

A photograph of four children jumping joyfully in a lush green field with tall grass. In the background, there are many thin tree trunks, suggesting a forest or park setting. The children are wearing casual clothing: one in a green shirt, one in a red shirt, and two in blue shirts. They are all barefoot and have their arms and legs outstretched in mid-air.

Our year of growth

2021 Annual Report



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A photograph of four children jumping joyfully in a lush green field. In the background, there is a dense forest of tall, thin trees. The children are wearing colorful clothing: a green shirt, a blue shirt, a red shirt, and a blue shirt. They are all barefoot and have their arms raised in the air, looking up towards the sky. The scene is bright and sunny, with a soft glow on the grass and trees.

Our year of growth

Our Mission

To improve society's response to the abuse and neglect of its children.

Our Vision

A world where all maltreated or at-risk children and their families have access to the highest level of professional commitment and service.

Our Commitment

- Preventing child maltreatment.
- Eliminating the recurrence of child maltreatment.
- Promoting research and guidelines to inform professional practice.
- Connecting professionals from the many disciplines to promote the best response to child maltreatment.
- Ensuring that America's public policy concerning child maltreatment is well informed and constructive.
- Educating the public about child abuse and neglect.

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Letter from the President

As the first and largest association of interdisciplinary professionals working to end child abuse, APSAC's 35-year history demonstrates the critical importance of its collective mission: **to improve society's response to the abuse and neglect of its children.** In the face of a continuing pandemic, racial disparities and injustices, mental health crises, mass shootings, natural and manmade disasters, systemic failures, threats of war and violence, and inflation, **APSAC grew its reach globally and empowered its members in 2021 with tools and resources to meet the growing needs of the communities it serves.**

As you read the 2021 Annual Report, you will see this growth reflected - APSAC's outreach to professionals continued to grow exponentially. Since the pandemic began, we have reached **over 15,000 professionals with specialized training** - more than in the prior ten years combined. Following the 2020 pivot to an online, interactive format approved by the National Children's Alliance, APSAC trained **85 forensic interviewers** in 2021 from all around the globe, a **75% increase from 2020.** We offered **65 virtual trainings** in 2021, **76% more than in 2020,** and offered **130.25 continuing education credits** to continue training the next generation of child maltreatment professionals and professionals in allied fields. APSAC has grown **individual membership by 118% since 2018** and **organizational membership by 145% since 2019.**

On behalf of all the children and families that you serve, thank you for all that you do. We are humbled and grateful for your continued support of the largest multi-disciplinary professional society working to solve child abuse. **We know that your work is rarely easy, but it is always important.**

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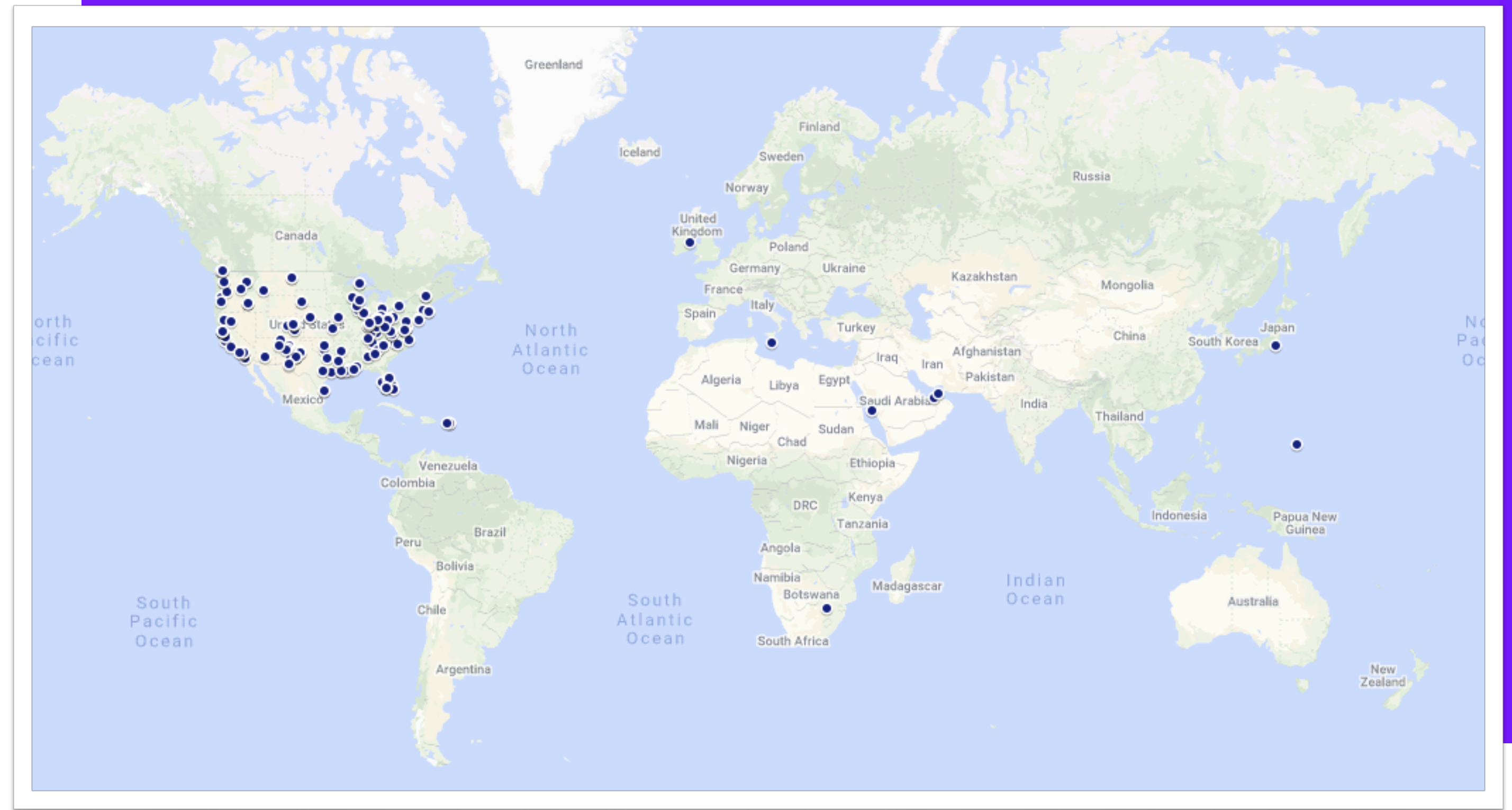
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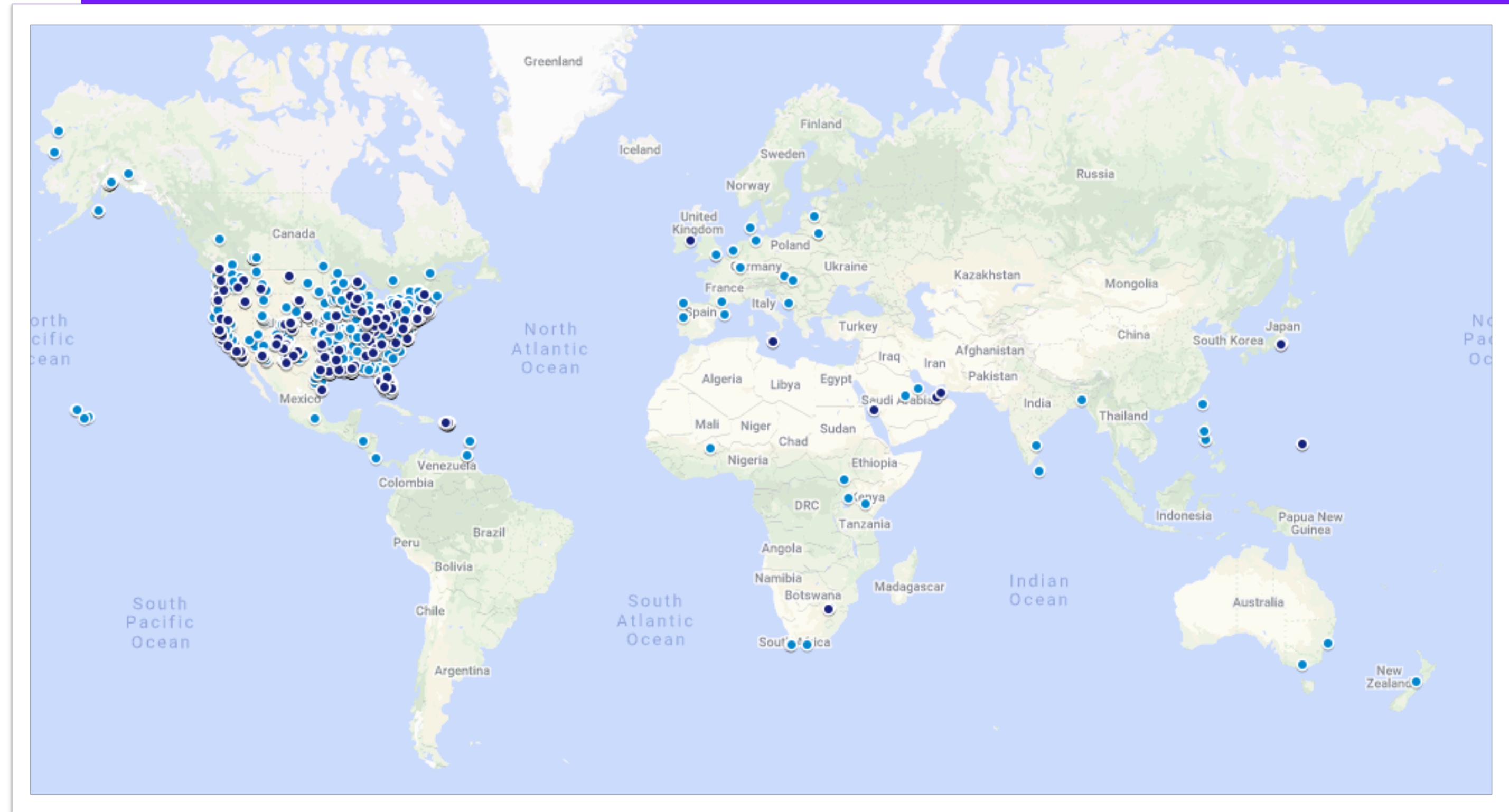
Our Growing Global Impact

