



# National Coalition to End Child Abuse Deaths

**More than 2,500 American children die each year from abuse and neglect.**

We are asking Congress:

- *To hold Hearings on Child Abuse and Neglect Deaths*
  - *To create a National Commission on Child Abuse Deaths In America*
  - *To develop a national strategy to prevent future deaths*
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## **Our Accomplishments**

- May 2010 – Met with the Government Accountability Office (GAO) as consultants for their study of Child Fatalities Associated with the Child Welfare System
- September 2010 – Released the second edition of the report *We Can Do Better: Child Abuse and Neglect Deaths in America*
- December 2010 – Held a press conference featuring experts from the five national member organizations, resulting in 25 national media stories on child abuse deaths
- January 2011 – Announced actress Tamara Tunie (*Law and Order: SVU*) as the Coalition's celebrity spokesperson
- April 2011 – Conducted congressional briefing with honorary sponsor Chairman David Camp (R-Michigan), of the Committee on Ways and Means

## **2011 Plans**

- July 2011 - Provide witnesses and testimony at a House Congressional Hearing on Child Abuse Deaths to be held by the Human Resources Subcommittee
- Summer & Fall 2011 – Provide guidance in the drafting of legislation with Senator John Kerry's Office to create a National Commission on Child Abuse Deaths
- Ongoing – Enlist the national media to raise public awareness of the issue and work with Congress and the Administration to prevent child abuse deaths from occurring

## Our Members

**The National Association of Social Workers (NASW)** is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 145,000 members and 56 chapters. NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies.

**The National Center for Child Death Review (NCCDR)** is a resource center for state and local child death review programs. It promotes, supports, and enhances child death review methodology and activities at the state, community and national levels. The center provides technical assistance to help teams develop, implement and sustain a prevention-focused CDR process.

**National Children's Alliance (NCA)** is a professional membership organization dedicated to helping local communities respond to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient – and put the needs of child victims first. National Children's Alliance provides training, support, technical assistance and leadership on a national level to local children's and child advocacy centers and communities responding to reports of child abuse and neglect.

**The Every Child Matters Education Fund (ECMEF)** was founded in 2002 with the mission to make children's issues a political priority. To that end ECM has promoted the adoption of smart policies for children and youth. These include ensuring that children have access to affordable, comprehensive health care services, expanding early-care and learning opportunities and after-school programs, preventing violence, abuse, maltreatment and fatalities against children in their homes and alleviating child poverty.

**The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)**, founded in 1950, is the oldest and largest professional organization representing criminal prosecutors in the world. The National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse (NCPA), a program of the NDAA, was established in 1985. NCPA is staffed with professionals involved in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse, exploitation and technology facilitated crimes against children. NCPA trains approximately 10,000 child abuse prosecutors and allied professionals annually, and provides technical assistance to thousands more.

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