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*The National Committee
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First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton



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"Love Shouldn't Hurt"



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Front row left to right: Stephen Bishop, Jordan Hill, Richard Stites, Tamia, Wendy Wilson, Carnie Wilson, Owen Elliot, Bobby Caldwell. Back row: Emmanuel Officer, Jack Kugell, Steven A. Kipner, Gregory Curtis, McKenzie Phillips. Not pictured: All 4 One, Michael Bolton, Olivia Newton-John, Stephen Stills, Chris Stills, Ann Wilson.

The Love Shouldn't Hurt album on Qwest/Warner Bros. Records features top recording stars who have lent their talents to support a viable cause. All artist royalties will be donated to the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse.



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Love Shouldn't Hurt Features All-Star Lineup; Proceeds To Benefit Child Abuse Program

A roster of top recording stars have lent their talent and support to a unique album calling attention to one of the critical problems facing modern society—the scourge of child abuse.

With all proceeds, including artists and producers royalties, going directly to the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse (NCPCA), **Love Shouldn't Hurt** is set for release in mid-November on Qwest/Warner Bros. Records. Executive producer is music industry veteran and committed child welfare activist Mickey Shapiro. The album features new material and exclusive performances by Deana Carter, Stephen Bishop, Michael Bolton, Kenny Loggins, Bobby Caldwell, Take 6, Michael McDonald, Earth, Wind & Fire, the Lovemongers, featuring Heart's Ann and Nancy Wilson, Strate Vocalz and the instrumental group Elite, featuring Bob Remstein.

Additionally, **Love Shouldn't Hurt** highlights a rendition of the title track performed by the Love Shouldn't Hurt All-Stars, a stellar choir that includes many of the album's solo participants, as well as such luminaries as Tamia, Carnie and Wendy Wilson, Stephen & Chris Stills, Olivia Newton-John, All 4 One and many others. "Love Shouldn't Hurt," written and produced by Jack Kugell, Steve Kipner and Eva King, will be released as a single on Qwest/Warner Bros. Records on October 20.

The Chicago-based National Committee To Prevent Child Abuse is the only national organization working exclusively on the local, state and national level to prevent child abuse. With chapters in 42 states, NCPCA works to prevent child abuse through education, research, public awareness, advocacy and programs like Health Families America.

"Love shouldn't hurt, but for too many children it does," said NCPCA Executive Director A. Sidney Johnson. "Millions of children are hurt each year by those who are supposed to be their caregivers. For some, that hurt proves fatal. Last year alone, more than three million children were reported abused and neglected. Three children died each day as a result of their injuries.

"But we can stop the hurt if everyone plays a part. These artists and producers have played an exemplary role through their participation in this wonderful album. They've used their celebrity status to help raise much-needed funds and awareness about this tragic problem. We are deeply grateful to them for their support and hope others will be inspired to follow in their footsteps."

Singer-songwriter Michael Bolton also feels strongly about this cause. "I'm very excited to be a part of **Love Shouldn't Hurt**," he said. "Joining together with so many wonderful artists gives us the strength in numbers to underscore the important work of the National Committee To Prevent Child Abuse."

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE HONORS FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS, AND TOP RECORDING ARTISTS FOR THEIR ROLE IN CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Washington, D.C., October 6, 1998 – The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse (NCPCA) today honored First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Senators John D. Rockefeller IV and John H. Chafee, and Representatives Barbara Kennelly and Dave Camp for leading the effort to pass The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.

NCPCA also honored a group of recording artists, producers, and songwriters, including NCPCA Honorary Chairman Michael Bolton, for lending their talent and support to a new compact disc (CD) called "Love Shouldn't Hurt." All artist royalties from the sale of the CD will go directly to NCPCA. The artists, along with the World Children's Choir, will sing the title track, "Love Shouldn't Hurt," at the luncheon. Qwest/Warner Bros. Records is set to release the CD in early November.

"Love shouldn't hurt, but for too many children, it still does," said NCPCA Executive Director A. Sidney Johnson III. "Millions of children are hurt each year by those who are supposed to be their caregivers. But we *can* stop the hurt if everyone plays a role. Today is a celebration of those who have recognized their role in preventing child abuse. We are deeply grateful to them for their support and hope others will be inspired to follow in their footsteps."

The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 improves the protection and care of abused and neglected children, increases adoptions and other permanent homes for children, and supports families.

"This Act represents the most significant change in federal child-protection policy in nearly two decades. An important aspect of the legislation provides almost \$20 million in additional funding for local child abuse prevention efforts such as NCPCA's Healthy Families America (HFA)," said Johnson.

HFA is a nationwide initiative to provide home visitation services to parents at the time their children are born. The initiative was launched in 1992 in partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities and with major support from the Freddie Mac Foundation.

Noted by the American Academy of Pediatrics as "one of the most hopeful and promising developments that has occurred in the recent memory of those working in the field of child maltreatment," HFA has a proven track record of preventing child abuse and a host of other poor, early childhood outcomes.