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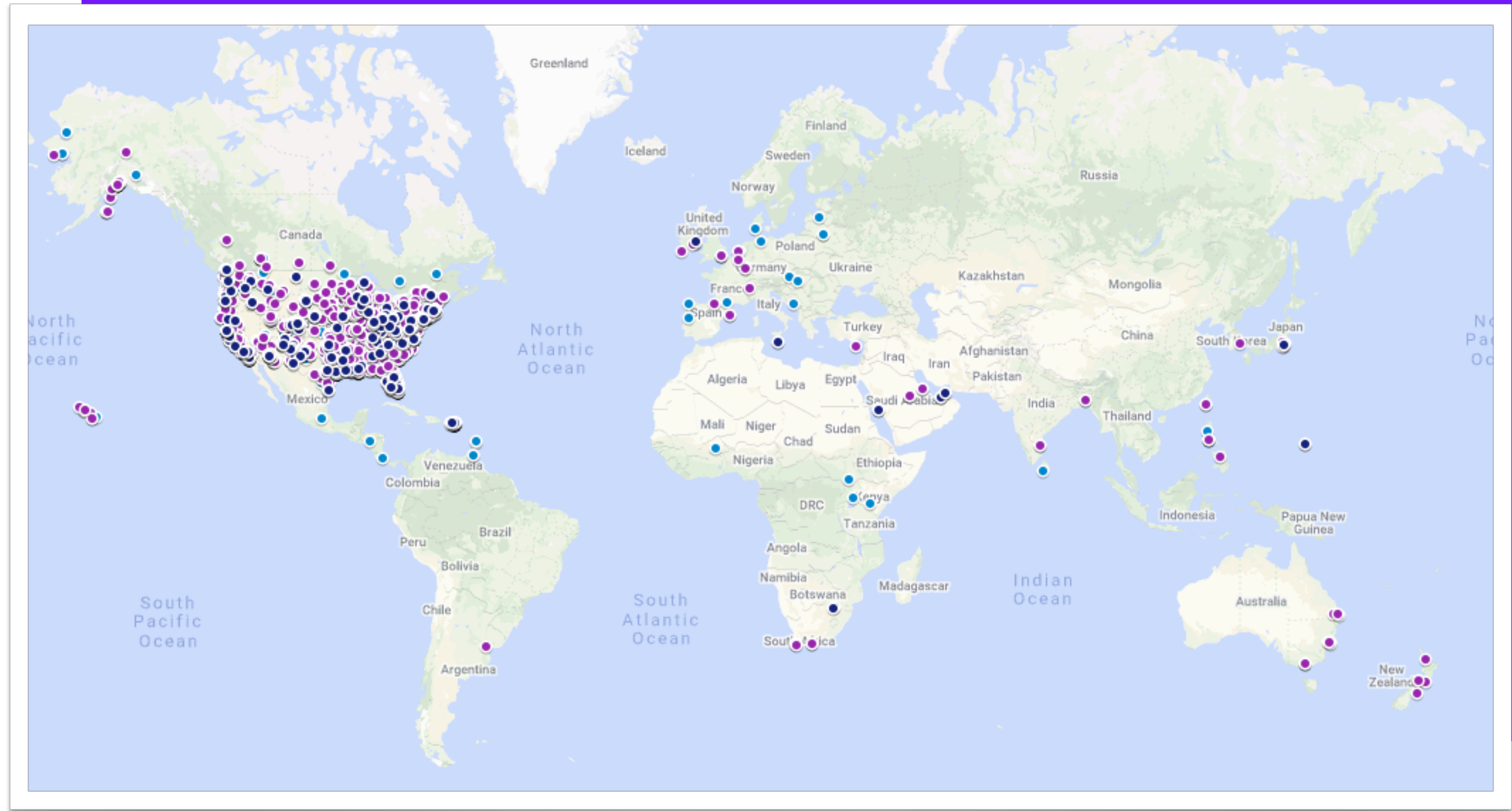
Our Growing Global Impact

APSAC registered **6,676 professionals** from around the world for events and trainings.



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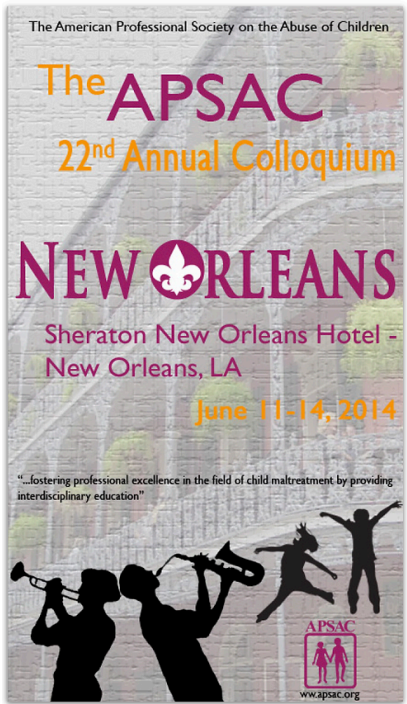
Our Story: 35 Years of Advocating for Children



APSAC participated in the first Russian-American Child Welfare Forum, a joint venture between the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation, APSAC, The Institute for Human Services (IHS), The United States Department of Justice (DOJ), the National Foundation for Prevention of Cruelty to Children in Russia (NFPCC), and the Republic of Buryatia.



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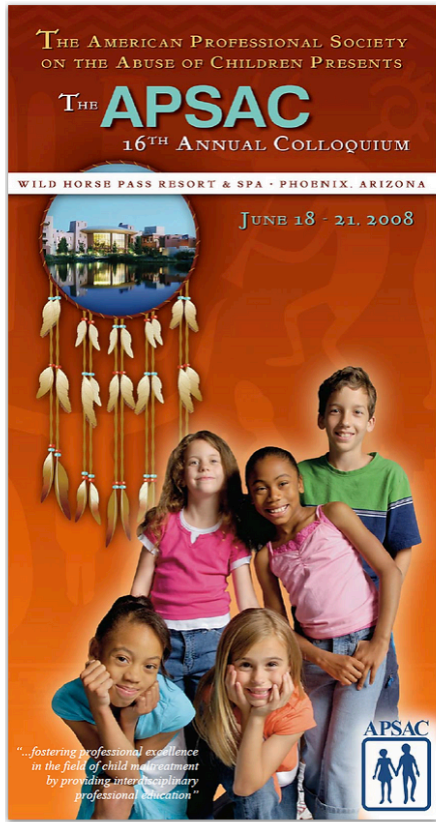
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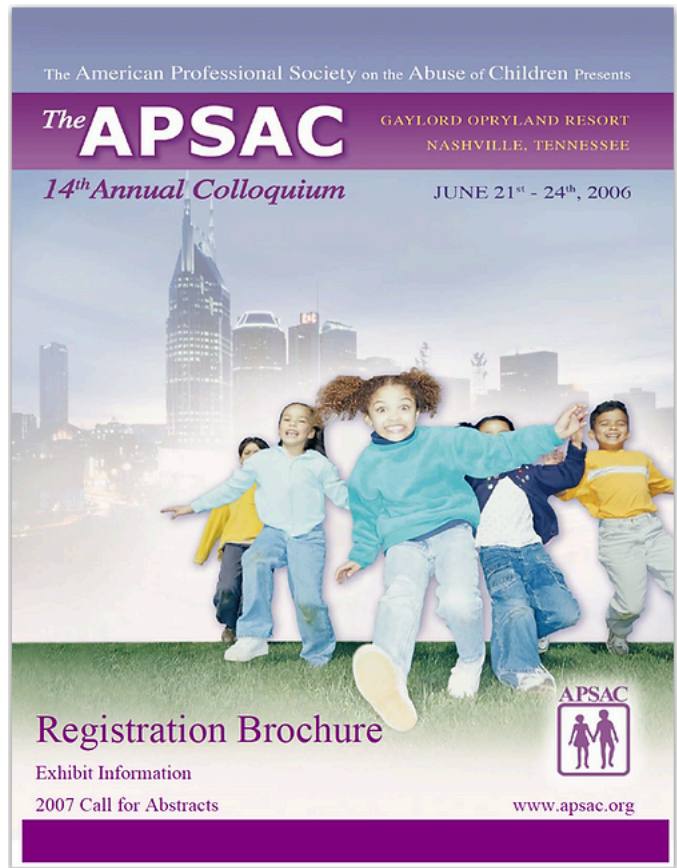
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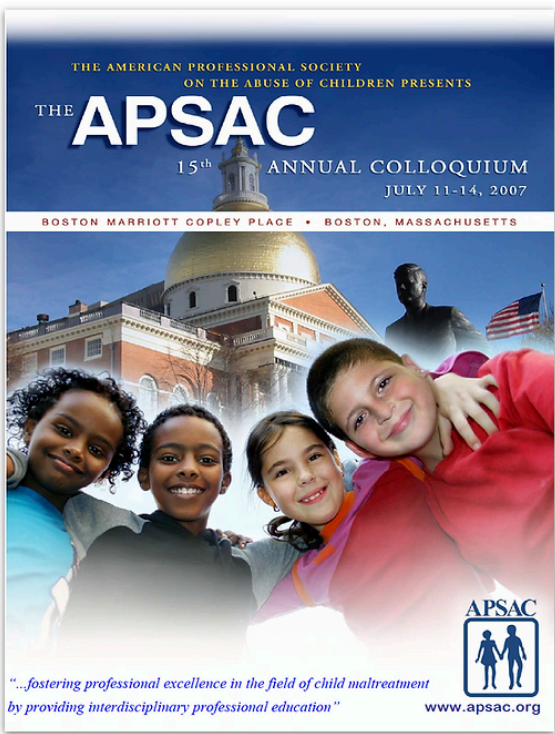
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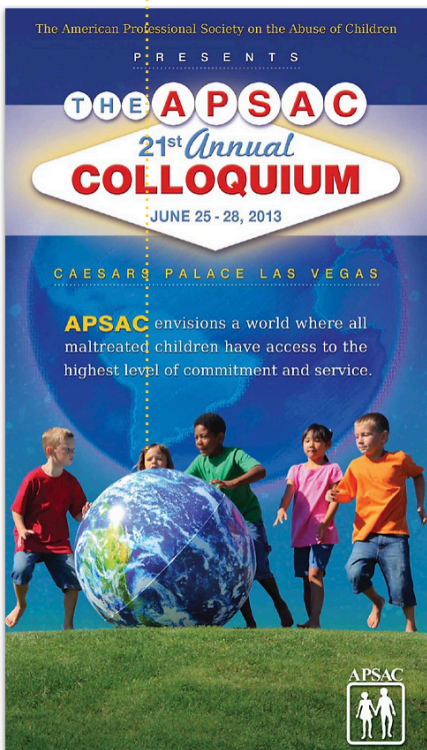
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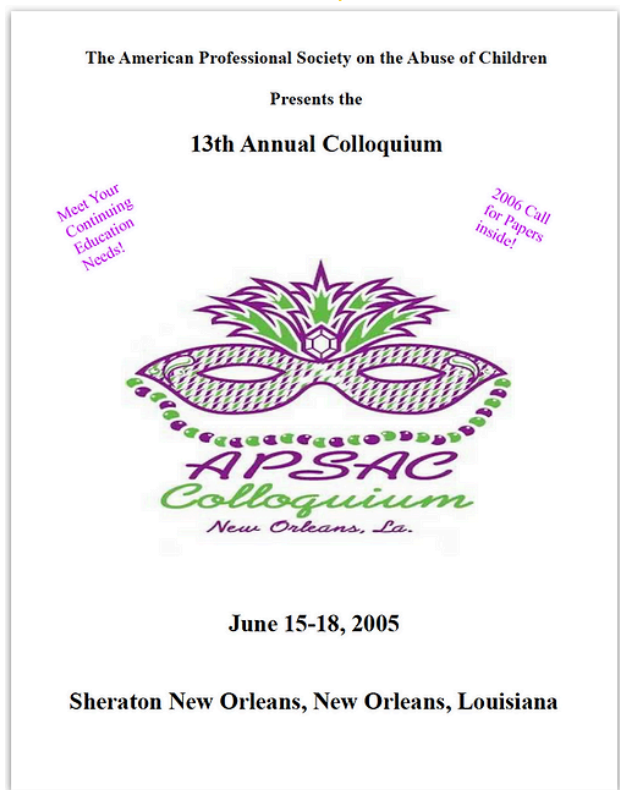
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2005



