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The New York Foundling Announces Joint Partnership with The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children

The New York Foundling and The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children will expand their influence in the field of child welfare and maltreatment on a national scale

New York, NY. October 4, 2016 – [The New York Foundling](http://www.nyfoundling.org) announced today a joint partnership with [The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children](http://www.apsac.org) (APSAC) aimed at helping both organizations achieve a greater impact in the field of child welfare and maltreatment across the United States. Along with the opening of The Foundling's upcoming exhibit "A story of Hope, Healing and Resiliency: Understanding and Preventing Child Maltreatment" on September 29, this new union furthers The Foundling's commitment to educating the public about the issue of child abuse and neglect.

Founded in 1869, The Foundling has grown into one of the largest child welfare agencies in the country, providing a wide range of services to more than 27,000 children and families each year. The Foundling formed the Vincent J. Fontana Center for Child Protection in 1997, which has since grown to become a national leader in the field of child-welfare and works to improve the public's knowledge and attitude toward child abuse and neglect.

The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children is the nation's leading organization supporting professionals who serve children and families affected by child maltreatment and violence. As a multidisciplinary group of professionals, they provide expert training and educational activities, policy leadership and collaboration, and consultation that emphasizes evidence-based principles in order to meet their overall goals of preventing child maltreatment and educating the public.

"Over the last 30 years, there has been no single group that has contributed more to our understanding of the causes, consequences, and treatment of child abuse and neglect than the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children," stated Bill Baccaglini, President and CEO of The New York Foundling. "The Foundling is committed to improving the outcomes for those we serve with educational programs and expanded use of evidence-based practices. We are thrilled to join forces with a group such as APSAC, as this will provide a platform to help us reduce the incidence of child maltreatment across the country."

The New York Foundling's Vincent J. Fontana Center for Child Protection will educate the public around the history, prevention, and media portrayal of child maltreatment with their new exhibit "A story of Hope, Healing and Resiliency: Understanding and Preventing Child Maltreatment."

Visitors will be able to view artwork and hear poetry by children who have experienced abuse and neglect, views books written by survivors, and more.

On October 24, 2016, Dr. Janet Rosenzweig will join APSAC as their new Executive Director. Dr. Rosenzweig brings more than three decades of non-profit and child welfare experience to APSAC, most recently serving as the Vice President of Research and Programs for Prevent Child Abuse America.

“I’ve come to admire the work of APSAC through my membership on the Prevention Committee and participation in the colloquia,” Rosenzweig said. “I am truly honored to have been offered this opportunity to fulfill my professional mission of translating research into practice for the benefit of children and families.”.

Both The Foundling’s Fontana Center and APSAC serve as hubs of information geared toward building public awareness on child abuse and neglect. This partnership will help both groups to collectively work toward achieving a world without child abuse, neglect and maltreatment through educational and public advocacy initiatives.

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ABOUT THE NEW YORK FOUNDLING

The Foundling reaches 27,000 children and families each year in all five boroughs of New York City, surrounding counties, and Puerto Rico. Established in 1869, our vision is a community where every person, regardless of background or circumstance, enjoys the safe, stable, and supportive relationships needed to reach his or her full potential. To achieve this, we provide evidence-based and evidence-informed programs that focus on keeping families together; preventing abuse and neglect; providing academic support for children; and giving people with developmental disabilities the tools and training they need to lead independent lives. For more information, please visit www.nyfoundling.org.

ABOUT APSAC

The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children is the leading national organization supporting professionals who serve children and families affected by child maltreatment and violence. Established in 1987, APSAC envisions a world where all maltreated or at-risk children and their families have access to the highest level of professional commitment and service. Our mission is achieved in a number of ways, most notably through expert training and educational activities, policy leadership and collaboration, and consultation that emphasizes theoretically sound, evidence-based principles. For more information, please visit www.apsac.org.