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**What one does, one
becomes.**

Spanish Proverb Quote

Sally's Corner

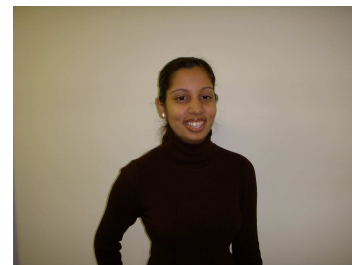
For many years PCA Georgia has envisioned the day when the 1-800-CHILDREN Helpline would be able to serve the Spanish-speaking callers in Georgia. With the addition of Sofia Lakhani, our vision is realized. This exciting expansion in the scope of our Helpline service comes with challenges and opportunities. We are faced with the task of gathering information about the resources available for the Spanish-speaking population across the state. We must also responsibly address the concerns specific to many Spanish-speaking callers with regard to immigration, bi-cultural families and stress, and the unique issues faced by parents with children who are more immersed in the American culture than their elders. We need your help to meet these challenges. Please send Helpline resource information (i.e. family support referrals, parenting classes) in your community and pass along any informational resources (i.e. written materials, program brochures) as well. We also plan to compile a list of web resources and journal articles. As you know, 1-800-CHILDREN Helpline belongs to all of us – and we want to be as inclusive as possible in our service provision. Please send any and all information you think would be helpful to helpline@pcageorgia.org.

Sally Thiopen, Associate Director of Programs

Welcome Sofia Lakhani!

Hello from a new addition to the PCA Georgia family! My name is Sofia Lakhani and I started working as a Helpline Program Specialist at the end of July. I am on the Helpline Mon-Fri from 4:00p-8:00p. I can speak 4 languages, but I can only fluently speak two; English and Spanish. I am very thrilled, excited, and honored to be a part of PCA Georgia family; as I know how GREAT this organization is. My first awareness of PCA Georgia was in 2002 and I have done some collaborative work over the years.

Here are some facts about me: I was born in Europe and spent the majority of my life in Southern California, where I completed my education all the way up to my undergraduate degree at the University of California, Riverside. I made Georgia my home in 2002. I have a lot of experience in the social services field and am excited to learn, grow and be a part of the dynamic work that PCA Georgia does. I am also looking forward to working with my colleagues, your communities, and our wonderful and dedicated volunteers.



Sofia Lakhani

Resource Spotlight—Latin American Association

In this newsletter, we are going to focus on a great resource for our Latin American/Hispanic callers. This wonderful organization is a one-stop shop to which Helpline associates and volunteers can refer our Latin American/Hispanic callers regarding many topics: resources within in the community, immigration, and programs that strengthen families and empower youth to develop and explore their full potential. One example is the Mami y Yo Program that focuses on mothers and their children from birth to age four. The program addresses the cognitive, physical, emotional, and social

needs of children and helps prepare them to enter into the school system. A program that empowers youth is the Life Plan mentoring program. The Latin American Association has partnered with Big Brothers and Big Sisters to maximize their impact within the community. The program pairs participants of the after school program at the Latin American Association with role models who provide a positive influence and help the students reach their maximum potential.

For further information on this dynamic organization, visit them online at:

[http://
www.latinamericanassoc.org/
html/english/home.asp](http://www.latinamericanassoc.org/html/english/home.asp)

Or you can call them or visit in person at:

Phone: (404) 638-1800

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New Helpline Cards in Spanish!!

New Helpline cards are coming! The cards will be printed on one side in English, and the other side in Spanish. We hope to have them available for distribution by January. Please, inform your communities that the Helpline now has bilingual support Monday through Friday from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm

<p>Parenting Is hard work! We are here to help</p>  <p>Prevent Child Abuse Georgia</p>	<p>To Keep Your Family Strong...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to your child • Give hugs and say positive things • Ask for help when you need it: family, friends, neighbors, professionals • Know where to find information about parenting concerns <p>Call Our Confidential and Toll-free Helpline 1-800-CHILDREN(244-5373) www.ppageorgia.org helpline@ppageorgia.org</p>
<p>La crianza de los hijos es un trabajo difícil! Estamos aquí para ayudarte!</p>  <p>Prevent Child Abuse Georgia</p>	<p>Para Mantener Su Familia Fuerte.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Escuche a su hijo • Abrazelo y dígale cosas positivas • Pida ayuda cuando usted la necesita: familia, amigos, vecinos, profesionales • Sepa donde encontrar información sobre la crianza de los hijos y sobre sus preocupaciones <p>llame a nuestra Línea de Ayuda Confidencial Gratuita 1-800-CHILDREN(244-5373) www.ppageorgia.org helpline@ppageorgia.org</p>

Prevent Child Abuse Georgia's Referral Guide for Abuse Treatment Services

By Shabnam Majidi, Helpline Program Specialist

As we expand our Helpline services to Spanish-speaking families in Georgia, we need to also expand the *Referral Guide* to include clinicians who speak Spanish. At this time, the *Referral Guide* only has one Spanish-speaking clinician listed. This clinician serves three counties but there are 159 counties in Georgia! This is a big challenge for us and we need help locating more Spanish-speaking mental health clinicians.