1996

Launch of
**Child Maltreatment
Journal**



Institute of Human Services
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management services of APSAC
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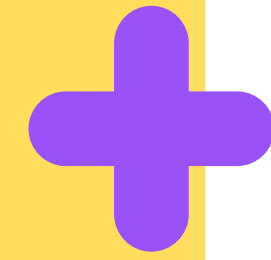
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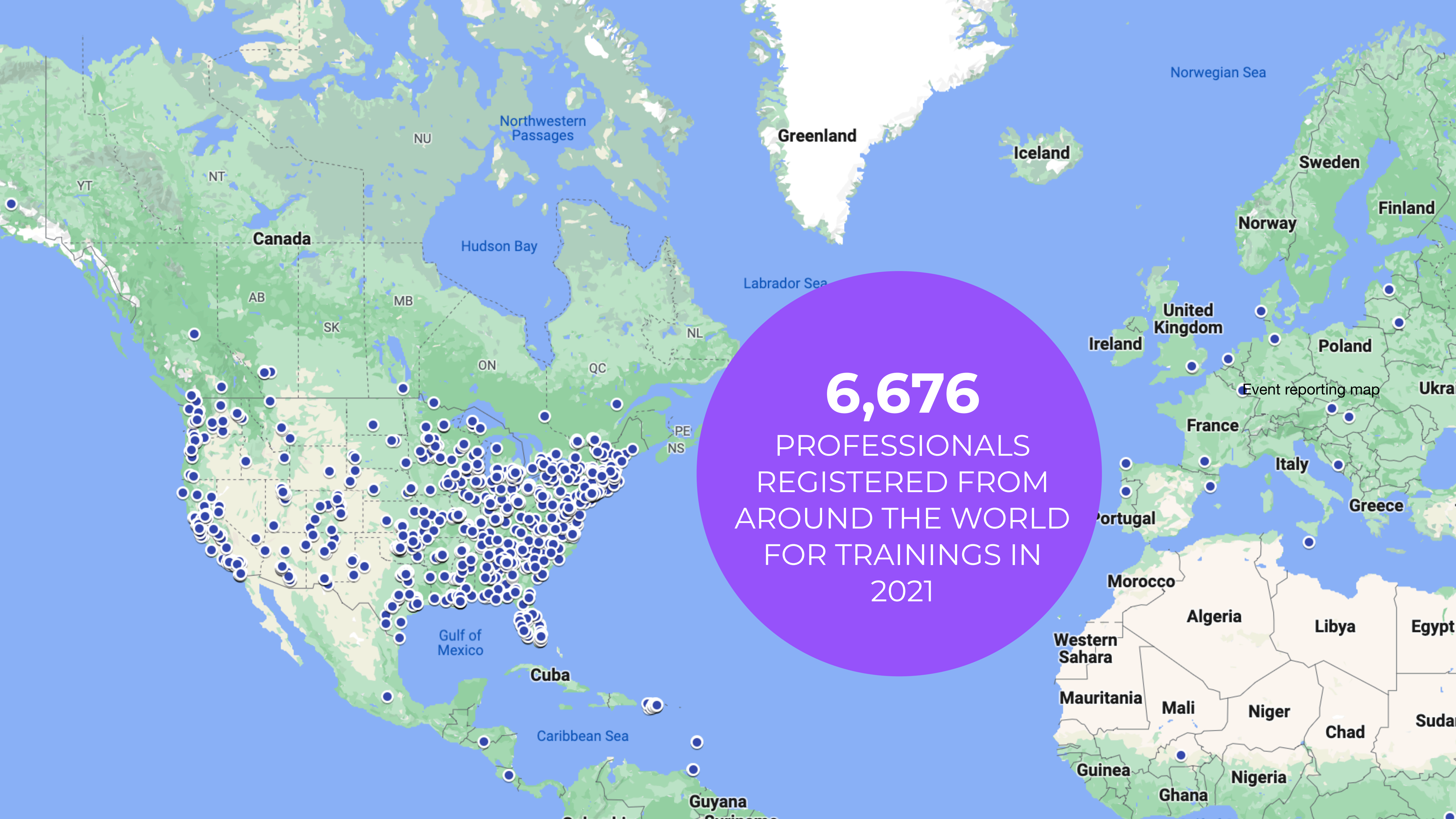
75% increase in virtual trainings since 2020



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PROFESSIONALS
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AROUND THE WORLD
FOR TRAININGS IN
2021

15,794 registered in 2020 & 2021

APSAC went zooming since pivoting online in the early days of the pandemic lockdown, and **increased trainings by 185% in the last two years compared to last decade combined.**



ONLINE HIGHLIGHTS

Recognizing, Responding to and Healing Trauma in Faith-Based Communities with Dr. Bruce D. Perry, MD and Reverend Dr. Darrell Armstrong, MDIV, EdS-MFT, DDIV

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PARTICIPANTS

650

No Hit Zone - Low Cost, Low Effort Interventions to Reduce Hitting of Children in Our Communities with Dr. Elizabeth Gershoff, PhD and Stacie LeBlanc, MEd, JD

REGISTERED

676

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454

Decolonizing Black Parenting: A conversation about race and physical punishment with Dr. Stacey Patton, PhD

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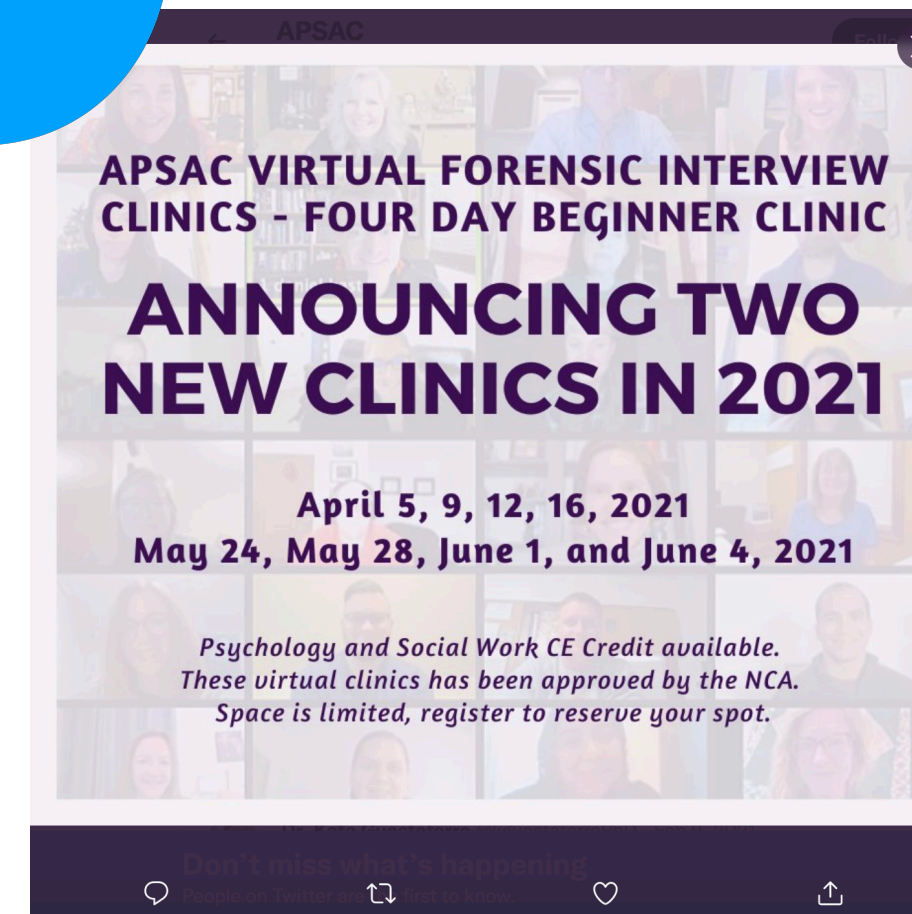


