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Dear ICAN Partners and Friends,

Spring is near, and we await a breath of new normalcy! Our ICAN team is energized to continue our efforts to prevent child abuse with you, our invaluable extended family of inter-agency partners and community advocates.

Here's an ICAN update:

**Our Annual Nexus Conference, Violence in the Home and its Effects on Children, will take place on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. This will be a virtual event co-sponsored by ICAN Associates. The program will include department head messages, multi-disciplinary experts, nationally recognized keynoters, and celebrities. Registration is only \$35! To register, visit [www.ican-events.com](http://www.ican-events.com). If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Urquilla at [urquina@dcsf.lacounty.gov](mailto:urquina@dcsf.lacounty.gov).**

The ICAN Associates Annual Children's Poster Art Contest is currently under way. Every year children from around the County in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades submit poster art expressing their concerns and insights around child abuse through the medium of art. Awards are given to the top artists from each Supervisorial District. For more information, contact Sabina Alvarez at [alvars@dcsf.lacounty.gov](mailto:alvars@dcsf.lacounty.gov).

Our Countywide Campaigns: No Hit, Safe Sleep, and Safe Surrender continue to thrive and make a difference in LA County. If you are interested in displaying posters and brochures in your office or provide them to your clients electronically, please contact Marianne Yamato [chavem@dcsf.lacounty.gov](mailto:chavem@dcsf.lacounty.gov) for No Hit, Susana Montanez [montas@dcsf.lacounty.gov](mailto:montas@dcsf.lacounty.gov) for Safe Sleep and Nancy Urquilla [urquina@dcsf.lacounty.gov](mailto:urquina@dcsf.lacounty.gov) for Safe Surrender.



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ICAN's On-Line Expert Series training featuring 16-Multi-Disciplinary Trainings and 17-renowed Experts on Lessons Learned from Child Death Review is now available through the Learning Net for County employees, or by going to our ICAN website at: [www.ican4kids.org/ican-expert-training-series](http://www.ican4kids.org/ican-expert-training-series). For more information contact Marianne Yamato at [chavem@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:chavem@dcfs.lacounty.gov).

ICAN's Special 30 Year Retrospective Report on Child Homicides by Caretaker is available to review online or to download at: [www.ican4kids.org/reports](http://www.ican4kids.org/reports). This ICAN report, unique in the nation, reports on and analyzes nearly 1000 child abuse fatalities over the last 30 years in Los Angeles County.

Comprehensive annual reports on the ICAN website include: the ICAN Report of the Child Death Review Team, State of Child Abuse and Neglect in Los Angeles County, and Safely Surrendered and Abandoned Infants.

ICAN Teams, committees and workgroups continue to be active, including: Operations, Hospital Network, Data and Information Sharing, Inter-Agency Response to Children's Traumatic Grief and Loss, Child Abduction, Child Death Review, Child and Adolescent Suicide Review, Infant Safe Sleep, Legislation, Children's Trust Fund allocations recommendations, Training and Conference planning.

Looking forward, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Let us all start thinking about how we can reach even farther to protect children and mend their broken hearts.

"The time is always right to do what is right"  
Martin Luther King Jr.