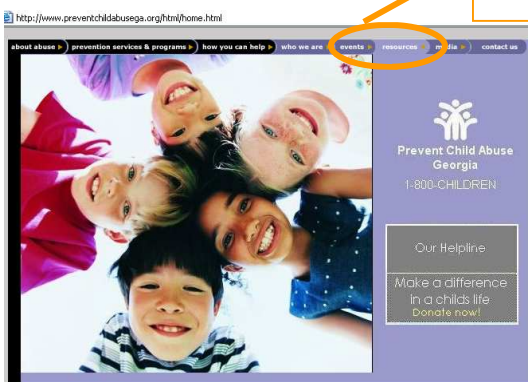
Those who have been abused did not have the opportunity to protect themselves. Thus, when a child or adult is finally able to seek treatment for trauma of child abuse it is especially important for them to be given a voice so they feel heard and can begin to heal. In situations where a person speaks only Spanish or very little English, they *literally* need to be given this opportunity to reach out and be heard. True healing will come for them when they are given the access to appropriate therapy and support. Furthermore, we need to assure the clinician has the skills to provide child abuse treatment services.

The *Referral Guide* is a list of clinicians who specialize in child abuse treatment. These clinicians have applied and been approved by a Standards' Review Committee in order to be listed in the Guide. The applicants must provide office location(s), specialty areas, continuing education certificates, and verification of credentials. For more information on becoming a clinician listed in the *Referral Guide*, please call 404-870-6565 and ask for the Referral Guide Coordinator, or send an email to : referralguide@pcageorgia.org.

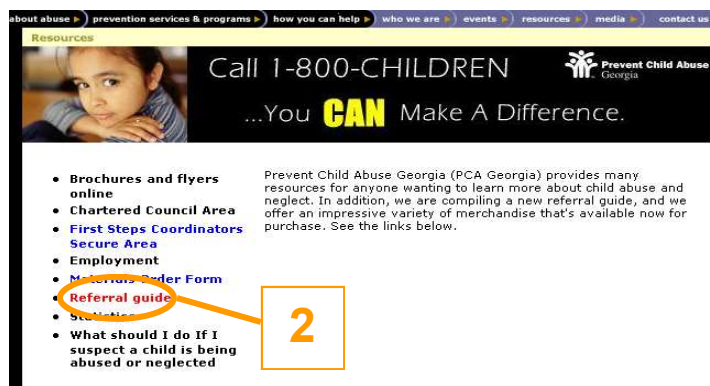
To view all clinicians throughout the state of Georgia listed in the PCA Georgia *Referral Guide*, go to www.pcageorgia.org.

Click on the "Resources" tab

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Click on the link to "Referral Guide".



PCA Georgia's Student Interns

PCA Georgia has had two wonderful student interns working with us since beginning of this fall. Greg is a Sociology student at Kennesaw State University (KSU) and he has been doing great things in our Resource Development department. Jessica is a second-year Masters student in Social Work from Georgia State University. She has been working on several community collaborative projects. This spring, we are fortunate to be adding three more interns: Nicole, April, and Tara. Nicole and April are both from KSU's Master's in Public Administration program. And Tara is finishing up her Psychology degree at KSU. Each of these interns have expressed a passion for child abuse prevention and want to be a part of PCA Georgia's work. We look forward to benefiting from their interest and enthusiasm.

Exciting News!!!

Prevent Child Abuse Georgia has completed the first phase of our new online Village! PCA Georgia's Virtual Village will soon connect you to the most accurate and current knowledge about family health, parental support, work/life balance, child safety and well-being, social/emotional developmental milestones and other information that is important for the health and safety of all Georgia's children. While PCA Georgia is completing construction on the Village, you are invited to build your own personal page and share your support for the mission of child abuse prevention with your personal network. The Village is an exciting opportunity for all of us to come together and have unprecedented positive impact on the lives of Georgia's children.

