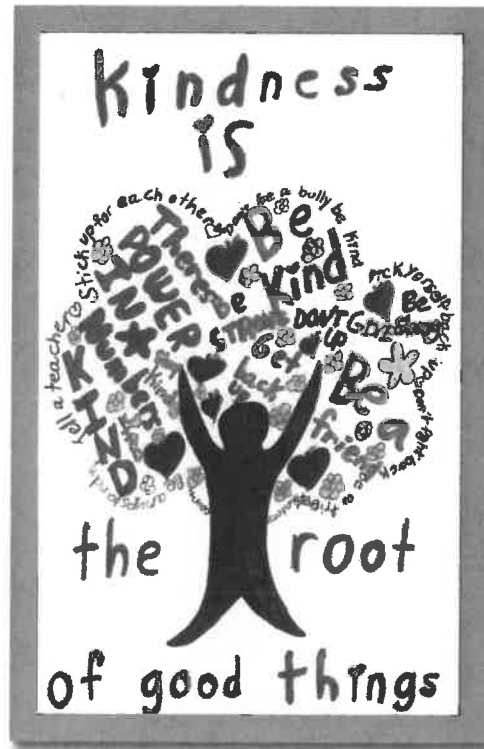




## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICES (CAPS)

### 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

*Kindness ripples like into a pond... Kindness one to start the someone wants to be the kindness kindness, get friend. Choose kindness... Kindness opens a lot of the key to your people. Say nice reason someone smiles*



*dropping a pebble spreads. So be the cycle... Be the reason your friend... Go on highway... Give kindness... Be a good kindness... Build your counts... Kindness doors... Kindness is heart... Inspire things... Be the today... Kindness wins!*

Winning art by Anaïs, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, which appears in our Bully Prevention Center School Year Calendar. The Kindness quotes are from 4<sup>th</sup> graders who were inspired by our Steer Clear of Bullies™ program.

**More than 15,000 school age children benefitted from CAPS in-classroom programs in the 2017 - 2018 school year**

**100 Nassau and Suffolk County schools became members of CAPS in year 2 of Membership Program**

**CAPS 19th Annual Bully Prevention Poster and Poetry Contest received over 600 entries from 3rd and 4th graders**

**CAPS Bullying Helpline received a record number of calls to assist parents and children**

**CAPS worked intensively in Nassau County Correctional Center with female and male inmates**

**CAPS fundraising successful at 33rd Annual Spring Luncheon and 20th Annual Golf Outing**

**New York Mets partnered with CAPS in 3rd Annual Strike Out Bullying PSA contest**

**CAPS featured on WABC News, in Newsday, Channel 2 News, LIBN, Anton & local newspapers**

## 2017-2018 IN REVIEW

CAPS has touched the lives of more than one-million Long Island school-age children and thousands of concerned parents, professionals, and community members through our Prevention-Through-Education programs since our inception in 1982. The emphasis this school year has been on school safety for students, parents, and administrators.

## CAPS MEMBERSHIP

Schools are asked to pay a \$250 annual fee to become a CAPS member for priority scheduling for our programs. In addition the fee covers materials, CAPS Newsletters, CAPS anti-bullying calendars, bully-helpline consultations, and one free registration to a Dignity Act Coordinator Update Training session. More than 600 bullying, cyberbullying, and child abuse prevention programs have been presented in 2017-2018 in over 90 member schools.

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND IN-SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

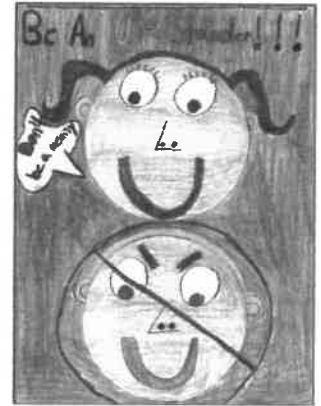
Community volunteers continue to be our most valuable resource. Our classroom presenters are on the front lines of our child abuse prevention efforts which address varied forms of child abuse, bullying and cyberbullying, neglect, sexual harassment, and date rape. More than 125 volunteers from all backgrounds attended training programs throughout the year.

## RESTORATIVE PRACTICES PROJECT

The CAPS Restorative Practices Project continued to grow, reaching out to new schools and reinforcing the work in former schools that had the program. This project includes practices that help prevent harm and conflict by building a sense of belonging, safety, and social responsibility in the school.

## PREVENTION-THROUGH-EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Our programs are designed to create safe places where children have the opportunity to share, develop, and practice the skills necessary to protect themselves from harm. Each workshop is developmentally appropriate and includes interactive activities that encourage critical thinking and lively discussion. Annual review and evaluation ensure the curricula are current and meet program goals while remaining engaging and effective.



"After my training I could not wait to get out of the dugout and into the game"  
- CAPS Volunteer

*Thanks to underwriting by various funding sources, and facilitation by the CAPS professionally-trained volunteer corps of presenters, CAPS continues to offer these programs to Long Island schools at no cost.*

### ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS

cyberSMARTZ™  
Friendship Matters™  
Safety Rules™  
Steer Clear of Bullies™

### MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sexual Harassment Prevention  
Step Up and Speak Out™  
SurfSafe!™  
What's Up – Girl Talk™

### HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Child Abuse Prevention  
Date/Acquaintance Rape Prevention

## CAPS BULLY PREVENTION CENTER

The Center incorporates our best efforts to combat bullying, cyberbullying, and harassment among school-age children through dynamic education and prevention programs. It gives parents a place to turn for strategies to help their targeted child. Our bully helpline connects parents and children looking for guidance to a CAPS staff expert by email or phone. Our innovative SUSS (Students United for Safe Schools) program for middle and high school students continues to work to reduce incidents of bullying and cyberbullying within the changing school culture. Our commitment to educate and empower has never been greater.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CAPS provides educators and other professionals in-service training, Superintendent's Day conferences, and staff development programs that support their work, develop their skills, and enrich their expertise. Approximately 1000 professionals attended these sessions in 2017-2018. Additionally, as a leader in NYS Dignity Act training across the state, CAPS is certified by NYSED to provide mandated Dignity Act training to educators in the region. Certified by NYS Board of Social Work to provide continuing education coursework to social workers, CAPS held its 4th Annual Social Work Summer Institute for social workers over a four-day period.

