



# WE CAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

A monthly newsletter for people making a difference to end child abuse



**TAKE ACTION**

## Ten Ways to Be a Better Dad!

Below are a few tips from our Louisiana chapter ([PCA Louisiana](#)) that, once put into action, might get you a "World's Greatest Dad" coffee mug. Why not try a few!

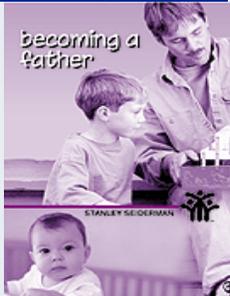
1. Spend time with your children.
2. Keep dialogue open.
3. Support your partner.

[+ Get more tips!](#)

## Inform Yourself!

Order one of our informative publications:

### [Becoming A Father](#)



This handbook helps young men understand that acceptance of the responsibilities and joys of fatherhood is the best choice for all concerned.

Addresses reasons some young men think it's okay not to be involved with their child, and offers tips on staying actively involved.

[Co-Parenting, Whether You Live Together Or Apart: Parenting As A](#)

Hello Catherine,

According to a recent report from digital marketing and media research firm eMarketer, US men are in the minority online. Currently, 96 million males are Internet users, compared with 103 million females (40 percent of which are moms). eMarketer estimates that the number of men online will reach 106 million in 2013—but currently men are the minority. Online communities have become a great way for parents to meet other parents and to share stories and resources. So where are the dads? Since our issue is dedicated to and is all about dads we found some great blogs that show real life experiences of real-life dads.

We also showcase a program funded by our Washington chapter ([PCA Washington](#)) that works to support and inspire fathers to be the best that they can be. And as always, we made sure to pack the issue full of great resources and tips just for fathers.

Enjoy!

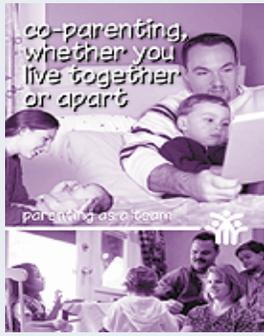
## Becoming a Good Father, One Blog at a Time

Here are some of our favorite blogs by and for fathers:

- [DIY Father](#) - Father's guide to parenting
- [Raising Eli and Ziggy](#)- The Art of being a good dad, husband and family man
- [The Dad Jam](#)Advice, stories and collaboration for dads and dads to be

## Team

Helps parents put their child's welfare first! Explains how children benefit when parents work together, and the harm that can be done when they don't. Provides guidance on building a strong parenting team that's supported by good communication, healthy child-discipline practices, and involvement in their child's life.



## Friends of the Cause



We encourage your support for [Prepare Tomorrow's Parents](#) (PTP), a ten year old national organization that facilitates parenting education for children and teens. On its website PTP describes many [curricula](#) that share Prevent Child Abuse America's objective of preventing child abuse by including life skills training for children as well as the [research and rationale](#) for their effectiveness.

Parenting Education programs for children and teens teach caring, nurturing, empathy skills, child development, positive discipline and show results of decreased abuse, violence and teen pregnancy, improved mental health and advanced school preparedness for future generations. The state of New York [mandates parenting education for high school graduation](#).

Supporters, like you, can actively prevent child abuse in their communities by advocating for inclusion of these types of parenting education classes for children and teens in schools and after school programs. To learn more, visit [Prepare for Tomorrow's Parents](#).

## Make A Difference!

**What you can do to help:**

Show your [support](#) of Prevent Child Abuse America!

Become our friend on



- [Luke, I am Your Father](#)- Diary of a new dad

*These web sites provide a wide range of information and services for fathers.*

*Prevent Child Abuse America takes no responsibility for content of these sites. However, we would like to receive your comments about sites listed here. Please email [info@preventchildabuse.org](mailto:info@preventchildabuse.org) if you encounter problems through these links.*

## Giving Dads Hope

Marvin Charles and his wife, Jeanett, overcame addiction and homelessness to regain custody of their children. Together, they founded Divine Alternatives for Dads Services (D.A.D.S.) in Seattle, WA. in 1998. D.A.D.S. provides a one-on-one case advocacy program for fathers in need of family services, such as: assistance in reuniting fathers with their children; referrals to drug and alcohol treatment programs; employment counseling; assistance with child support adjustments; parenting classes and more.

D.A.D.S. serves more than 200 primarily low income and minority parents each year through parenting classes, support groups and other means to develop positive, engaged and committed fathers. The program has won several competitive, capacity-building grants from the Washington Council for Children and Families/Prevent Child Abuse Washington. In 2008, D.A.D.S. received a Ruth Massinga Award from Casey Family Programs honoring programs that "prevent the need for foster care."

Visit <http://www.aboutdads.org/> for more information about this innovative, life-changing program for fathers.

## Schedule a Tee-Time with Dad!

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[Changing The Way We Think About Prevention](#)



Grab your golf clubs and your dad and join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Verizon Wireless/Chicago Bulls/PCA America Golf Outing.

Chicago Bulls' personalities including current players, coaches, legends, broadcasters and entertainment teams will be back on the links!

Guests attending the event will have the opportunity to play golf, dine and mingle with their favorite Bulls' players, coaches, legends and broadcasters while bidding on a wide selection of sports memorabilia. The silent auction, raffles and contests will include Bulls' autographed jerseys, shoes and basketballs as well as items from other Chicago sports teams.

**When:**

Monday, August 17, 2009

**Where:**

White Pines Golf Club (features two 18-hole courses) | 500 West Jefferson | Bensenville, IL 60106

**Register Your Foursome Now!**

[www.nba.com/bulls/community/golf\\_090820.html](http://www.nba.com/bulls/community/golf_090820.html)

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