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Forensic Interview Clinics

85 FORENSIC INTERVIEWERS TRAINED IN 2021

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- 6 Katie Toth scholarships
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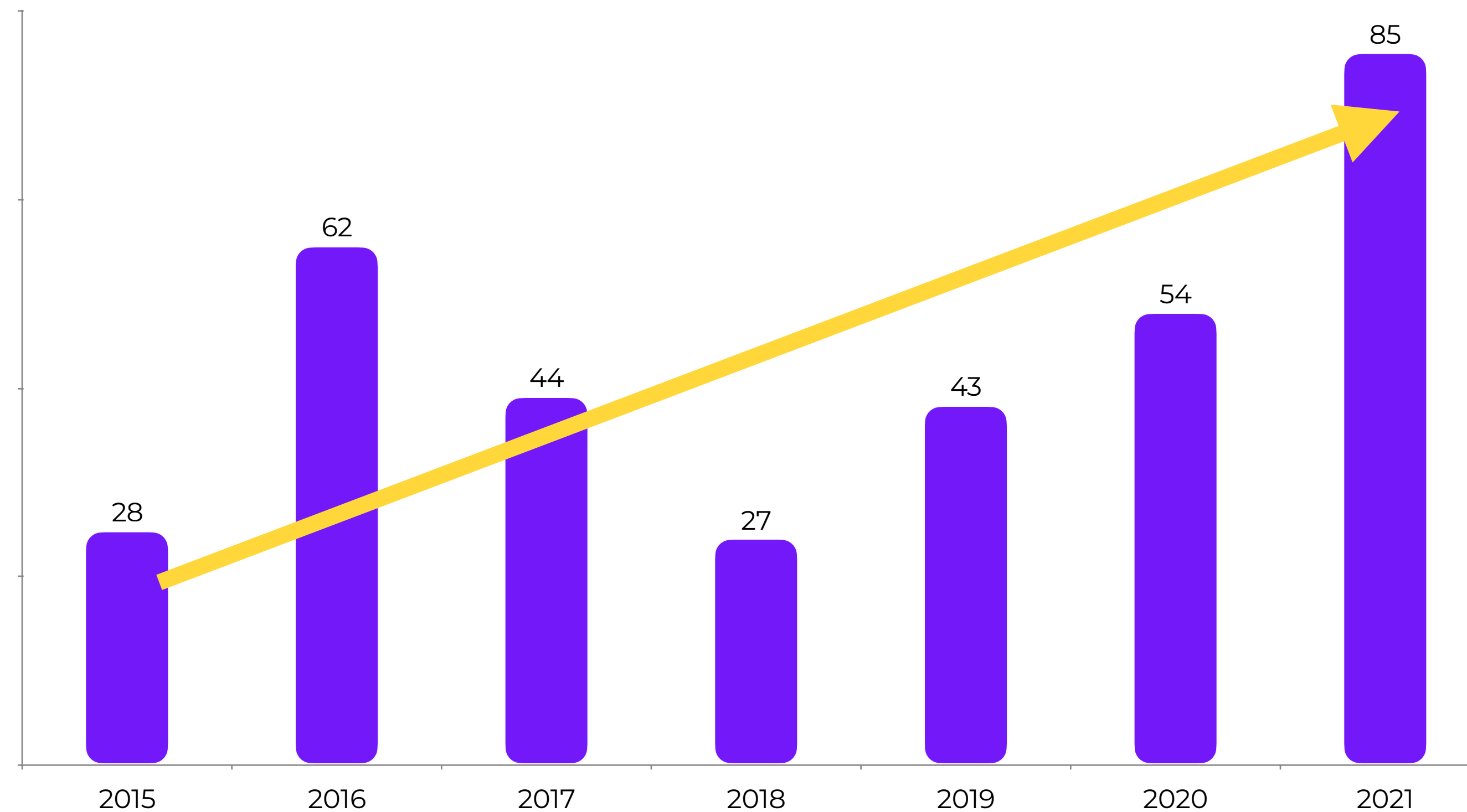
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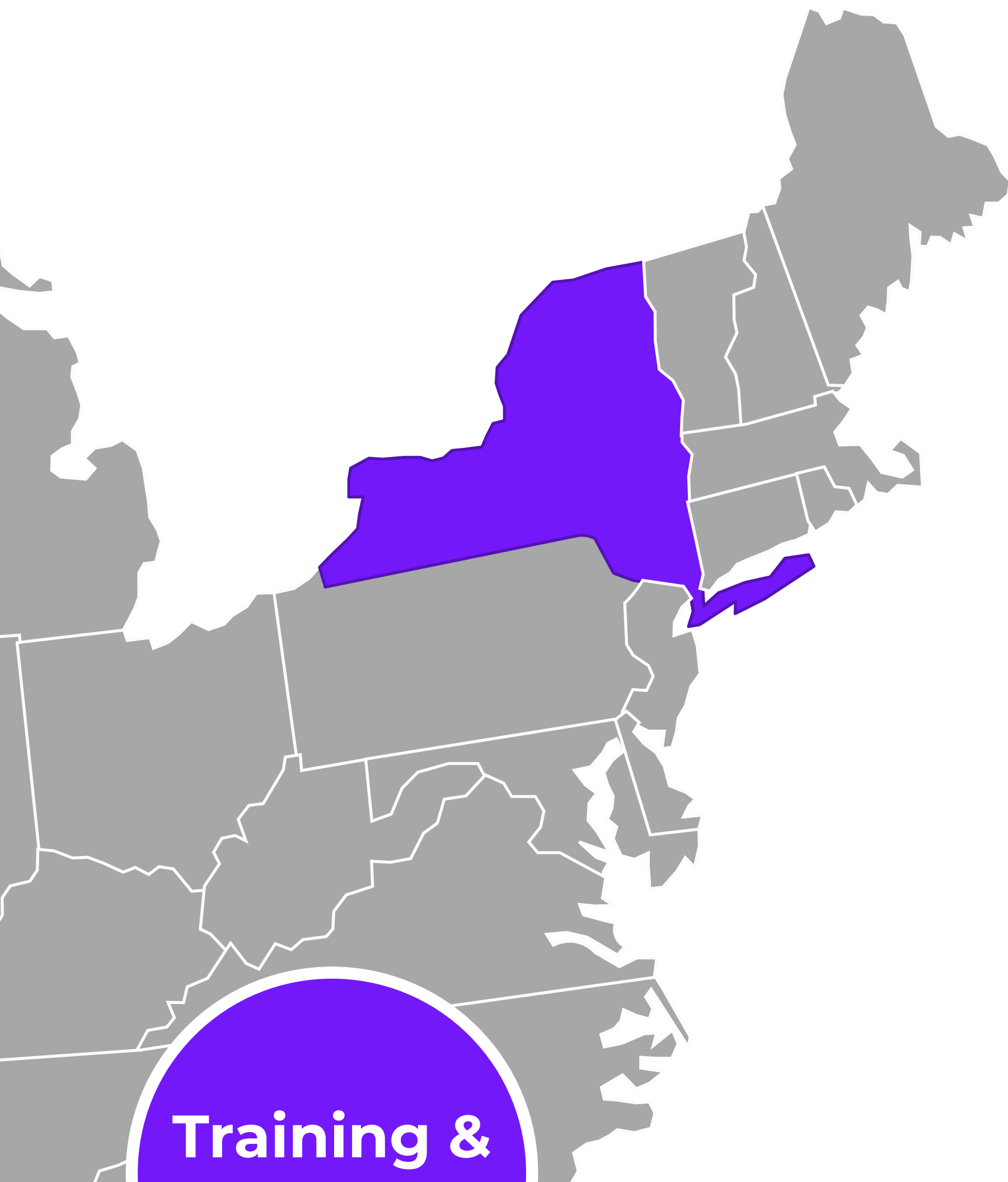
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Addressing Family Conflict and Coercion: An Overview of Alternatives for Families: A Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

February 8th
2 - 3 PM ET

Dr. David J. Kolko
Professor of Psychiatry, Psychology, Pediatrics, and Clinical and Translational Science, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine



Speaking the Unspeakable: Child-Parent Psychotherapy for the Treatment of Early Childhood Trauma

July 12th
2 - 3 PM ET

Dr. Alicia F. Lieberman
Irving B. Harris Endowed Chair in Infant Mental Health, Professor and Vice Chair for Faculty Development at UCSF Department of Psychiatry & Director of the Child Trauma Research Program at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital



Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-up: Intervening to Enhance Responsiveness Among Parents of Infants and Young Children

March 22nd
2 - 3 PM ET

Dr. Mary Dozier
Unidel Amy E. duPont Chair and Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences at the University of Delaware



Children with Problematic Sexual Behavior: Who are they and how can we help? Information on Problematic Sexual Behavior: Cognitive Behavior Therapy

May 25th
2 - 3 PM ET

Dr. Jane Silovsky
CMRI/Jean Gumerson Endowed Chair & Director of the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect



Zoom Chats Growing

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Trauma Informed Mental Health Services for Unaccompanied Migrant Youth

January 20th
1 - 2 PM ET

Dr. Jordan Greenbaum
Medical Director
International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children



Zoom Chat: How to Write, Review, and Edit for *Child Maltreatment*

February 23th
12 - 1 PM ET

**Vincent J. Palusci, MD,
Kathryn Maguire-Jack, MSW, MPA, PhD,
Gia Barboza-Salerno, JD, PhD &
Daniel Whitaker, PhD**



Zoom Chat: Premiering a new video created to raise awareness about "Child Maltreatment during the Pandemic" and how professionals and other providers of services for children can help now.

