

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA

Criteria for PCA America State Chapters

- 1) Common Mission: The mission of State Chapters is consistent with the PCA America mission – To prevent the abuse and neglect of our nation’s children.**
- 2) Basics of organizational accountability and stability: State Chapters are effective, ethical, and financially stable 501(c)(3) organizations governed by active, volunteer boards of directors, and responsive to their constituencies, and administered by professional staff.**
- 3) Common Identity: PCA America Chapters share a common identity which associates them as a part of the larger PCA America organization and is minimally demonstrated with the universal use of the Prevent Child Abuse America logo and Prevent Child Abuse name.**
- 4) Active participation in the activities of PCA America: State Chapters participate actively in the meetings, information exchange and dissemination, and activities and programs of the national organization. Participation will include national/chapter public awareness/fundraising activities for Prevent Child Abuse America and the Chapter Network.**
- 5) Statewide scope of influence and activity in child abuse prevention: State Chapters have a statewide scope of influence and activity in prevention and provide a strong, visible presence for PCA America in their respective states.**
- 6) State level advocacy: State Chapters are active, vocal and recognized advocates for national and state-level prevention policies and programs in their respective states.**
- 7) Public Awareness: State Chapters create and maintain statewide public awareness and education activities for child abuse prevention through a variety of methods, including the development of state campaigns and the promotion of the national media campaigns.**
- 8) Information Resource: State Chapters are accessible and recognizable information resources for comprehensive information and referrals on child abuse prevention, including the distribution of materials, assuring the availability of training opportunities, and the effective implementation of 1-800-CHILDREN.**
- 9) Promotion of promising prevention strategies: State Chapters support, promote, and take a leadership role at the state level for effective child abuse prevention strategies.**

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Required Elements for State Chapters
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- **Mission Statement on the prevention of child abuse**
- **Demonstrated commitment to primary prevention**
- **Licensed to use Prevent Child Abuse name and trademarks**
- **Board holds regular (at least quarterly) meetings**
- **Year-end Financial Audit**
- **State and Federal Forms filed last year**
- **501©(3) status acquired**
- **Board-approved budget**
- **Restricted grants and financial compliance monitored**
- **Proper accounting for payroll costs and taxes (quarterly form 941 filed)**
- **Paid Executive Director or President/CEO**
- **Prevent Child Abuse America logo on letterhead**
- **Executive Director or designee attends Executive Directors' Meeting annually**
- **Agency promotes itself as a statewide organization**
- **Personnel policies reflect equal opportunity policies**
- **Programs, materials, campaigns developed with respect to diversity**
- **Agency advocates for CAP funding in its state**
- **Has paid all dues and fees to the National Office**