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Community Impact Report

September 2023





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Over 50,000 People Served In 2023!

SCAN is excited to announce that we were able to serve **more than 50,000 people** during our 2023 Fiscal Year! Whether it was a **teacher** and their **students** receiving a training at their school, recently separated **parents** learning to overcome their conflict through parenting classes, or a **family** receiving assistance in their search for stable housing, SCAN is grateful to be in the position to assist them on their journey. We want to say **thank you** to our **partners** in the community, individual **supporters** and our dedicated **staff** for helping us make such a large impact in our communtiy!



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Cass County Safe Sleep Event

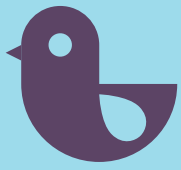


Safe Sleep for a baby can give everyone in their home sweet dreams! SCAN is excited to be hosting a Safe Sleep Event on October 19th in Logansport. Attendees will learn how they can practice safe sleep in their home as well as receive free supplies for their baby, ages 0-12 months.

Event Details

**McHale Complex Pavilion
Riverside Park
1212 Riverside Drive
Logansport, IN**

**Thursday, October 16
9:30 am - 11:30 am**



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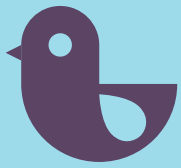
Region 3 **Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall & St. Joseph**

Impact Story

SCAN hosted a Back-to-School Party at Howard Park in South Bend on September 6. Children who attended were given a drawstring gym bag with a water bottle, earbuds, a calculator, and a wireless mouse. They were also able to choose items for lunch from a variety of healthy options. **SCAN** was joined at this event by several other community agencies who provided information and resources to those who came. Toward the end of the event, we realized we would have healthy lunch items left over. To make sure families could continue to benefit from this event, we quickly made arrangements with two different food pantries in South Bend to donate these supplies!

As we were packing up, several children came into the building to use the restroom. **SCAN** staff invited them to come into the event room and take some of the food items that were left. These children were so excited to receive these healthy snacks and choose the things they liked best. Eventually, their grandmother came in and we loaded her up with bags of fresh fruit and healthy snacks for her family. The **SCAN** team put a lot of work into planning and carrying out this event and were discouraged by a less than large turnout. However, the interaction with these children and their grandmother at the very end of a long day served as a reminder of why we continue the work that we do. Making a difference in the lives of families with children, even in a small way, makes events and days like this worth our time and effort.





Community Partners Outcomes From September - Region 3

Improved Parent Functioning (75%)	Goal Attainment (90%)	# of Referrals in September	# of Referrals Program Year	# of Referrals Last Program Year
100%	100%	191	552	476

Prevention Education & Outreach By The Numbers In September

11
agencies,
nonprofits and
community
leaders
partnered with

35
people
reached at
community
fairs

15
people
reached
through
networking

Trainings Provided In September:

Child Safety Matters:
Triton School Corp.
Mary Daly

Indicators of Child Abuse
and Neglect:
Purdue Polytech Staff
St. Adalberts

We'll Be Training In October At:

10/2 - Child Safety Matters
- Mary Daly Elementary

10/6 - Child Safety Matters
- Mary Daly Elementary

10/9 - Child Safety Matters
- Holy Family Elementary

We'll Be Training In October At:

10/17 - Child Safety
Matters - Holy Family
Elementary

10/25 - Trauma
Informed Practices
- Kosciusko County
United Way



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Region 4

Allen, DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Whitley

Local Prevention Dollar Update

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services receives LPD funding for their after school program. September outcomes show that 37 students met or exceeded outcomes with 64% of participants improving academic performance and 36% maintaining performance. Thank you Wellspring for helping children succeed in school!

Another funded partner, the YWCA met with 148 Central Noble students to learn about the prevention of domestic violence and showed a 98% increase in knowledge!



Prevent Child Abuse Councils

Allen County

The Allen County PCA met this month to discuss how their focus groups have yielded data. They then discussed how this data will inform the community action plan for Allen County. Moving forward, their focus is on specifics of the action plan and its implementation. Their next meeting will take place Dec. 11 at 1 PM at SCAN's Main Street office.