March 17th
1 - 2 PM ET

Gail Abarbanel, LCSW
Founder, Rape Treatment Center/Stuart House, UCLA Health

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Pastor Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ
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In the Zone with No Hit Zones: A Simple and Promising Solution to a Complex Problem

May 12th
12 - 1 PM ET

Elizabeth Gershoff, PhD
Director, Population Research Center, Amy Johnson McLaughlin Centennial Professor, The University of Texas at Austin

Stacie LeBlanc, MEd, JD
President, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
Co-Founder, The UP Institute



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Elissa Brown, PhD
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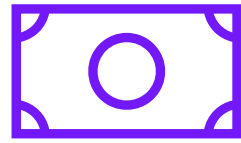
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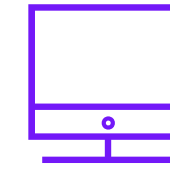
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- ✓ **Free trainings**, including Zoom chats, Reading Club, and Learning Collaborative
- ✓ **Webinar series and online courses** through APSAC and the New York Foundling
- ✓ **Discounted trainings**, such as the Colloquium, Advanced Training Institutes, Forensic Interview Clinics and Institutes, and Certificate Courses



Access to Publications

- ✓ **Full access to high-quality publications** like Child Maltreatment, APSAC Alert, APSAC Advisor, Practice Guidelines, Research to Practice Briefs, and Trauma, Violence, and Abuse
- ✓ **Indexed and searchable online library** of APSAC publications, featuring 30+ years of research, policy, and practice knowledge



Network & Resources

- ✓ **Connect** with multi-disciplinary network
- ✓ **Unlimited access to resources**, such as APSAC No Hit Zone materials, video library, COVID-19 resources, and resources for fighting racism and bias
- ✓ **Advocacy initiatives**, including the Center for Child Policy, National Initiative to End Corporal Punishment, and Psychological Maltreatment Alliance

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Organizational Membership

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Individual Membership

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2018



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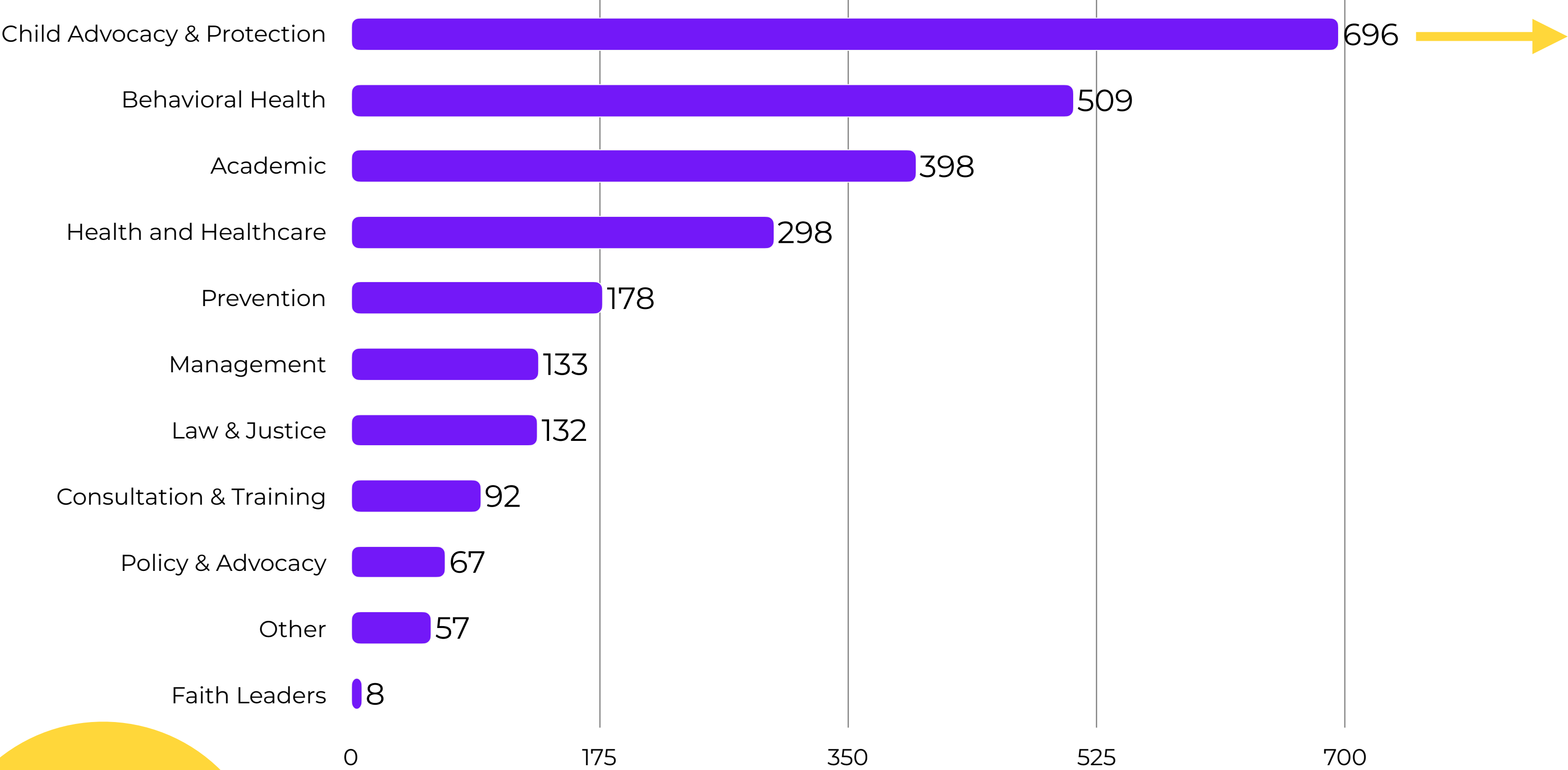
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Membership Growing Nationally and Internationally.



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Membership by Discipline



Forensic interviewer members grew to the largest member discipline in 2021.



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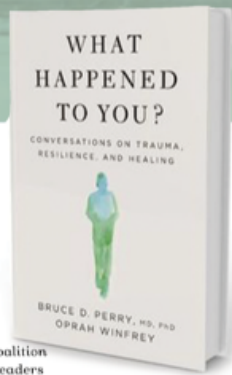
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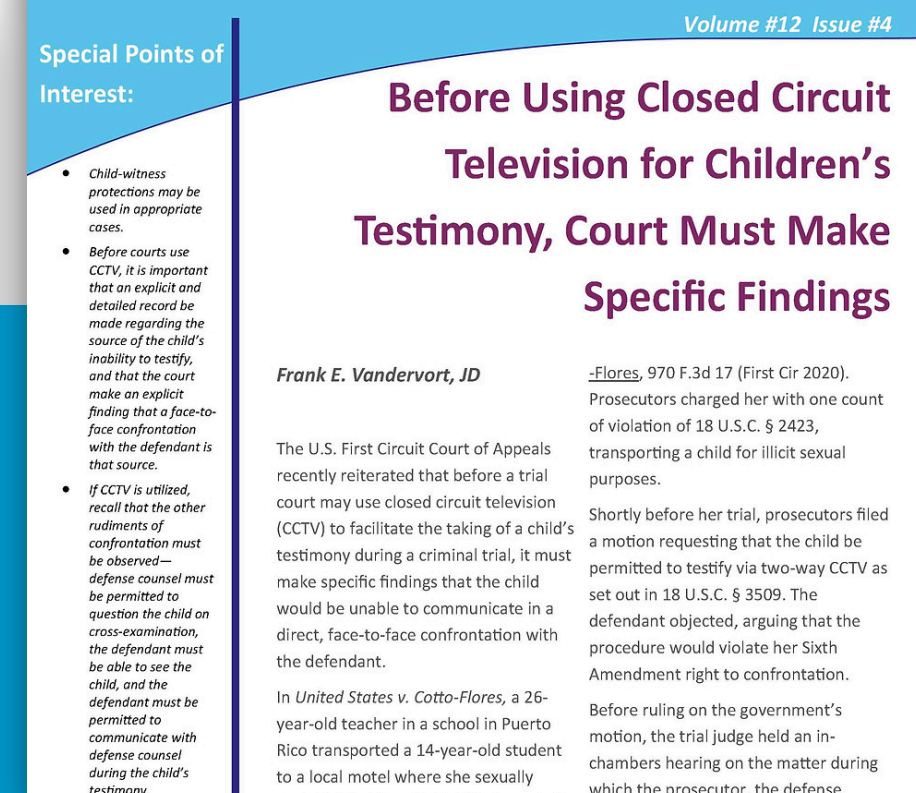
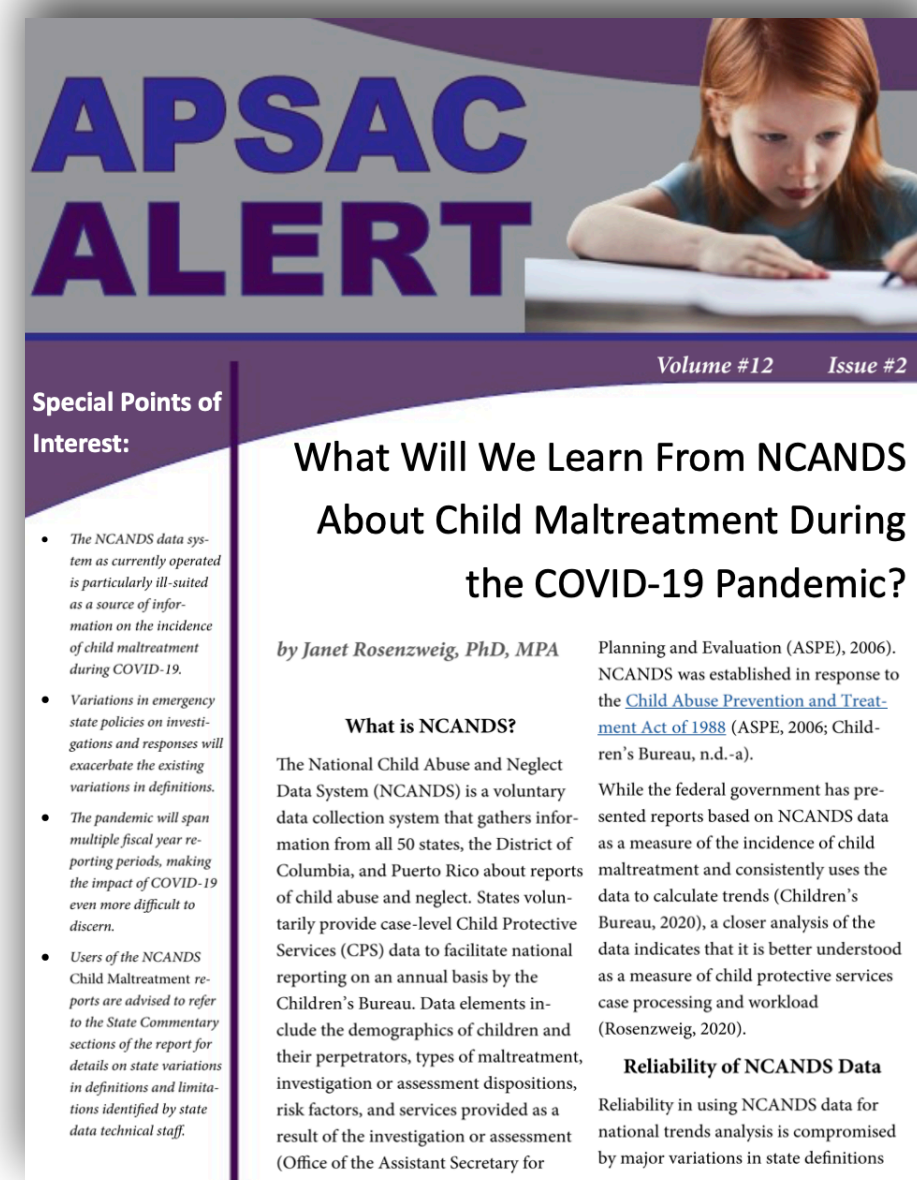
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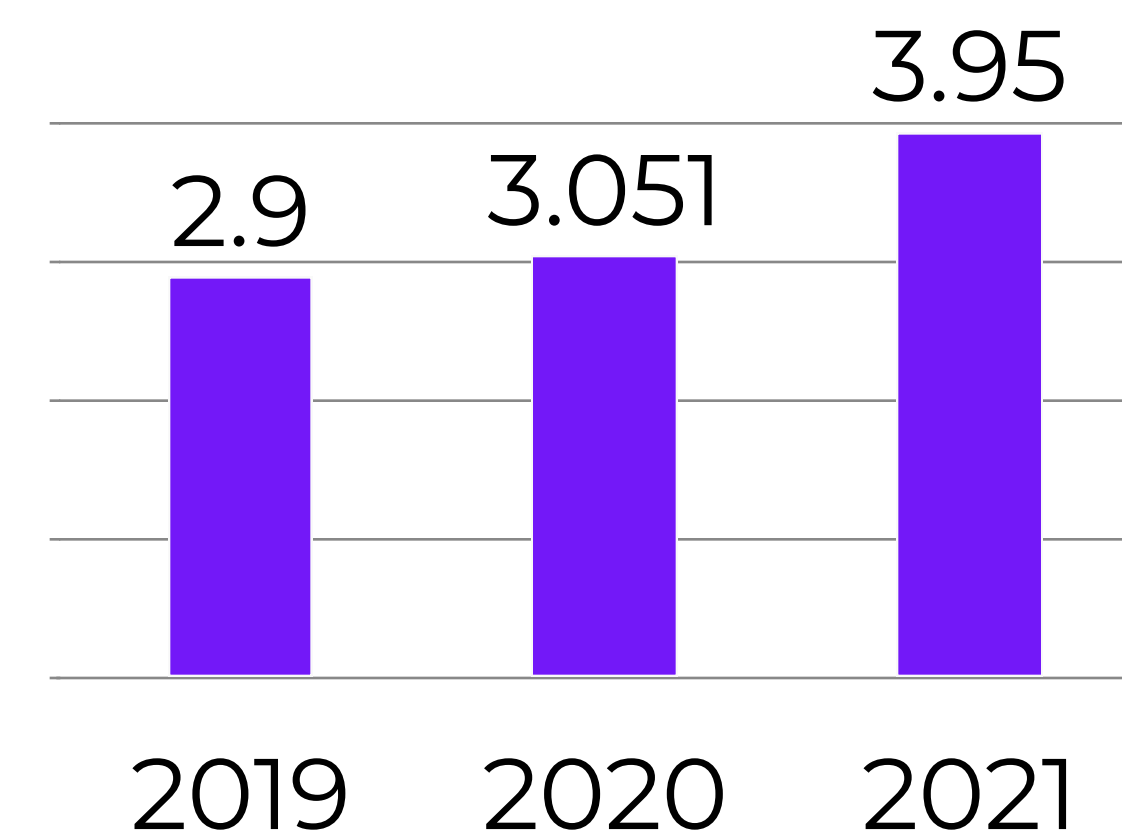


