



Protecting, supporting, and enhancing
the lives of children, women, and families.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

Children's Home Society Prevention Initiative

Goal – to eliminate domestic violence and child abuse in our state through community education, training of professionals, intercession with at-risk families, and public awareness campaigns.

We hope to attack this on many fronts through any and all of our CHS programs. CHS is viewed as a leader in the fields of child abuse and domestic violence. We want to leverage our wisdom and our connections to create safer communities for children. A few of our current educational activities include:

- **Children's Home Child Advocacy Center** – MDT trainings for CAC work and the "What If..." presentations to general public
- **Children's Inn** – Amy Carter and staff and their DV, Safe Dating, Bullying, Common Sense Parenting and other community presentations
- **Children's Home Residential Treatment programs** (SF and BH) – "Beyond Consequences, Logic and Control" trainings for home settings and classroom settings
- **Bright Start** – prevention program that teaches pregnant women how to provide a safe and healthy home environment for their children
- **Children's Home Community Based Services** – training foster and adoptive families to work effectively with traumatized children

Our areas of focus as our Prevention Initiative develops are:

- **Advocacy** – influencing public policy that would advance prevention activities.
- **Coalition Building** – collaborating with other organizations to maximize effect and avoid duplicating efforts.
- **Communication and Public Awareness** – increasing public awareness of these issues in our neighborhoods and informing about how to respond.
- **Education/Training** – providing parenting education and/or support to families and training to professionals about how to effectively respond to the needs of families to break the cycle.
- **Grassroots Engagement** – Enlisting the help of officials and volunteers in every South Dakota town.
- **Interception** – Strengthening low to medium risk families to keep them from escalating to high risk families through applicable programming.

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Plans for the future include putting infrastructure in place at CHS to grow our prevention work, including....

- Staffing (programmatic, training, and support staff)
- Endowment development/growth
- Website makeover

....which will enable us to provide:

- Regional MDT trainings and associated community trainings
- Train the Trainers for South Dakota school districts, offering guidance in selecting/implementing curriculum
- Hosting capabilities for training webinars (already preparing Minimal Facts training and Mandatory Reporting)
- Regional mass media campaigns on domestic violence and child abuse topics