DeKalb County

The DeKalb County PCA recently met at The Children's First Center to review survey results and collected data from focus groups. Meggan Testin from the center played a crucial role in gathering client data, which will inform a comprehensive community action plan. The group also discussed participation in upcoming fall events like the Festival of Trees, a community holiday celebration. Their next meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 9:00 AM, once again at the Children's First Center.

LaGrange County

LaGrange County PCA recently met to discuss several vital topics. They explored new training opportunities inspired by Shannon Seip's seminar, focused on preventing human trafficking and child sexualization in media. They also considered improving their social media presence for educational purposes, reviewed child-related policies such as corporal punishment, and planned upcoming panel presentations and bi-annual school open houses.

Steuben County

The Steuben Co. PCA did not meet this summer and recently convened to discuss what they would like the PCA Council to look within the next upcoming season. They discussed local efforts to connect to events like Cops for Kids, and how that turns into events helping families in need during the holiday season. They also discussed data that they have collected so far from focus groups. Their next meeting is on November 6th @12:00, located at the Steueb County Community Center Foundation.



Community Partners Outcomes From September - Region 4

Improved Parent Functioning (75%)	Goal Attainment (90%)	# of Referrals in September	# of Referrals Program Year	# of Referrals Last Program Year
94%	88%	167	444	420

Prevention Education & Outreach By The Numbers In September

36
 people reached through networking

199
 people reached at community fairs

6
 community organizations partnered with

Events Attended In September:

Patriot Day - New Haven Parks and Recreation

Bumps and Babies Community Resource Event - Parkview Medical Park

Safety Fair - Fort Wayne Public Safety Academy

Watch For Us In October At:

10/14 - Anthony Wayne Area Council Boy Scouts of America Camporee - Noble County Fairgrounds

10/24 - Resource Fair - Prairie Heights Middle School

We'll Be Training In October At:

10/18 - Trauma Informed Practices - Whitley County United Way

10/19 - Indicators of Abuse & Neglect - Fort Wayne Boys & Girls Club

10/23 - Resources Presentation - Columbia City High School



Creating Connections - Family Connections Program

100%
of participants
of **Family
Connections** have
a signed safety
contract

100%
of participants
report an increase
in knowledge &
understanding on
effects of **Domestic
Violence** on their
children

100%
of participants
in **Clinical DV**
have initial safety
assessment within
24 hours



Parenting Classes	15
Therapeutic Services Offered	5
Supervised Visitations	41
Batterers Intervention	5
Domestic Violence Services	11
Counseling Sessions	26

Classes Provided:

Power of Parenting
Parenting Skills for Anyone

Always a Parent
High-Conflict Co-Parents

Alternative to Anger &
Control, for teens ages 13-17

Upcoming Classes:

**Alternatives To Anger
& Control - Wednesdays
from October 11 -
November 1**

**These Classes Are Free To
The Community!**



A Glance At SCAN's Region 4 Impact

Impact Story

SCAN has recently been working with a survivor of domestic violence. Her children had been removed from her care prior to working with SCAN, and she requested to work on parenting and co-parenting after she completed her domestic violence work.

Upon completion of this work, she went to court to bring her children home. At the first court hearing, DCS, as well as the GAL were in favor of the children being returned, however, the judge did not allow it until the trauma assessments were completed. During the second court hearing, the children were returned to their mother's care! She requested to continue to work with a little while longer with Family Connections so that she has a support while the children transition back into the home (which is a new home for them since mom moved to a better place) and she is working on routines, family rules, consequences and rewards for the children.

42
Healthy Families
assessments
were provided.



96%
 of families in
Healthy Families
 successfully
 created a Family
Goal Plan

357
 of clients were
 served through
SCAN's Healthy
Families
program.

60%
 of families in our
Healthy Families
 program showed
 improved parental
 functioning.



Region 6

Cass, Fulton, Howard, Huntington, Miami, Wabash

Local Prevention Dollar Spotlights

Through the use of local prevention dollars, Youth Service Bureau was able to reach 92 children, and 9 adults, at Crestview Middle School in Huntington. During this time, these children and adults were educated on the actions they can take to help prevention suicide.



