for children. Throughout the state of Iowa PCA Iowa provides:

- crisis nurseries
- respite child care
- parent education programs
- sexual abuse prevention
- young parents support groups

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa is also the state’s leading agency in public awareness, legislative advocacy and research on child abuse prevention.

## **Which parts of Iowa are covered by these programs?**

Last year, PCA Iowa funded and directed programs that supported families and children in 90 Iowa counties.

## **How is Prevent Child Abuse Iowa funded?**

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa has a total annual budget of \$1.6 million, \$1 million of which comes from state and federal funding. Prevent Child Abuse Iowa provides more than \$1.2 million in grants throughout the state for direct services. The balance of the budget is funded by private grants, donations, and Pottery for Prevention.

## **What is Pottery For Prevention?**

Prevent Child Abuse Iowa’s annual fundraising event in which one-of-a-kind pottery created by Iowa artists, children and others, is combined with value-added enhancements such as gift certificates, services, and other goods, and sold at auction.

## **Why does Prevent Child Abuse Iowa need to raise additional funds?**

The need for Prevent Child Abuse Iowa programs far exceeds the ability to fund them, and protecting children is everyone’s business so everyone should play a part in meeting that responsibility.

## **Who is in charge at Prevent Child Abuse Iowa?**

There is a board of directors of 21 people representing many professions and walks of life and from nine communities across the state.

There is a staff of five:

Lisa Golly, Community Involvement Coordinator  
Sherry Rindels-Larsen, Associate Director, Community Partnerships for Protecting Children  
Amber Russell, Program Assistant  
Steve Scott, Executive Director  
Christy Thies, Program Manager

## **How can I learn more about Prevent Child Abuse Iowa programs?**

Visit our website: [www.pcaiowa.org](http://www.pcaiowa.org), or call toll-free in Iowa: 1.800.CHILDREN (1.800.244.5373), or 1.515.244.2200