

ADVANCING HEALTH EDUCATION & RESEARCH

ACADEMY ON VIOLENCE & ABUSE

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**ANNUAL
REPORT
2018**

SPECIAL NOTE

Dear Friends of AVA,

The year 2018 found the AVA expanding its work throughout the United States and internationally.

AVA held our Global Health Summit in Florida, conducted a regional academy in Palmer, Alaska, and held pre-conference workshops at international conferences in San Diego and Hawaii. Those unable to attend these conferences were able to access many of our workshops on our website.

We published research reviews of studies relevant to addressing trauma. AVA issued public policy statements on reducing gun violence and addressing the needs of immigrant children. We worked with Dr. Melanie Moen from the University of Pretoria to develop an AVA program in South Africa.

The AVA worked to reduce the corporal punishment of children by promoting No Hit Zones at hospitals, clinics and other facilities across the nation. We also published practical guidelines to assist professionals in working with parents or other caregivers who use corporal punishment based on their religious beliefs.

These and other accomplishments are made possible by the members of the AVA who support our work to address violence across the lifespan. With your continued support, we believe the best is yet to come.



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AVA's Collaboration with University of Pretoria — AVA leaders met with Dr. Melanie Moen from the University of Pretoria in South Africa to discuss the development of an AVA program in South Africa. A joint conference in South Africa was planned and the AVA South Africa initiative will begin in 2019.

AVA Global Health Summit — Convened a one and one-half day conference at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida November 29-30, 2018.

Regional Academies — Held a regional academy in Palmer, Alaska on April 13, 2018 and planned for regional academy in Illinois to be completed in 2019.

Website/Social Media — Revamped website with an updated template and streamlined content and increased its use of social media (twitter, Facebook, etc) to inform our members and the general public about the latest research and other developments in the work to address violence across the lifespan.

Workshops — Conducted pre-conference workshops at the San Diego Rady Children's Hospital Child Abuse conference in January, the IVAT Hawaii Summit in April, and the IVAT San Diego Summit in September. AVA members were also active participants at the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence think tank in San Diego in September.

Video Teaching Library — Continued editing and posting presentations from AVA's Global Summit and developing ways to promote the awareness and use of these training videos. Planned for a webinar series which will be launched in 2019.

Research Reviews — Published June and October research reviews on intergenerational effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences and examining posttraumatic symptomology following direct and indirect exposure to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Policy Statements — AVA issued a statement with specific recommendations for reducing gun violence in the United States. AVA also issued a statement with recommendations for addressing the needs of immigrant children.

Corporal Punishment:

- **No Hit Zones.** AVA members gave multiple presentations on No Hit Zones and joined with the Foundling Center, APSAC and others in promoting this concept. AVA has developed materials that can be used in implementing a NHZ.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- **Guidelines for working with religious parents.** The AVA drafted comprehensive guidelines for working with parents who use corporal punishment based on their religious beliefs. Although drafted, reviewed and approved in 2018, the guidelines were published in early 2019.

Affinity Groups — AVA continued to operate affinity groups on the link between animal and human cruelty, Child and Adult Advocacy Studies (CAAST), physical punishment, trauma resilience education, developmental disabilities, spiritual impact of trauma, and educating adult care providers about ACEs and trauma informed care.

CSKE (Cooperative Scientific Knowledge Exchange) — Continued to integrate CSKE as an AVA program. This is an effort to develop a more equitable way for authors to publish their work yet retain the rights to its use and further dissemination.

Board Development — Continued to identify, explore interest, commitment, and willingness to join the AVA Board to help further our mission and assure our ongoing success and sustainability.

Committee Restructuring — AVA re-structured its committees in 2018 in order to streamline our work.



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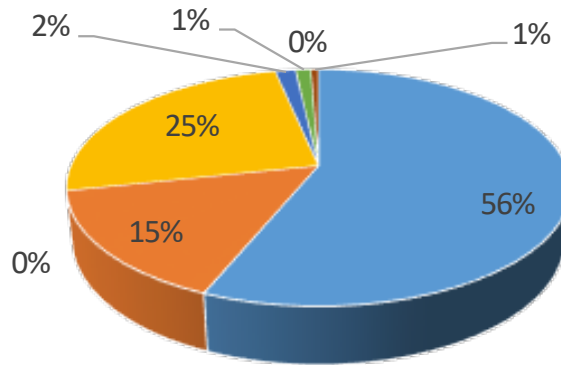
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AVA VISION

By improving health professional education and research in the areas of violence and abuse, the Academy will integrate this knowledge into the training of all health professionals so as to improve health care for all people, to protect the most vulnerable among us and to advance health and social policy that promotes safe families, workplaces and communities. The AVA strives to be an academic leader in addressing the education needs of health professionals regarding violence and abuse and focusing on minimizing the effects of violence and abuse on people's health.

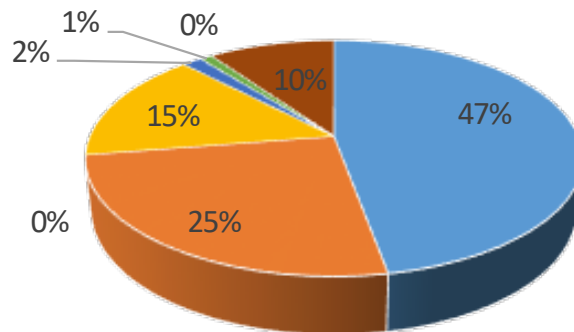
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