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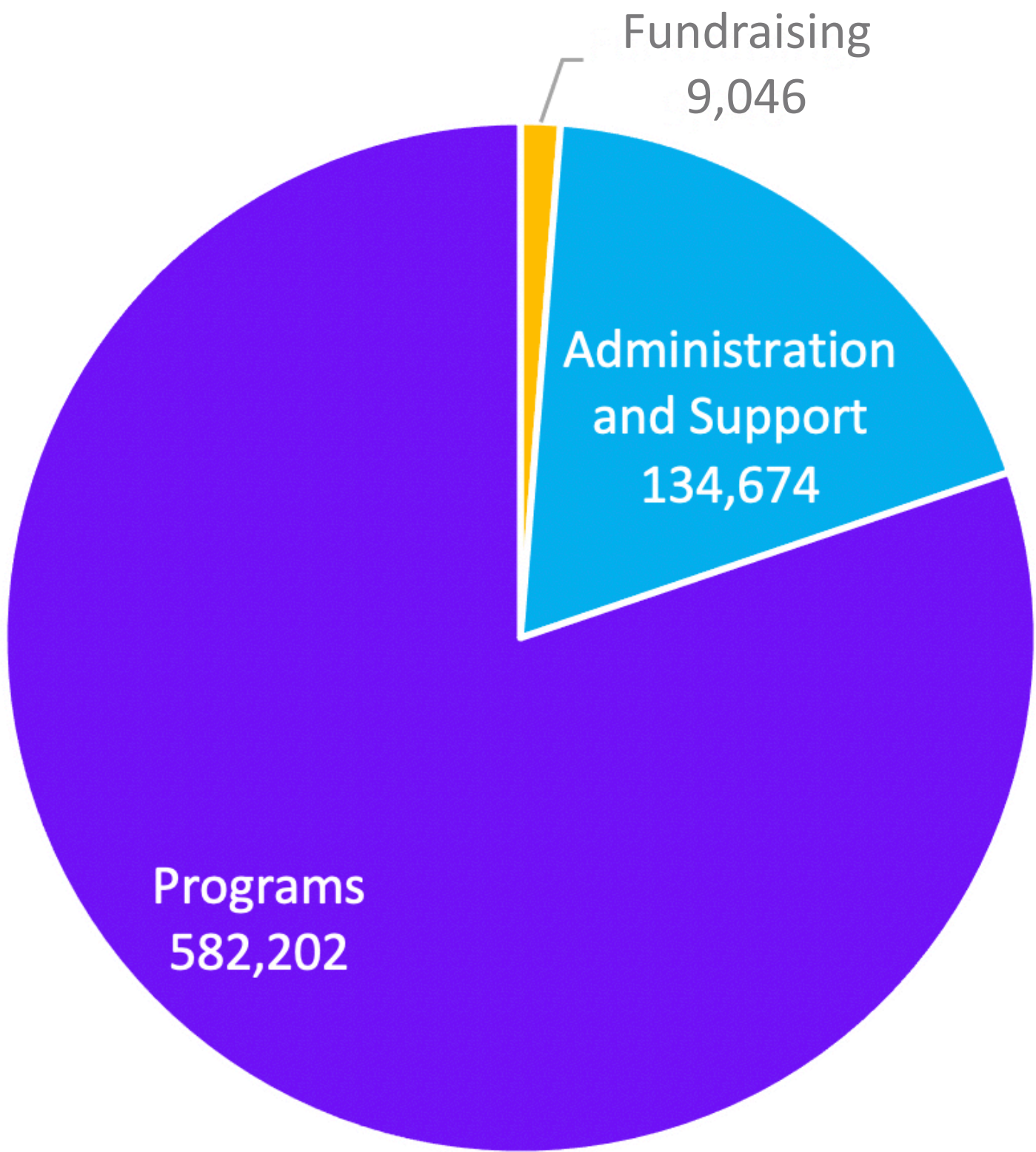
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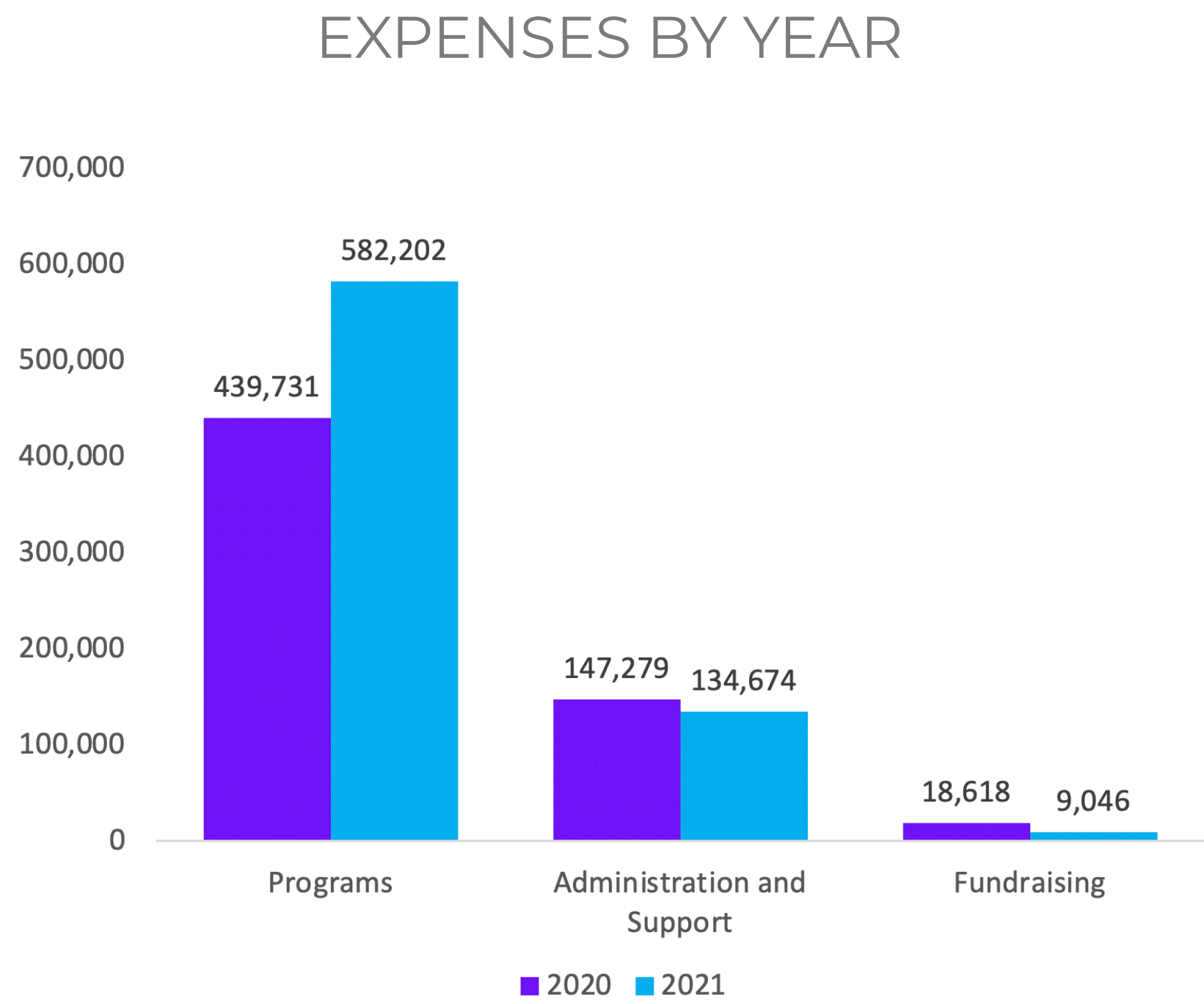
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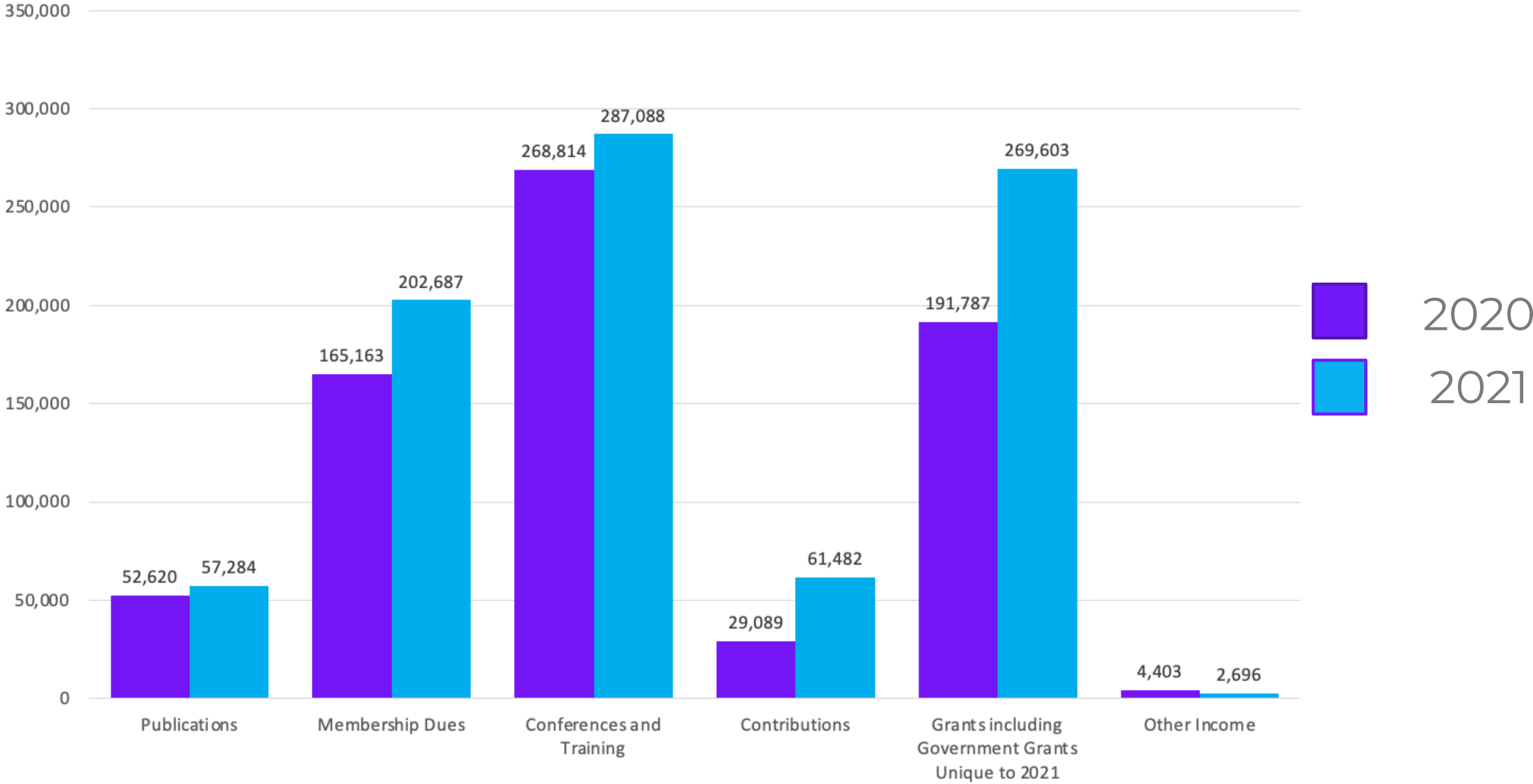