Visit www.pcageorgia.kintera.org/village to be one of the first to join our Village.

Helpline Volunteer Spotlight

Helpline is very excited about the newest volunteer to join our team – Deniz. Deniz attended a Helpline orientation session in August, and she has been committed to our work ever since. Deniz comes in each week with a positive attitude, ready to learn and eager to help. She even brings us doughnuts, bagels, and fancy pens to work with!

Deniz came to Helpline from what she describes as the “Mommy Bubble”. She has three children: Paul (9), Mathew (6), and Leyla (3). She has enjoyed the last nine years staying home with them but now that her children are getting older she is ready to start helping others outside of her home. Not only is Deniz volunteering with the Helpline, she volunteers at her children's schools and at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's AFLAC cancer unit. Deniz is very dedicated and passionate about children and families.

Deniz has a diverse background, which is a strength for her work on the Helpline. Deniz was born in Istanbul, Turkey. When she was young, her parents moved to Montreal, Canada where Deniz lived until she and her husband moved to Atlanta in the 90s for her husband's career.

Deniz is still in training but she will be ready to “take the plunge” soon. We really enjoy Deniz's enthusiasm and are fortunate to have her join the PCA Georgia family!



Deniz and her three children: Paul, Mathew, and Leyla

4th Annual Faith Leadership Summit

PCA Georgia will host its 4th annual Faith Leadership Summit on **Thursday, January 29, 2009** at the UGA campus in **Griffin**. The theme is "Connecting the Dots: Healthy Communities – Healthy Families – Healthy Children." The event is being co-sponsored by the Spalding Collaborative (PCA Spalding) and the Interfaith Children's Movement. The cost to attend is **\$15** and, due to limited seating, **pre-registration is required**.

The faith community plays a critical role in prevention efforts because of its unique opportunity to interact with families and children, and to provide support and education.

Here's what Dianne Howington, Executive Director of PCA Rockdale had to say about the 2008 faith summit: *"I attended the PCA Georgia Faith Summit in January and it proved to be one of the most invaluable conferences of the year for me. The speakers were inspirational, the workshops were great, and I was able to network with directors from other PCA Georgia councils. I learned from the success stories of others and was able to take what I learned and use it in my own community."*

We encourage you to invite faith leaders from your communities to attend. To request a registration packet, call Cheryl McClure at 404-870-6569 or send an email to faithsummit@pcageorgia.org

Translation Errors Around the World

As we celebrate the Helpline's new multi-language capacity, we thought we would take a moment to enjoy some of language translations that have gone so humorously wrong!

"Drop your pants here for best results."

-sign at a dry cleaning store in Tokyo

"We take your bags and send them in all directions."

-sign at a Scandinavian airport

"Ladies may have a fit upstairs."

-sign at a dry cleaning store in Bangkok

"Please leave your values at the front desk."

-sign in a hotel in Paris

"The lift is being fixed. During that time we regret that

you will be unbearable."

-sign in Bucharest hotel lobby

"Teeth extracted by latest methods."

-sign in Hong Kong dentist's office

"Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time."

-sign in a Rome laundry

"If you consider our help impolite, you should see the manager."

-sign in an Athens hotel

"Our wines leave you nothing to hope for."

-on the menu of a Swiss restaurant

"It is forbidden to enter a woman even a foreigner if dressed as a man."



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WAY TO GO LAMAR!!!!

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- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- UPS Foundation

2009 Fun Fête

Friday, February 20, 2009
7:00 p.m.
InterContinental Buckhead

2009 Honoree: Jeff Foxworthy
Special recognition: The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation

Fun Fête is a unique, festive event celebrating Prevent Child Abuse Georgia's 25th anniversary and the child in all of us. The evening will be filled with carnival-style games and attractions, fabulous food, auctions, raffles, entertainment, and much more!

In celebration of our anniversary, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia is pleased to present Atlanta native Jeff Foxworthy as its 2009 honoree. Come join us for an evening of serious fun benefiting PCA Georgia! Tickets are \$250 each and are available by emailing jenni-ferh@pcageorgia.org or calling 404-870-6589.

About Prevent Child Abuse Georgia

Headquartered in Atlanta, Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Georgia is a statewide, private, non-profit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse. PCA Georgia leads, supports and coordinates citizens and professionals in a comprehensive effort to end child abuse.

Preventing child abuse means strengthening the ability of parents and communities to care for their children's health and well-being. Each of us has opportunities to help ensure that children grow up nurtured, safe and healthy. Preventing child abuse is the work of everyone, every day.

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