The First Lady, who visited an HFA site earlier this year, said that "one of our country's greatest challenges is to identify programs like HFA that work and to make them more widely available to families who would benefit from them."

Currently there are more than 320 HFA sites in 40 states and the District of Columbia. An estimated 20,000 families will receive services at sites started prior to January 1998.

Between 1985 and 1994, child abuse reports in the United States increased by 50 percent. Last year alone, more than three million children were reported abused or neglected and at least three children died each day as a result of their injuries.

The Chicago-based National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse is the only national organization exclusively working on the local, state, and national levels to prevent child abuse. With chapters across the country, NCPCA works to prevent child abuse through education, research, public awareness, advocacy, and programs like Healthy Families America.

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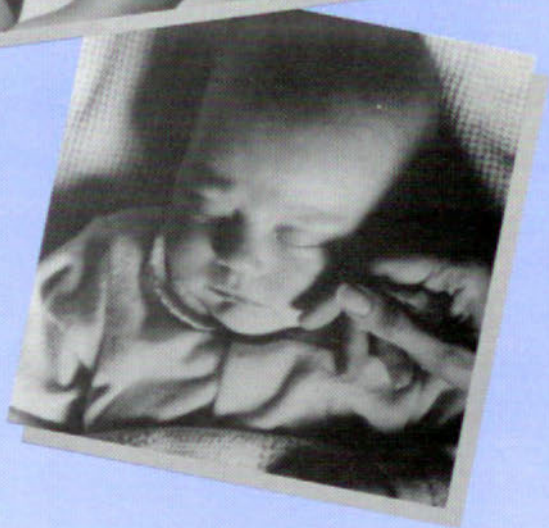
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REACHING FAMILIES IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY



THE ADOPTION AND SAFE FAMILIES ACT OF 1997

On November 19, 1997, the President signed into law the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, P.L. 105-89. This legislation amends the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, the major federal reform enacted nearly two decades ago to help abused and neglected children and troubled families.

The passage of this legislation represents an important landmark in child welfare. It improves the protection and care of the nation's abused and neglected children, increases adoptions and other permanent homes for children who need them, and supports families. An important aspect of this legislation is the reauthorization and expansion of the Family Preservation and Support Services program, renamed Promoting Safe and Stable Families. This program is a major source of federal funding for community-based family support services such as home visiting, parent support groups, respite care, information and referral services, and early developmental screening to help assess the needs of children. Funding for this program will increase by nearly \$20 million over the next three years for a total of \$305 million in FY 2001.

The Adoption and Safe Families Act promotes a number of key tenets including:

- The safety of children is the paramount concern that must guide all child welfare services.
- Foster care is a temporary setting and not a place for children to grow up.
- Permanency planning efforts for children should begin as soon as a child enters foster care and should be expedited by the provision of services to families.
- The child welfare system must focus on results and accountability.
- Innovative approaches are needed to achieve the goals of safety, permanency and well-being.
- Better linkages must be forged between the child welfare system and other systems of support for families to ensure the safety and well-being of children and families.

This legislation was passed by Congress with overwhelming bipartisan support thanks to the efforts of a handful of legislators. Among them include Senators John Chafee (R-RI), Larry Craig (R-ID), Mike DeWine (R-OH), and Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), and Representatives Dave Camp (R-MI) and Barbara Kennelly (D-CT). Special thanks should also be made to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and her staff for their efforts in ensuring the successful passage of this legislation.

National Committee To Prevent Child Abuse (NCPCA)

At-a-Glance

It shouldn't hurt to be a child. NCPCA exists because for too many children, it still does:

- Between 1985 and 1995, child abuse reports in the United States were up 50 percent.
- In 1995 alone more than three million children were reported abused or neglected. At least three children a day died as a result of their injuries. The vast majority of these fatalities (82 percent) involved children under the age of five, and more than 40 percent involved children under age one.

Children who survive can suffer a wide range of emotional, developmental, and physical problems:

- Lack of school readiness, mental disorders, alcohol and drug abuse, school problems, and juvenile delinquency often emerge as a result of early abuse.
- Children who are abused tend to be poor learners and unproductive workers. They frequently drop out of school. Many become teenage parents.

- **Unhealthy early childhoods cost society dearly—from a humane and financial perspective:**
- It costs taxpayers billions of dollars each year to support governmental legal and social services targeted at abusive parents and their children.
- Given that over 40 percent of all child abuse fatalities involve children under age one, the case for preventing child abuse *before* it occurs is clear.

NCPCA - A response to the problem:

- Founded in 1972, NCPCA is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and families.
- The first national organization working to prevent child abuse at the local, state and national levels, NCPCA continues to take a leadership role in the child abuse prevention field.
- Through its national office and chapter network, NCPCA touches the lives of hundreds of thousands of children annually.

NCPCA - A leader in effective program development.

