# Community Impact Report January 2023





On Tuesday, February 20, the Strengthening Indiana Families Family Resource Center will celebrate its grand opening in Elkhart County. This event is free and open to the public. The ribbon cutting will take place at 1 p.m. with an open house going from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Members of the public are invited to stay for a Family Game Night following this event.

Located at 612 E Bristol Street, Elkhart, IN 45614, the Family Resource Center exists to support families and provide a one-stop location for parents to access resources, encouragement, and physical support. With a play room and a schedule of activities, children have safe, enriching entertainment while parents access the resources the Family Resource Center provides.

The Family Resource Center is designed to meet the specific needs of Elkhart County by working with them to problem solve and meet their needs by tapping into our network of resources and partners. Elkhart County was selected as one of nine pilot locations throughout Indiana with SCAN being awarded a contract to provide services for this project in Elkhart County.

### https://strengtheninginfamilies.org/frc/elkhart/



### **Region 3** Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall & St. Joseph

# **Impact Story**

**Community Partners has helped a mother a** for a second time in services. She self-referred back to the program recognizing she needed more supportive services. She has been able to slowly achieve success with the support of her case manager to be self sufficent. She has obtained her CNA license and is working full time and now has stable housing. She has also benefitted from parenting classes as she is raising her two children along with raising her sister. Community Partners is such a unique program where families can reach out for help whenever they need it and someone will be there to support them with their goals.



### **South Bend Caregiver Fair**

Summer is just around the corner! Are you starting to plan out childcare or feeling unsure where to begin? Join SCAN on Saturday, March 16 from 12-4 at the Kroc Center in South Bend for our Caregiver Fair where parents and caregivers can meet local providers and learn more about creating safe, fun summer memories!





# <u>Community Partners Outcomes</u> January - Region 3

Improved Parent Functioning (75%)	Goal Attainment (90%)	# of Referrals in January	# of Referrals Program Year (YTD)	# of Referrals Last Program Year (YTD)
100%	100%	171	I,293	I,245

# Prevention Education & Outreach By The Numbers In January

200 people reached at community events

In recent weeks SCAN has hosted Back to School Bowling Events in both Warsaw and Elkhart. The families and children who attended this event were excited for a fun afternoon and for the opportunity to get the school supplies they needed to finish out the school year strong.

Events Attended In January:

Family Fun Night Bowling Event Warsaw

Bowling Back To School Elkhart

#### In February We'll Be Training:

2/7 & 2/8 - Child Safety Matters Lesson 2

2/13 & 2/21- Child Safety Matters Lesson I Come See Us In March At:

3/2 - Bowling Back To School - Plymouth

3/16 - Caregiver Fair -South Bend



### Region 4 Allen, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Whitley

### Impact Story

Community Partners was able to assist one mother who was homeless while trying to obtain stable housing. SCAN was able to assist her in a motel for one week until she signed her lease to move in to her apartment. Staff shared she shed tears of gratitude upon receiving this support.



# Prevent Child Abuse Councils

#### **Allen County**

The Allen County PCA met in the month of January to discuss upcoming events in April they would like to see happen, as well as the status of pinwheels within the county. They are trying to give out as many as they can within the downtown area, schools, businesses, and government. If you would like pinwheels or know a business that might, contact Lynn at mherbst@scaninc.org.

#### **DeKalb County**

The DeKalb County PCA did not meet in the month of January due to weather, but is meeting on Tuesday, February 13, from 9:00 - 10:00 at the Children's First Center in Auburn. They are meeting every month until April to work on planning events for April's awareness of child abuse. They are looking for community members and partners to increase their membership and participation within the community itself. If you're interested, please email Lynn at mherbst@scaninc.org.

#### LaGrange County

The LaGrange County PCA didn't meet in the month of January, but they did have a panel presentation at Meadowview Elementary in Shipshewana. They presented to a group of staff members within the school as to what services are available to families within the area. They discussed important items to look for or be on the lookout for when it comes to the safety of children, they also discussed awareness of human trafficking for raising awareness month. Their next meeting is February 7, from 1:30 - 3:00 at the Parkview LaGrange Hospital Corner Cafe.

#### **Steuben County**

The Steuben County PCA met this past month to discuss what the month will look like for raising awareness in April, for preventing child abuse awareness. They discussed the success of other events in their community, how this could translate to their events and celebrated the community participation they have received thus far. They are looking to disperse more pinwheels in Steuben County, even wanting requests from not only businesses but also residents of the county. If you're interested in learning more, please email Lynn at mherbst@scaninc.org.



# **Community Partners Outcomes**

### January - Region 4

Improved Parent Functioning (75%)	Goal Attainment (90%)	# of Referrals in January	# of Referrals Program Year (YTD)	# of Referrals Last Program Year (YTD)
100%	<b>89</b> %	162	I,020	954

### Prevention Education & Outreach By The Numbers In January

people reached through education presentations.

44 people reached through community events.