Substance Misuse Initiative News

SCAN's first Substance Free Alternative Event (SFAE), funded in part by the CRRSA Capacity Grant awarded to SCAN by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA), took place at the 13-24 Drive-In in Wabash on September 30 and was attended by nearly 200 people, the Wabash County Tobacco Free Coalition and the Bowen Center. SFAEs are social and recreational activities for youth and their families that specifically exclude the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. These events are a fun way for families to bond with each other, as well as to engage with members of their community, for free or at a low cost. In addition, SCAN and the other organizations shares about their services.

Prevent Child Abuse Councils

Huntington County

The Huntington County PCA met at McKenzie's Hope this month and discussed a few agenda items. They shared organization updates on events and happenings for the fall. The local PCA and community partners are joining in on a few events like the Community Trick or Treat put on by United Way, Muffins and Mission, and Pumpkin Painting. Their next meeting is on November 13th at 2:00 at the Youth Services Bureau in Huntington. If you are interested in attending these events or your local PCA, please contact Lynn Herbst-Acevedo at mherbst@scaninc.org.



Miami County

The Miami County PCA Council will be holding their next meeting at Noon on Friday, October 27th. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Miami County PCA Council, please contact Lynn Herbst-Acevedo at mherbst@scaninc.org.



Community Partners Outcomes From September - Region 6

Improved Parent Functioning (75%)	Goal Attainment (90%)	# of Referrals in September	# of Referrals Program Year	# of Referrals Last Program Year
100%	100%	70	156	174

Prevention Education & Outreach

By The Numbers In September

26
 people reached through education presentations

298
 people reached at community fairs

42
 people reached through networking

Events Attended In September:
 Community Resource Fair - Logansport
 Marketing Presentation - Empower Humanities Huntington
 Revving For Recovery - FCC Firehouse in Peru
 SCAN Family Movie Night - Wabash

Watch For Us In October At:
 10/12 - Community Partners Fair - Wabash
 10/19 - Cass County Safe Sleep Event - Riverside Park, Logansport
 10/21 - Pumpkin Party - Huntington YMCA

We'll Be Training In October At:
 Teen Safety Matters: - Eastern Middle School
 LGBTQ+: Bridges Outreach
 Trauma Informed Care: Kokomo County Youth Workers



A Look At Our Other Programs

Region	Completion of NCFAS within required time frames	Families Remain Intact	Fathers Are Engaged With Their Children	Families In Clinical Services Make Progress Toward One Goal Monthly	Families In Restoration Services Make Progress Toward One Goal Monthly
Regions 1 & 2				38%	60%
Region 3		100%	60%	25%	
Region 4 & 7	50%	100%	60%	76%	100%

Region 3 Local Prevention Dollar Updates

Family and Children’s Center offers a free program where parents can learn to interact with their infant or young children in new ways! The Brain Train is focused on promoting engagement between the parent and child to meet developmental milestones, build positive relationships, become educated on age-appropriate play and safety precautions, and provide community resources for each family. Anyone who has a child under 5 years old living in St. Joseph County, Indiana and who is not already enrolled in Community Partners, DCS, or Healthy Families can sign up here: <https://www.fccin.org/the-brain-train-sign-up.html>



Lutheran Social Services of Indiana’s Gear-Up for Safety Program provides families with necessary safety items, such as Pack ‘N Plays, car seats, baby locks, smoke detectors and more. The Gear-Up program was able to help three families with safety items to ensure their little ones are safe in their home.



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Wells County PCA Council Update

The Wells Co. PCA met this past month on the 12th of September. They focused on what events they would like to attend in the fall to spread educational content about Preventing Child Abuse.

For Halloween they decided on Boo in Bluffton. The event takes place on October 31st from 5-7:30 in their local gym. If you are interested in joining your local PCA, please contact Lynn Herbst-Acevedo at mherbst@scaninc.org. Their next meeting is December 12th at 1:00 PM at FCS in Bluffton.



Community Partners Updates

Region 3

Community Partners was able to assist twelve different families in September with financial assistance to avoid evictions and disconnections of utilities.

Region 4

Four families were assisted in September with food and utility payments. At the same time period, three families were assisted with extermination services.



Region 6

Community Partners started working with a self-referred family who was struggling with a high electric bill and one parent looking for employment. The family could not find assistance from three local agencies. SCAN and Lutheran Social Services of Indiana were able to work together to provide financial assistance from both agencies to cover an electric bill of more than \$2,000 to avoid a disconnection.



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