

MCC Celebrates 45 Years of Effective Advocacy for Children

Join us on Sunday, November 7, 2004, at the Brookline home of Drs. Eli and Carolyn Newberger to share an afternoon of good company, fine wines & foods, lively music and inspiring poetry. The celebration will commemorate MCC's 45th anniversary and Jetta Bernier's 20 years of leadership and service as MCC's Executive Director.

Entertainment will include musical performances by Jimmy Mazzy, voted best jazz banjoist and Eli Newberger, renowned jazz tubist formerly with the New Black Eagle Jazz Band. Cambridge poet, author and child sexual abuse prevention activist Richard Hoffman will share his latest poetry.

The event will also mark the public launching of MCC's Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Center. Since the early 1990s, MCC has been a leader in the prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome. Through its work, thousands of parents, caregivers, professionals and the public have benefited from high quality educational materials, presentations and trainings. MCC serves as Coordinator for the Central Massachusetts SBS Prevention Campaign, which is implementing and evaluating a comprehensive prevention pilot in Worcester County. With your support, MCC's newly formed *SBS Prevention Center* can spread expert training, technical assistance and coordination throughout Massachusetts and reduce infant deaths and devastating injuries from this tragic yet preventable form of child abuse.

For more details on MCC's 45th anniversary celebration, please visit:

http://www.masskids.org/aboutus/about_mcc45.html

Get Active with the Enough Abuse Campaign

On Wednesday, September 29th, members of the Enough Abuse Campaign held a press conference to urge newly elected House Speaker Sal DiMasi to reform the state's Statute of Limitations laws in child sexual abuse cases. In the months ahead the Campaign will consider and promote a number of policy proposals including:

- **Reform of the state's Statute of Limitations law** that prevents offenders from being criminally prosecuted or civilly sued if victims don't come forward before the 15-year clock runs out;
- **Specialized licensure for sex offender treatment providers** to ensure that professionals working in this specialty field are adequately trained and abide by legal standards of accountability for their clients;
- **Standards and practices** to reduce the sexual abuse of children in a wide range of **institutional settings**.

Get the facts. Get connected. Get ready to take action. Be part of the growing movement in Massachusetts that is raising its collective voice and hands to say "[Enough Abuse!](#)"

Join the Child Assault Prevention Program

Volunteers with a special dedication to children's safety are needed to present the Child Assault Prevention curriculum in Newton and Needham elementary schools. Teams of trained prevention specialists will teach children strategies for reducing their vulnerability to verbal, physical and sexual abuse. The fall training will begin October 29. For more [information](#) and to set up an interview, please call Gail Sommer, (617) 969-5906, ext. 143, or email: mgsommer@NCSCweb.org.

3rd Statewide Meeting of Massachusetts Child Fatality Review Teams

Child fatality review in Massachusetts began four years ago with the passage of legislation mandating a State Team under the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and 11 Local Teams under the Offices of the District Attorneys. This meeting will help examine child deaths from a multi-disciplinary perspective to better understand the causes of these deaths and develop prevention strategies.

Who should attend?

- Members of the State and Local Child Fatality Review Teams
- Interested individuals from law enforcement, the courts, public health, emergency medical services, social services, youth services, mental health, violence and suicide prevention, injury prevention, health care, child advocacy, and others concerned about preventing child deaths.

This year's meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2004. Please [register](#) today.

SAVE THE DATE! April 27- 29, 2005– “Young Children Without Homes” National Conference

Hosted by [Horizons for Homeless Children](#), this conference will focus on the issue of child and family homelessness and its effect on young children (0-5); cross-systems training; networking and collaboration; and strategies and solutions.

Who's Invited?

Providers of early care and education services; providers of homeless services; health professionals; public school teachers/administrators; homeless education liaisons; Head Start providers; policymakers; legislators and more.

Stay tuned for a call for presenters!