Major national program areas include training and technical assistance, public education, research and Healthy Families America.

Program accomplishments:

- **National Public Awareness:** Working in partnership with the Advertising Council and the National Basketball Association, NCPCA conducts national public awareness campaigns to educate the public about child abuse and its prevention and creates opportunities for greater public involvement. The initiation of a new 800 number allows callers to receive information on ways to become involved in local prevention efforts. NCPCA also operates a public education program which includes more than 60 informational and educational publications with an annual circulation of over 2 million copies throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.
- **Training and technical assistance:** Efforts in training and technical assistance have led to the development of a national network of state chapters involving more than 120,000 active volunteers at the grassroots level.

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- **The National Center on Child Abuse Prevention Research:** Currently the leading national source of data regarding child abuse reports and fatalities, the National Research Center also has conducted research for institutions such as the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, William Penn Foundation, the W.T. Grant Foundation and the U.S. Armed Forces.
- **Healthy Families America:** The first national effort to establish a home visiting and support system for new parents, HFA is based on more than two decades of research and the experiences of family support programs across the country. It is the vision of Healthy Families America that every new parent in the country will receive the support and services they need to ensure a successful and healthy start for themselves and their babies. To date, all fifty states and 30 national organizations have joined NCPCA in this effort, and hundreds of Healthy Families sites are serving families across the country.

Organizational Structure

- NCPCA is composed of a national board, a national office, and a nationwide network of state chapters. As the governing body, the national board includes

representatives from the chapter network and the corporate, professional, and lay communities, and represents a geographical and cultural cross-section of the United States. The national office in Chicago has over 50 full-time staff members. The state chapters collectively mobilize some 120,000 volunteers.

- NCPCA chapters, national staff, and volunteers implement board policies, conduct demonstration projects, and develop working models to create comprehensive, community-based prevention strategies. The nationwide chapter network also unites local citizens to promote regional prevention services. These efforts include a wide variety of direct prevention services such as parenting programs, latchkey and after-school programs, and parent support groups.

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NUMBER OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS NATIONWIDE

In 1997, over 3 million (3,195,000) children were reported for child abuse and neglect to child protective service (CPS) agencies in the United States. This figure represents a 1.7% increase over the number of children reported in 1996. Child abuse reporting levels have increased 41% between 1988 and 1997. Experts attribute much of the increase in reporting to greater public awareness of and willingness to report child maltreatment, as well as changes in how states collected reports of maltreatment (Wang & Daro, 1998).

In 1997, 1,054,000 children were confirmed by CPS as victims of child maltreatment. This represents 15 out of every 1,000 U.S. children.

According to the 1997 survey, physical abuse represented 22% of confirmed cases, sexual abuse 8%, neglect 54%, emotional maltreatment 4% and other forms of maltreatment 12%. These percentages have undergone some shift since 1986 when approximately 26% of the children were reported for physical abuse, 16% for sexual abuse, 55% for neglect, and 8% for emotional maltreatment (AAPC, 1988).

INCIDENCE OF CHILD MALTREATMENT IN THE GENERAL POPULATION

Currently, about 47 out of every 1,000 children are reported as victims of child maltreatment (Wang & Daro, 1998).

CHILD FATALITIES

The most accurate data on child maltreatment fatalities currently available estimate that in 1996, 1,185 child abuse and neglect related fatalities were confirmed by CPS agencies. Based on these numbers, more than three children die each day as a result of child abuse or neglect. Since 1985, the rate of child abuse fatalities has increased by 34% (Wang & Daro, 1998).

Young children remain at high risk for loss of life. Between 1995 and 1997, 78% of these children were less than five years old at the time of their death, while 38% were under one year of age (Wang & Daro, 1998). As for cause of death, 44% of deaths resulted from neglect, 51% from physical abuse, and 5% from a combination of neglectful and physically abusive parenting. Approximately 41% of these deaths occurred to children known to child protective service agencies as current or prior clients.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

In 1997, approximately 84,320 new cases of child sexual abuse were accepted for service, accounting for 8% of all confirmed victims. This number underscores the substantial threat to child well-being represented by this form of maltreatment.

ABUSE IN DAY CARE/FOSTER CARE

Reports of child maltreatment involving day care centers and foster care homes attract a great deal of attention. Such publicity has created the perception that abuse is common place in these out-of-home settings. However, this perception seems out of line with reality (Finkelhor & Williams, 1988). Based on information

from 18 states, reports of abuse in day care, foster care, or other institutional care settings represented about 3% of all confirmed cases in 1997 (Wang & Daro, 1998). This percentage has remained consistent over the past eleven years.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CHILD ABUSE

The link between substance abuse and child abuse has strengthened over the years. In 1997, 88% of respondents named substance as one of the top two problems presented by families reported for maltreatment. This percentage is higher than those reported in previous years, suggesting that after several years of some improvement, substance abuse is again surfacing as a primary contributor to child maltreatment (Wang & Daro, 1998).

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