## PREVENTION EDUCATION FOR PARENTS/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As an enhancement to our student workshops, CAPS offers child abuse, bully prevention, and internet safety programs to parents. Our Speakers Bureau represents CAPS to the community to bring awareness to our work and recruit new volunteers.

## PARENT EDUCATION FOR AT RISK MOTHERS & FATHERS/Nassau County Correctional Center

One child out of every 30 children currently has a parent in state or federal prison. This CAPS program for at risk parents is focused on women and men who are concerned about the impact that their incarceration will have on their children. Appropriate forms of discipline, stress, anger management, and how to reintegrate into the family when released, are discussed as well as how to parent while absent and navigate caregiver conflicts. This funded program is currently facilitated at the Nassau County Correctional Center.

## FUNDING SOURCES

The work that CAPS does could not be possible without those who recognize the importance of child abuse prevention and child safety education. Thanks to underwriting from various sources, and the time and talents donated by community members who become CAPS volunteers, we are able to offer our student programs at no cost to elementary, middle, and high schools across Long Island.

CAPS is a 501(c)3 organization funded through the generosity of foundation and corporate grants. These sources of funding, along with fee-based mandated reporter certification programs, and staff development and parent training programs (for which honorariums are received), help defray our non-profit organization's annual operating costs.

### FOUNDATION AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

In 2017-2018, CAPS received funding from members of the corporate and foundation communities, including *The Claire Friedlander Family Foundation, Eileen Fisher, Fay J. Lindner Foundation, Herman Goldman Foundation, Long Island Combined Federal Campaign, Long Island Unitarian Universalist Fund (LICF), NEFCU, Newsday Charities-a fund of the McCormick Tribune Foundation, Seventh District Association, Slomo and Cindy Silvin Foundation, SEFA, The TJX Foundation, United Way of Long Island, and WE CARE Fund.*

CAPS received funding from the *Community Chest of Port Washington, Great Neck United Community Fund and Manhasset Community Fund.*

CAPS received legislative appropriations from NYS State Senators Kemp Hannon, John Flanagan, and Elaine Phillips.

### ADDITIONAL SOURCES AND PROJECTS

*The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Luncheon* was held at the Garden City Hotel on April 19, 2018. Gretchen Carlson was honored for promoting awareness of sexual harassment. Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP received the Corporate Advocate Award for their leadership role in social and economic justice.

The 19th *Annual CAPS Golf Outing* in June, 2018 honored Scott Beigel, Parkland High School shooting victim. Linda Beigel Schulman accepted the honor in her son's name.

CAPS held another successful "Game Day" at the Village Club of Sands Point in an effort to generate additional funds for CAPS.

*Americana Manhasset Champions for Charity* holiday shopping event again raised funds for CAPS.

Our *Friends Campaign* is an ongoing effort to raise private donations from individuals.

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	TOTAL
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Direct Public Support	\$224,598	--	224,598
Special Events – Net of Direct Expenses	179,649	--	179,649
Interest Income	--	--	--
Total revenue	404,247	--	404,247
<b>NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS</b>			
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	10,000	--	10,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program Services	373,967	--	373,967
Management & General	34,458	--	34,458
Fund Raising	4,569	--	4,569
Total Expenses	412,994	--	492,994
<b>REVENUE IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED</b>			
June 2017	1,253		1,253
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			
Beginning of Year	142,858		142,858
End of Year	144,111		144,411

The Child Abuse Prevention Services, Inc. is audited by Neal Seiden, CPA. A copy of financial statements is available upon written request to Child Abuse Prevention Services, Inc. The organization is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors whose members receive no compensation for their services. It is registered with the Charities Bureau of the New York State Office of the Attorney General, and with the New York State Office of Charities Registration.

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT

We are pleased to present our Annual Report for 2017-2018 as we continue to be the leading non-profit agency for Prevention-Through-Education programs in K-12 LI schools in combating child abuse and neglect, bullying, cyberbullying, and sexual harassment.

Since CAPS was launched in 1982, our approach to educating students, parents, school counselors, and administrators has not lost momentum. The curriculum that is presented in classrooms by our dedicated volunteers is regularly updated to deal with current topics related to bullying, cyberbullying, social media influences, the role of technology, gender identity, and sexual harassment, issues that threaten the safety of our children.

We continue to be a leader in training educators and social workers in the NYS Dignity Act and Restorative Practices for middle and high schools, as well as developing new programming for young children. School safety is a major issue that we continue to address with students, parents, and school administrations.

Our mission to keep every child safe from harm is no less challenging today than it was 37 years ago. We are confident that we will be successful in the coming year, but need your support to provide our services. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have supported our programs and our mission.

*Joanne Schiefer*

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President

*Alane Fagin*

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Executive Director

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Each year, Long Island 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders who participated in *Steer Clear of Bullies™*, have the chance to compete in our Bully Prevention Poster and Poetry Contest. From over 600 entries, 15 winners saw their masterpieces published in our 2017-2018 edition of the CAPS Bully Prevention Center School Year Calendar. Some are featured in this annual report. Production of this calendar is made possible each year through the generosity of Roz and Howard Kroplick. If you would like a copy, please contact CAPS.

*Working together  
to keep every child safe from harm™*

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