Trainings Provided In January: Human Trafficking 102 -Concordia Lutheran High School

Trauma Informed Practices For Educators -The Learning Community

### We'll Be Training

In February At: Child Safety Matters Lesson 2: Central Lutheran School West Noble Middle School Indicators of Child Abuse and Neglect: Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department Come See Us At These Events: 2/16 - Grace College Career Fair

3/9 - Noblepalooza -Kendallville

3/14 - Bridge of Grace Community Health Fair -Fort Wayne



# A Glance At SCAN's Region 4 Impact

### Impact Story

This month Daybreak Crisis Homes did a placement for an expecting mom with pre-eclampsia. Her two children, both under two years old, were in placement while mom had to go back and forth to the hospital almost every single day. They returned home after mom was induced and had the baby. The mom was very grateful that her older kids were in a safe place so she could focus on completing her pregnancy in a healthy and happy way.



93% of families in Healthy Families successfully created a Family Goal Plan 360 people were served through SCAN's Healthy Families program 100% of children staying at Daybreak Crisis Homes were kept free of abuse and neglect



### Region 6 Cass, Fulton, Howard, Huntington, Miami, Wabash

#### **Impact Story**

Finding housing can provide stability but sometimes brings other issues such as pests from a previous tenant. Two families in January obtained stable housing through purchasing a home and the other had a Housing Voucher. **Extermination was their responsibility.** This is an unexpected expense most families struggle to budget after paying extra for security deposits to move in. Community Partners was able to assist two families with pest education and extermination costs through **Arrow Pest Control services. These** children can now live and sleep in a home pest free and case managers helped the parents maintain a healthy environment with ongoing weekly home visits.



#### Substance Misuse Initiative News

The Substance Free Alternative **Event at The Times Theater in** Fulton County on 1/27 was a success! We had 114 people attend the movie Sing! for free and and each attendee received a free pass, also provided by SCAN, to attend a movie at The Times Theater in the future. All of the families in attendance received a QR Code to the Talk. They Hear You. campaign website, as well as information about substance prevention and the programs offered by SCAN and the other coalitions/ organizations that participated in the event.

# **Prevent Child Abuse Councils**

#### **Huntington County**

The Huntington Co. PCA didn't meet during the month of January due to the weather. Their next meeting is February 5th at I PM, at the Youth Services Bureau. They are meeting every month until April to work on planning events for April's awareness of child abuse. They are looking for community members and partners to increase their membership and participation within the community itself. If you're interested in learning more or joining your local PCA, please email Lynn at mherbst@scaninc.org.



#### Miami County

The Miami County PCA met during the month of January to discuss a few items. They welcomed new community partners to the discussion and collaboration of the PCA within Miami County. They met and discussed April events they would like to see, the status and updates of the distribution of pinwheels, and the focus of the next few meetings. If you would like to help plan these events, attend meetings, or even learn more please email Lynn at mherbst@scaninc.org. Their next meeting will be virtual on February 23rd, 2024 at 12 PM.



# <u>Community Partners Outcomes</u> January - Region 6

#### Improved Goal # of Referrals # of Referrals Parent # of Referrals **Program Year** Attainment Last Program **Functioning** in January (YTD) Year (YTD) (90%) (75%) 86% 100% 444 **53** 400

# Prevention Education & Outreach By The Numbers In January

1,228 people reached through education presentations!

In January, SCAN was fortunate to partner with North Miami Elementary School to present the Monique Burr Foundation's Child Safety Matters program to students, as well as having informational presentations for parents and staff. Many of the parents and staff that attended these presentations expressed gratitude for learning about the child welfare background information as well as getting to know what their students would learn about in the classroom during the Child Safety Matters presentations.

#### Trainings Provided In January:

Child Safety Matters: North Miami Elementary Teen Safety Matters: Sharp Creek Elementary (6th Grade) Lewis Cass High School MBF Teacher/Parent Presentation: North Miami Elementary

#### We'll Be Training In February At:

Child Safety Matters: North Miami Elementary Southwood Elementary

Teen Safety Matters: Lewis Cass Middle/High Grace Memorial Institutional Church Come See Us In February At: Free Family Trampoline Night - Gravity Trampoline Park in Kokomo

Business Matters Nonprofit Luncheon -Elite Banquet Center



### A Look At Our Other Programs

Region	Completion of NCFAS within required time frames	Families Remain Intact	Families make progress toward one goal monthly	People Served Through Clinical Services	People Served Through Family Engagement Services
Regions I, 2, & 3			72%	69	46
Region 4 & 7	100%	100%	86%	103	41

### **PCA Council Impact Story**

Businesses and organizations are typically the target for distributing pinwheels, the physical symbol for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, each March. Recently, member of the Allen County Prevent Child Abuse Council noticed that the parts of Allen County that are busiest are residential areas in downtown Fort Wayne, especially West Central. Being a resident of the area, they decided to have a call out for their neighbors who might want to participate in Child Abuse Prevention Month. So far, there have been over 50 houses who have committed to displaying pinwheels in their yards and gardens come April. The goal of PCA Councils is to raise awareness locally, so there is more of a call to the community to help solve issues surrounding child abuse and neglect.





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