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APSAC Position Statement

Assertions of Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS), Parental Alienation Disorder (PAD), or Parental Alienation (PA) When Child Maltreatment is of Concern

Background

In 1985, the late Richard Gardner, a child psychiatrist, first posited an alternative explanation to a child's disclosure of sexual abuse in the midst of a divorce and a custody dispute: parental alienation syndrome (PAS). Gardner stated the child would collude with the preferred parent, who 90% of the time was the mother, to make allegations against the less preferred parent, who 90% of the time the father, of various transgressions, culminating in an allegation of child sexual abuse. Gardner described PAS as a collaboration between the alienated child and the preferred or alienating parent. In addition, Gardner asserted that the mother might enlist the aid of clinicians, whom he pejoratively entitled validators, in asserting that the child had been sexually abused. Gardner further stated that the vast majority of incest cases were true, but the majority of allegations of sexual abuse in divorce were false (Gardner, 1992). Gardner provided no data to support these opinions.

That said, Gardner's description of PAS and his proposal of PAS as an alternative explanation for sexual abuse allegations in divorce gained traction among those accused of sexual abuse and their advocates. Later, the concept of PAS was expanded to include allegations of domestic violence and other types of child maltreatment made during divorce and custody/visitation disputes.

In 2008, PAS was reconfigured as parental alienation disorder (PAD). PAD is defined as a child disorder—that is, taking place within the child—and there is no assumption of collusion with the preferred parent. In addition, this version explicitly states that if the less preferred parent has maltreated the child, the situation is not a case of PAD. This reconfiguration was undertaken in an effort to get PAD included in the DSM-5 and later in the ICD-11 (Bernet et al., 2010). These efforts have not been successful, but parental alienation (PA) advocates continue their efforts to legitimize PA as a diagnosis (e.g., Bernet, 2010).

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APSAC Diversity Policy

APSAC Nonprofit Organization is committed to a diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment where all board members, staff, volunteers, and members feel respected and valued regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation or identity, disability, education, geography, discipline or any other bias.

APSAC respects the value that diverse life experiences bring to our board and leadership and we strive to listen to their views and give them value.

Our board's philosophy on our goals to provide informed leadership for diversity, inclusion, and equity include:

1. We shall address diversity, inclusion, and equity in our vision and mission for the benefit of APSAC membership and those we serve.
2. We shall recognize and address inequities in our policies, programs, and services.
3. We shall address systemic inequities that impact our work at the board level and address it according to this policy and in accordance with our mission.
4. We shall be transparent about diversity in all our interactions.
5. We shall dedicate our time and resources to expanding greater diversity within our board and leadership positions.

APSAC Nonprofit Organization agrees to abide by the following action items to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity in our work:

1. We seek and offer new learning opportunities as we strive for cultural humility.
2. We take action to improve diversity, inclusion, and equity in our board and leadership positions.
3. We develop, collect, and share resources that demonstrate our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity.
4. We strive to create awareness and address biases during our recruiting, hiring, and evaluating processes.

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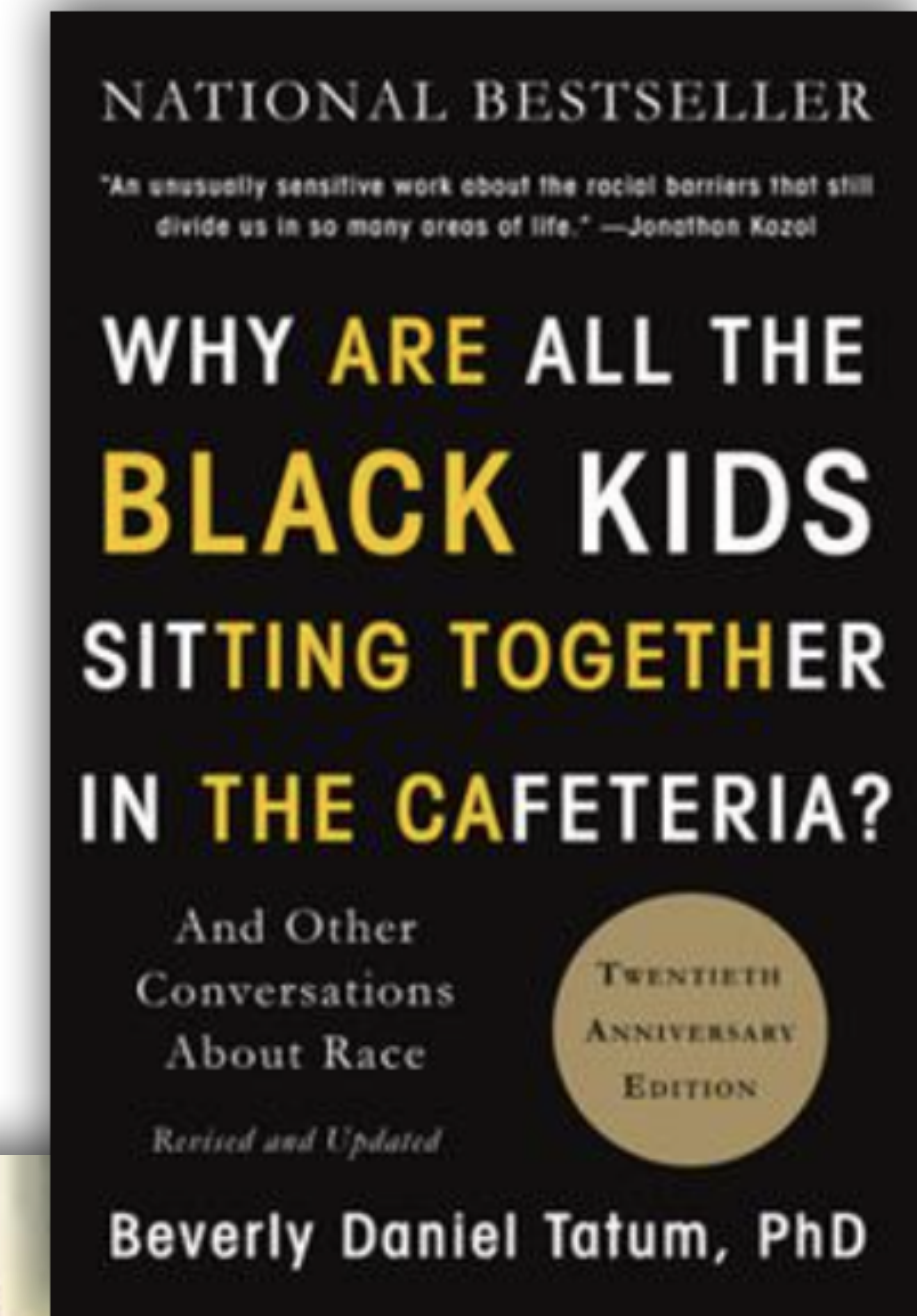


