

Announcement for Executive Director National Child Abuse Coalition

The National Child Abuse Coalition is a coalition of national organizations focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect and services to assist children and families involved with state and local child protection systems and services.

The National Child Abuse Coalition, under the leadership and inspiration of Tom Birch, was formed in 1981 by a group of national voluntary and professional organizations; the Coalition embodies a commitment to coordinate federal advocacy efforts on behalf of abused and neglected children. The National Child Abuse Coalition has become a resource for advocacy and a focal point for leadership and strategy on federal legislative issues in child maltreatment.

The legacy of this Coalition includes serving as a resource for national advocacy on child abuse and neglect, the Coalition is meant to enhance an organization's capacity to advocate effectively for prevention efforts and services for abused children. Through the Coalition's advocacy, networks of organizations and advocates are coordinated to lobby Congress collaboratively and with a united position, raising the visibility of child abuse as a legislative issue. In addition, the Coalition acts as a focus for identifying organizations in the field of child abuse for such activities as planning conferences, participating in seminars, and presenting briefings to legislative and governmental groups.

The Coalition is seeking a new Executive Director as a result of the departure of current E.D. John Sciamanna. The position and the Coalition will take on added significance in 2016 with the need for Congress to reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and to address the pending recommendations of the Commission on Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities.

Executive Director tasks include:

1. Maintaining and attracting membership, collecting annual dues and responding to member requests and working to build consensus within the Coalition membership.
2. Working with Congress and Administration to advocate on behalf of the Coalition on child abuse and neglect issues.
3. Tracking relevant legislative, issue and policy areas as it effects child maltreatment and prevention efforts.
4. Writing regular newsletters for Coalition members as well as special requests arranged between the Executive Director and particular member(s).
5. Submitting letters and testimony to key congressional committees on appropriations, reauthorizations and other relevant issue areas.
6. Maintaining the National Child Abuse Coalition Website.

7. Organizing two major in-person meetings of Coalition members with additional meetings and conference calls as needed.
8. Arranging on-going communication and meetings between Coalition membership and key policy leaders and departments including the Children's Bureau, the CDC and other relevant partners.

Required skills and qualifications:

1. Experience working in and with coalitions to address coalition needs and build consensus.
2. Knowledge and experience in federal policy and legislative practices especially in regard to federal congressional action.
3. Knowledge of and/or background in child abuse and neglect and child maltreatment issues and federal legislative action, history and policy as it relates to such policies.
4. Understanding of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and its relevance to child abuse prevention and child protective services.
5. A strong customer service approach when working with the Coalition's membership.
6. Ability to engage and include diverse cultural perspectives.
7. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
8. Strong organizational skills.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume that describes their experience and interest in the position and describes their relevant experience to the current Executive Director, John Sciamanna at nationalchildabusecoalition@gmail.com.