



CAPC Community Partner Spotlight: Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.)

Share a little bit about your organization and its mission.

Established in 1995 by a licensed clinical social worker and registered child play therapist, Bikers Against Child Abuse[®] (B.A.C.A.) exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of bikers to help children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. B.A.C.A. is an international 501(c)(3) organization with chapters all over the world and in 48 states. We are one of the only organizations worldwide providing our unique services for the benefit of abused children 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Describe your role at your organization.

As president of the Orange County chapter, my role is to be the face of the chapter and ensure that the direction of the chapter is consistent with our narrowly focused mission of working with child victims of all types of abuse and/or neglect.

What is your organization's role in child abuse prevention?

It has been well documented that child victims of abuse left untreated often go on in life to repeat the abuse they themselves experienced. B.A.C.A. works with these children to remove their fear and provide counseling when families may not be able to afford it. Additionally, we can vet and fund alternative therapies that most agencies cannot, such as sports, the arts or other beneficial activities that are helpful in restoring a normal, healthy and empowering environment. This approach is proven to help break those chains of repeated abuse. Additionally, children being supported by B.A.C.A. are four times more likely to testify against their abuser, which helps result in more convictions. For example, the average sex offender can impact hundreds of children's lives over a lifetime and taking them off the streets has a tremendous impact on preventing additional abuse.

Share about the importance of your organization collaborating with other community organizations to positively impact the child welfare system.

B.A.C.A. works in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place protecting children. Our mission is narrowly focused and fills in the gaps other agencies cannot provide and we do so without displacing or replacing the agencies or their important work thus enhancing the overall benefit to the children.

What has been the primary focus of your organization during COVID-19?

Our mission, while challenged by circumstance, has remained the same: providing services 24 hours a day, seven days a week to families in need.

Is there any information you'd like to share that the community would benefit from during this difficult time?

Bikers Against Child Abuse is fully operational and ready to help, Orange County Help Line can be reached at 714-988-2408.

Please let us know anything else you'd like to share.

Clinical case studies have documented the effectiveness of our services. If you wish to know more about our amazing organization or wish to help, donate or join please visit www.bacaworld.org

ABC's OF WATER SAFETY



ABC's of Water Safety from the Orange County Fire Authority

In Southern California, drowning prevention and water safety should be practiced on a year-round basis with special emphasis during the summer months. In 2019, Orange County had 114 drowning incidents. Thirty-three of these incidents involved children between 0-4 years old and most drownings occurred at the beach or the bay.

Playing in and around water can be a fun family activity — but it can also be deadly. Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for young children. Help reduce childhood drowning by being aware of the potential risks and prevent unsupervised access to bodies of water. Drowning prevention is everyone's responsibility. Keeping yourself and others safe in and around the water is as easy as ABC. Follow the safety tips below to make sure you know how to be water safe.

A is for ACTIVE ADULT SUPERVISION

- Keep infants and toddlers within an arm's reach.
- No one should ever swim alone, including adults.
- Never rely on water wings, rafts or other swimming aids in place of U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.
- Assign an adult to be a Water Watcher and actively keep their eyes on the water without ANY distractions.
- If a child or adult is missing, every second counts. Check the water first!

B is for BARRIERS

- Install and maintain proper fencing around the pool and spa to isolate swimming areas.
- Use multiple layers of protection, such as fences, gates, doors, alarms and safety covers.
- Use self-closing, self-latching gates that open outward and away from the pool.
- Remove items such as chairs or tables that a child could use to climb over a fence.

C is for CLASSES

- Learn to swim by taking lessons.

- Learn first aid and CPR. Always keep a phone nearby to call 9-1-1.
- Teach children that running, jumping and pushing others on pool decks is dangerous and can cause injuries.
- Always enter the pool feet first so you know how deep the water is in that area.

