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**BETTER UNDERSTANDING.  
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**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2019**

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# SPECIAL NOTE

## Dear Friends of AVA,

The work of the AVA continues to grow nationally and globally.

In 2019, we co-sponsored and participated in a conference in South Africa and hosted our annual global summit in St. Paul, Minnesota. We also conducted pre-conferences at global conferences in California and Hawaii. We also worked at the local level, hosting a regional academy at Southern Illinois University.

We continued to update and edit our online video teaching library in order to make many of our workshops accessible to professionals unable to attend a conference in person. In addition to these video resources, we continued to revamp our website and social media platforms to keep the field informed of the latest research and work to address violence across the lifecourse.

We honored pioneers in our field, bestowing the AVA Change Maker Award to Jane Stevens and the AVA Vincent J. Felitti Distinguished Scholar Award to Dr. Brigid McCaw.

We partnered with the U.S. Alliance to End the Hitting of Children as well as the National Initiative to End Corporal Punishment to move families and schools away from hitting children as a means of discipline. We also published guidelines for professionals working with parents and other caregivers who use corporal punishment based on their religious beliefs.

These and other accomplishments are detailed in the annual report. We are grateful to the members of the AVA who make this work possible. Together, we continue to make progress toward a world free from violence.



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# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**AVA's Collaboration with University of Pretoria** — AVA worked with Dr. Melanie Moen from the University of Pretoria in South Africa on the development of an AVA program in South Africa. AVA co-sponsored and participated in a conference in South in the summer of 2019.

**AVA Global Health Summit** — Convened our international summit at Mitchell-Hamline Law School in St. Paul, Minnesota in October of 2019.

**AVA Vincent J. Felitti Distinguished Scholar Award** — This annual award is presented to an outstanding healthcare professional who has made and is continuing to make significant contributions to advance education and research on the prevention, recognition, and treatment of the health effects of violence and abuse. In 2019, the AVA presented this award to Dr. Brigid McCaw.

**AVA Change Maker Award** — This award is given by AVA to honor individuals or organizations that have demonstrated exceptional ability to advance the mission of AVA and whose work has a broad impact on our global community. In 2019, the AVA presented this award to Jane Stevens.

**Regional Academies** — Held a regional academy at Southern Illinois University. After the Academy, AVA leaders participated in a community working group to discuss next steps for addressing trauma and preventing violence in the region.

**Website/Social Media** — Continued to revamp our 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. Webinars were also recorded at the Global Health Summit in 2019 and are planned for distribution in 2020.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## CONTINUED

### **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.
- **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 2019.
- **Collaborative efforts on ending corporal punishment.** The AVA is a partnering organization in the National Initiative to End Corporal Punishment (NIECP) along with the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), the U.S. Alliance to End the Hitting of Children, and New York Foundling. As part of our work with NIECP, AVA helped plan a national conference that will be conducted in 2020.

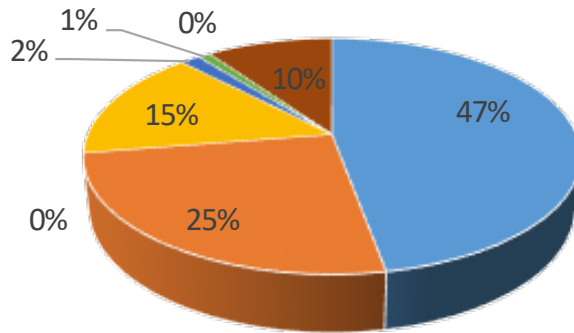
**Affinity Groups** — AVA continued to operate affinity groups on the link between animal and human cruelty, Child and Adult Advocacy Studies (CAAST), physical punishment, trauma resilience education, developmental disabilities, spiritual impact of trauma, and educating adult care providers about ACEs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

**TIHCER (Trauma Informed Healthcare Research and Education)** — started as an AVA affinity group and continued to grow in size and activities in 2019. The group has 80+ members and meets by Zoom for monthly sessions to help healthcare professionals integrate trauma informed care into education. A group of 22 members met for an organizing session in Tulsa, Oklahoma in June 2019.

**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.

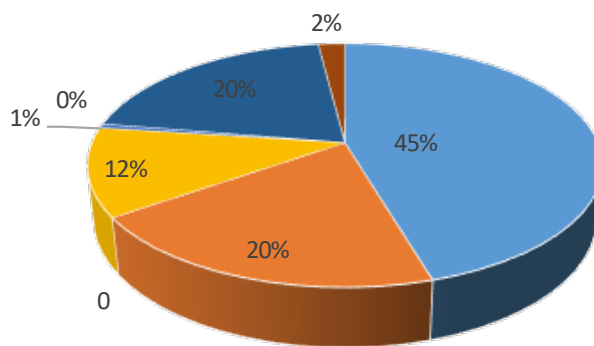
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