



*April is Child Abuse Prevention/Family Strengthening Month*

**Policy Forum**

**“National and Local Perspectives  
on Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect”**

**April 28, 2010 • 9 a.m.-noon • National Press Club, 529 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 13<sup>th</sup> floor**



Nationally, over 800,000 children have been identified as victims of abuse or neglect—including 3,900 District children in FY09. The immediate impact for child victims is tragic and too often life threatening, and these children may also endure a long-lasting negative impact on their physical and cognitive development. As a nation, the U.S. has traditionally concentrated resources on responding to abuse and neglect through public child welfare agencies. Increasingly, however, officials at both the federal and state levels are embracing prevention strategies that reduce risk factors and help to build family capacity to raise healthy children.

The DC Child and Family Services Agency and The Washington Children’s Foundation invite the public to hear and discuss national and local perspectives on preventing child abuse and neglect. District policymakers and leaders from both the public and private sectors can engage with a panel of experts to explore:

- The latest research about effective prevention efforts,
- Innovative practices from across the nation, and
- Implications for new local policy directions.

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Roque Gerald**, director, DC Child and Family Services Agency
- **James Hmurovich**, president/CEO, Prevent Child Abuse America
- **Jennifer Ehrle Macomber**, senior research associate, The Urban Institute
- **Catherine Nolan**, director of the Office of Child Abuse and Neglect, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau

**Moderator:**

**Michele Booth-Cole**, executive director, Safe Shores/The DC Children’s Advocacy Center

Space is limited. To attend, please RSVP by April 23 to [preventionpolicyforum@dc.gov](mailto:preventionpolicyforum@dc.gov)