

**Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect  
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**Agency Responsibilities & Authorizing Legislation**

**Responsibilities**

- Statutory lead agency for child abuse/neglect (CAN) prevention and Governor-identified state lead agency for receipt of federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention [CAPTA Title II] grant funds
  - Identify, fund & evaluate community-based CA/N prevention programs
  - Promote public awareness & understanding (including Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention)
  - Provide resources & information to improve policy, programs and practice.

**Authorizing legislation**

- RCW Chapter 43.121 - Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (RCW 43.121.020 establishes WCPCAN as an Office of the Governor

**Budget**

SFY 2003-05		
GFS	\$1,310,175	60%
Other (Federal- CAPTA Title II)	\$861,308	40%
TOTAL	\$2,171,483	100%
Fund Utilization SFY 03-04		
Grants to Communities	\$573,057	52%
Program Services	\$348,227	32%
Administration	\$169,960	16%
TOTAL	\$1,091,244	100%
Children's Trust Fund Revenue SFY 03-04*		
Heirloom Birth Certificate Sales	\$4,263	20%
Donations	\$16,350	77%
Interest	\$711	3%
TOTAL	\$21,324	100%

\* The Children's Trust Fund is a special depository within the state treasury established by RCW 43.121.100 to receive proceeds from the sale of 'Heirloom Birth Certificates' (RCW 70.58.085) and facilitate contributions, grants and gifts supporting WCPCAN's purpose. The Children's Trust Fund is managed by the WCPCAN Council.

**Governing Board**

- Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect
- Frequency of meetings – Quarterly
- Composition – 14 total:
  - 1 Citizen Chair, appointed by Governor (1 year term, renewable)
  - 6 Citizen members appointed by Governor (3 year terms, renewable)
  - 4 Legislators (1 from each caucus)
  - 3 State Agency representatives (DSHS, OSPI, DOH)

## **Most Pressing Issues**

### **Investment in prevention**

The effectiveness/cost effectiveness of evidence-based child abuse and neglect prevention programs has been well established. One of WCPCAN's responsibilities is to identify and fund community-based prevention programs statewide. Programs are selected for funding based on the promise they demonstrate for achieving the protective factors proven by research to prevent child abuse and neglect. All WCPCAN-funded programs are required to regularly report measurable outcomes. The outcomes achieved by these programs combined with research findings prove that a variety of effective strategies exist to better protect Washington's children. However, Washington currently invests only \$1 on prevention for every \$321 spent on after-the-fact interventions directly related to child abuse/neglect (foster care and treatment). In order to achieve long term cost savings and maximize the value of public expenditures, Washington must achieve a more balanced, cost effective investment strategy. Within current revenues, possible means of accomplishing this shift include: 1) integrating CA/N prevention strategies into existing state-supported services and systems (i.e. child care, early learning); 2) shifting funds from less effective state-funded programs, and/or 3) implementing structural changes that will better leverage federal funding..

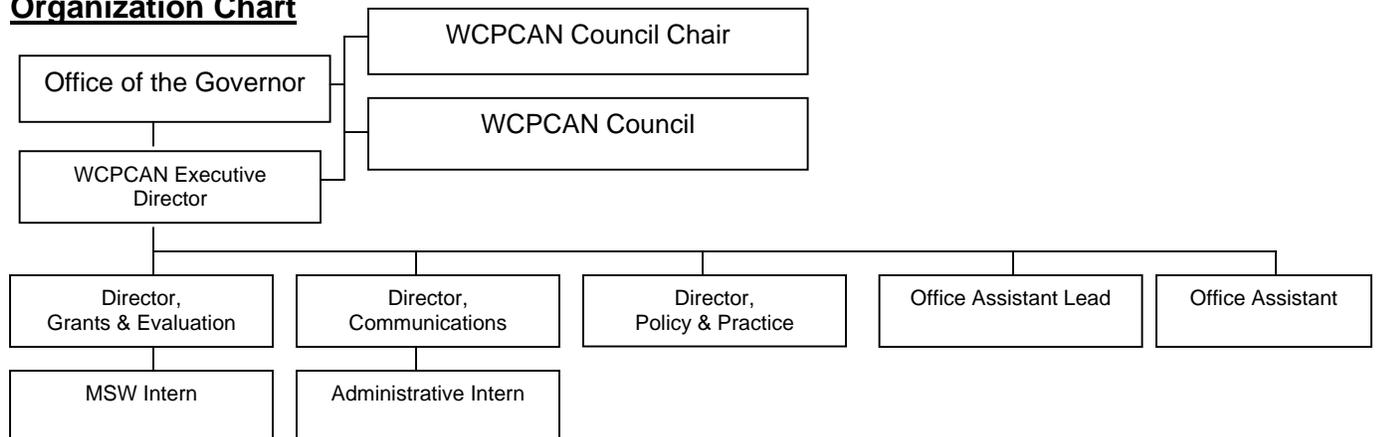
### **Efficient use of WCPCAN**

WCPCAN is a proven but underutilized resource to the Governor and the state. As an office of the Governor, the agency can help carry the Governor's vision and policy agenda into key arenas where child well being and family strengthening are addressed. For example, the cost-benefit of providing quality early education to low income, at-risk children has been well-established – but current programs and planning for system improvements have not focused on a critical component of proven effective programs: parent education and support. WCPCAN has expertise in this area, as it is also key to child abuse/neglect prevention. Similarly, child welfare reform efforts would be strengthened by better leveraging the network of community-based, outcome-focused prevention programs and partnerships WCPCAN has developed.

### **Council leadership**

The terms of all the veteran members of the WCPCAN Council expire June 30, 2005. Appointments to these leadership positions need to be thoughtfully made in order to ensure continuing strong stewardship of the agency into the future. In particular, representation by business community leaders would strengthen the WCPCAN's ability to leverage private sector resources.

### **Organization Chart**



## Board Member Listing by Board Position

### PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, WASHINGTON COUNCIL FOR THE (HS075)

Agency 300 - Dept of Social and Health Services	Senate Conf. N	Positions: Maximum 014
Authority Governor, statute, House, Senate	Public Disc. N	Minimum 000
Authoriztn. RCW 43.121.020	Term Length 036	Actual 014
Rem. Auth. GC	Meetings/Yr. 04	

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
001	Manfred, Susan 1004 East 8th Avenue Spokane, WA 99202	A	C	05/13/2002	06/30/2005

Terms Served 02  
 Position a member  
 Comments General Public

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
002	Yasuda, Kyle E. (Dr.) 7756 - 58th Avenue NE Seattle, WA 98115	A	AP	07/01/2001	06/30/2004

Terms Served 02  
 Position Chair  
 Comments General Public

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
003	Peters, Darlene 2040 Ptarmigan Lane Poulsbo, WA 98370	A	NA	04/07/2003	06/30/2005

Terms Served 01  
 Position a member  
 Comments General Public

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
004	Wood, Marla PO Box 8937 Vancouver, WA 98668-8937	A	C	02/03/2004	06/30/2007

Terms Served 01  
 Position a member  
 Comments General Public

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
005	Shelan, Charles (Mr.) 711 State Avenue NE Olympia, WA 98506	A	C	02/07/2002	06/30/2005

Terms Served 03  
 Position a member  
 Comments

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
012	Garner, Ruth 241 Windrose Drive Port Ludlow, WA 98365	A	C	05/14/2004	06/30/2006

Terms Served 01  
 Position a member  
 Comments General Public

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013	Valdovinos, Rebecca T. 555 SE Hilltop Drive Chehalis, WA 98532	A	H	07/01/2004	06/30/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		