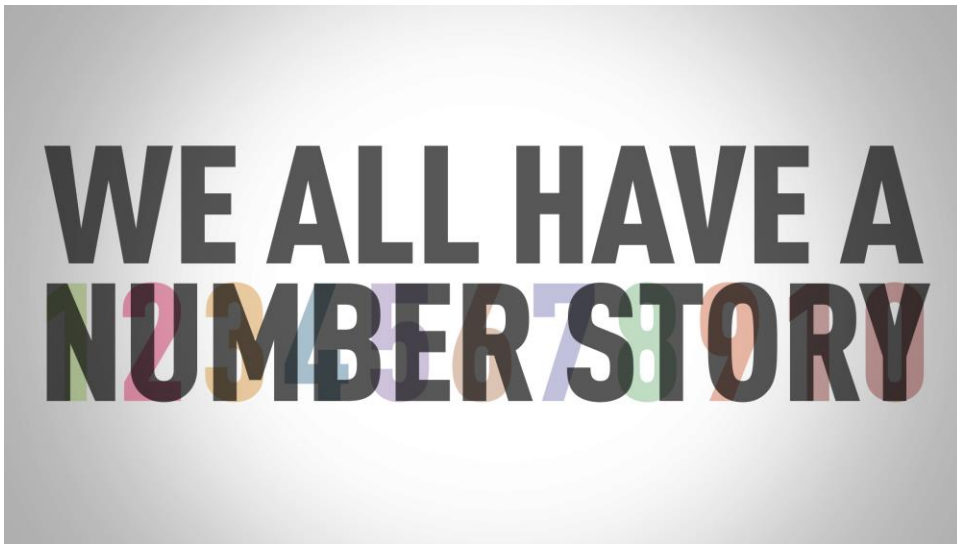
DRAIN SAFETY

- Keep children away from pool and spa drains to avoid entrapment and entanglement.
- Keep long hair tied back and remove dangling items like jewelry or bathing suit ties.
- Install compliant safety drain covers and automatic shut-off pump systems.
- Know where the pool or spa pump switch is and how to turn it off and on.

For more information, please visit the Orange County Fire Authority or the Orange County Drowning Prevention Task Force.

<https://www.ocfa.org/SafetyPrograms/DrowningPrevention.aspx>

<https://drowningpreventionoc.org>



ACEs Aware and ACE Resource Network Present
“Your Number Story” Campaign

ACEs Aware and the California Surgeon General, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, are partnering with ACE Resource Network on an educational campaign designed to raise awareness and understanding of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress.

In addition to raising awareness, this campaign was also established to promote healing and prevention and disrupt the transmission of ACEs to future generations. The campaign’s theme, “The Story of Your Number,” is a reference to understanding the story behind one’s ACE score, and how this can support and empower people and families to heal.

Their website hosts a number of resources about ACEs and toxic stress, along with helpful tools for calculating and understanding ACE scores.

For additional information, visit [NumberStory.org](https://numberstory.org).

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Grab 'N' Go Food Distributions (Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress)

4 to 5 p.m. (while supplies last)

Tuesdays:

La Palma Park

1125 N. La Palma Parkway

Anaheim, CA 92801

Every 4th Wednesday of the month:

West Anaheim Youth Center

320 S. Beach Blvd.

Anaheim, CA 92804

Thursdays:

Clara King Elementary School

8710 Moody St.

Cypress, CA 90630

Friday Food Bank (Latino Health Access)

Fridays from 12 to 4 p.m.

(Walk Up from 12 to 1 p.m. and Drive-Thru from 1:30 to 4 p.m.)

450 W. Fourth St.
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Santa Ana Unified School District Nutrition Services

Mornings, afternoons, and evenings, Monday through Friday from June 7, 2021 to July 30, 2021
(Closed on July 5.)

Meals available at no-cost for all children ages 1 to 18. Full list of locations and additional information:
<https://www.sausd.us/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=1&ModuleInstanceID=6157&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=102797&PageID=1%C2%A0>

Drive-Thru Food Pantry (First Christian Church of Huntington Beach)

Second and fourth Sundays of each month, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
1207 Main St.
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Grocery Distributions (Saddleback Church)

Various Orange County locations, including: Anaheim, Irvine, Lake Forest, Laguna Woods and San Clemente.
For the full list of weekly distributions, pop-up distributions, and all locations, visit:
<https://saddleback.com/connect/ministry/food-pantry>.

Drive-Thru Food Assistance (Families Forward)

Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (no appointment necessary)
8 Thomas
Irvine, CA 92618

Food Pantry (Families Together OC)

**email jonathank@famielstogetheroc.org to book an appointment.*

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

621 W. First Street

Tustin, CA 92780

Orange County Food Map

Search for pantries and distributions throughout Orange County at <http://ocfoodhelp.org/orange-county-free-food-map/>

For more information about additional and upcoming distributions, please follow The Raise Foundation on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). If you would like to submit information about other food distributions or community resources, please email info@theraisefoundation.org.