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- YAPSAC Career Development Institute
- In-person Social Hours sponsored at colloquiums and online
- Bi-annual newsletter

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- IAPSAC added two new board members.
- Hosted an annual membership kickoff event and a lunch and learn virtual event.
- Safe Sleep Taskforce continued to thrive and provide education and pack n plays to those in need.

CAPSAC

- CAPSAC completed its work on the ACEs Aware grant, with 11 free live and On-Demand CALIFORNIA ACES ACADEMY (CAA) webinars, reaching almost 4,000 professionals.
- Presented the first Karen J. Saywitz Legacy Award to Professor Gail Goodman, PhD. Sean Dugan, MD, received the Neal Snyder Service Award and graduate student Lindsey Palmer received the Paul Crissey Graduate Student Research Award.
- Co-sponsored two additional webinars with CIR
- Information for and recordings of these events are available at capsac.org.

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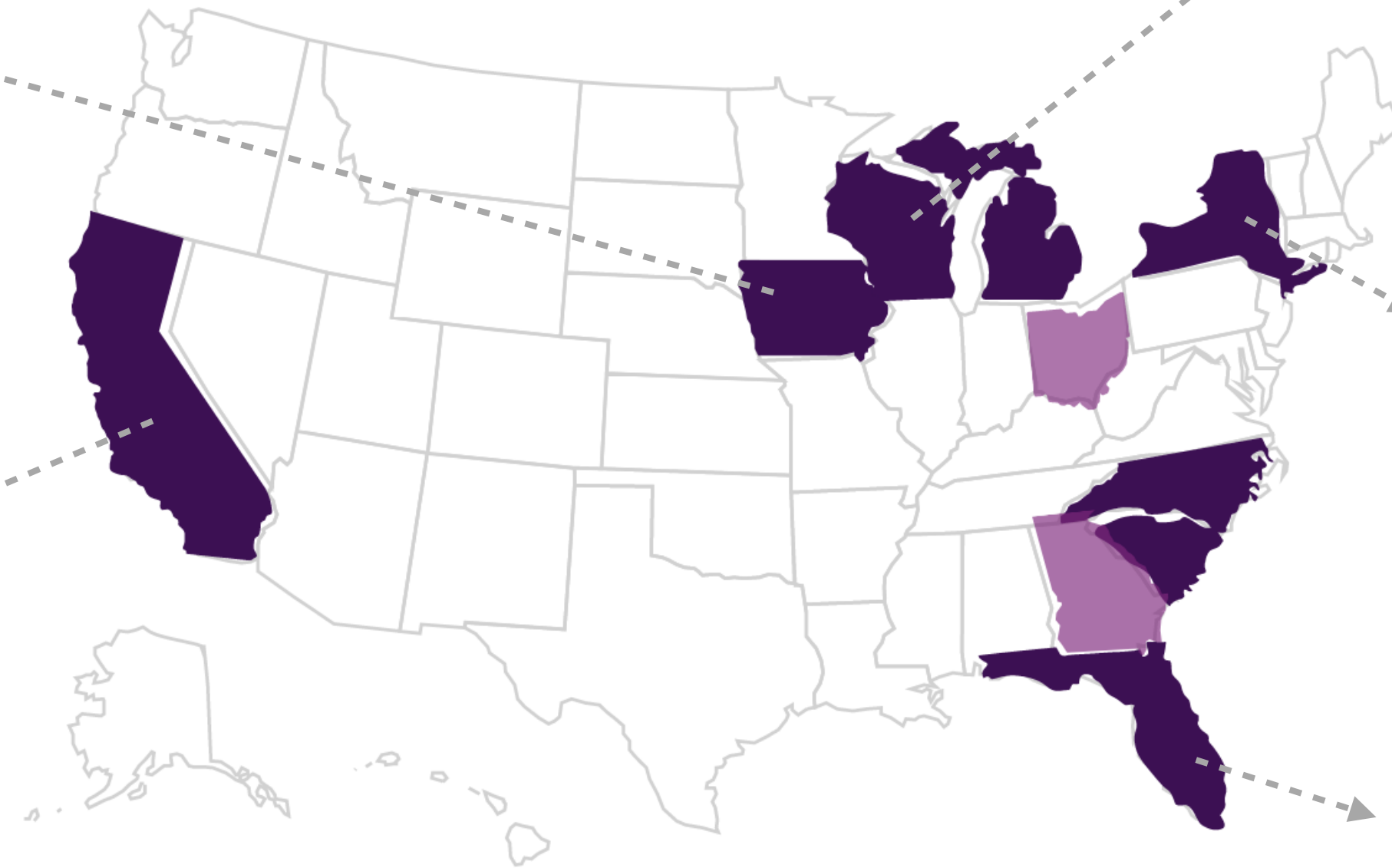
- WIPSAC supported members during the pandemic, promoted any virtual learning experience and offered support if any member or their organization needed it.

APSAC-NY

- APSAC-New York's Public Policy Committee worked on legislative issues that included strengthening the child abuse and neglect identification and reporting course for mandated reporters, strengthening protections for children impacted by child sexual abuse exploitation and enabling CAC's to screen their employees through the SCR.
- Pivoted from planning in-person conferences to a series of 4 virtual webinars

FLAPSAC

- FLAPSAC has been focusing on the recruitment of qualified Board members and has subsequently added two new members.



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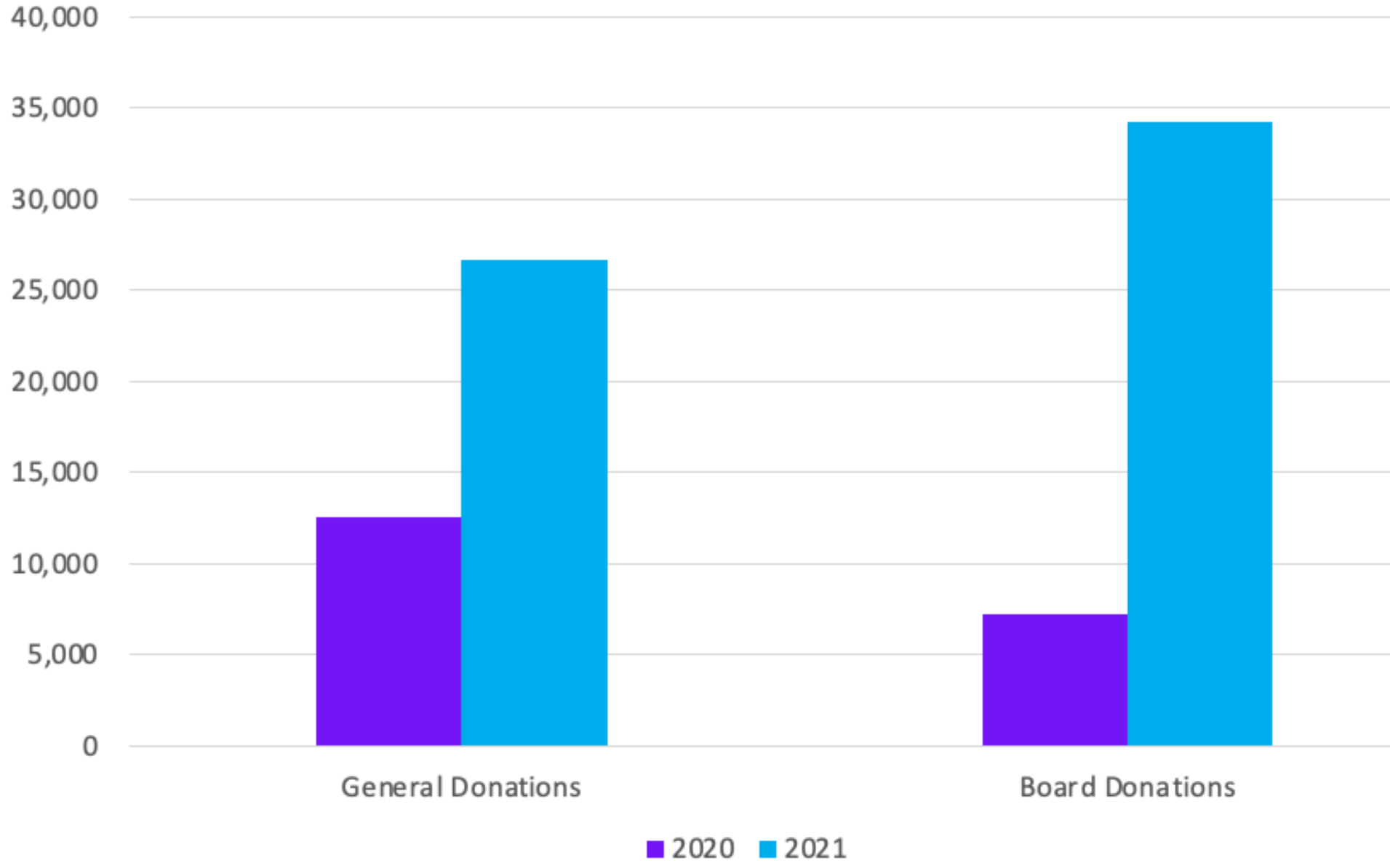
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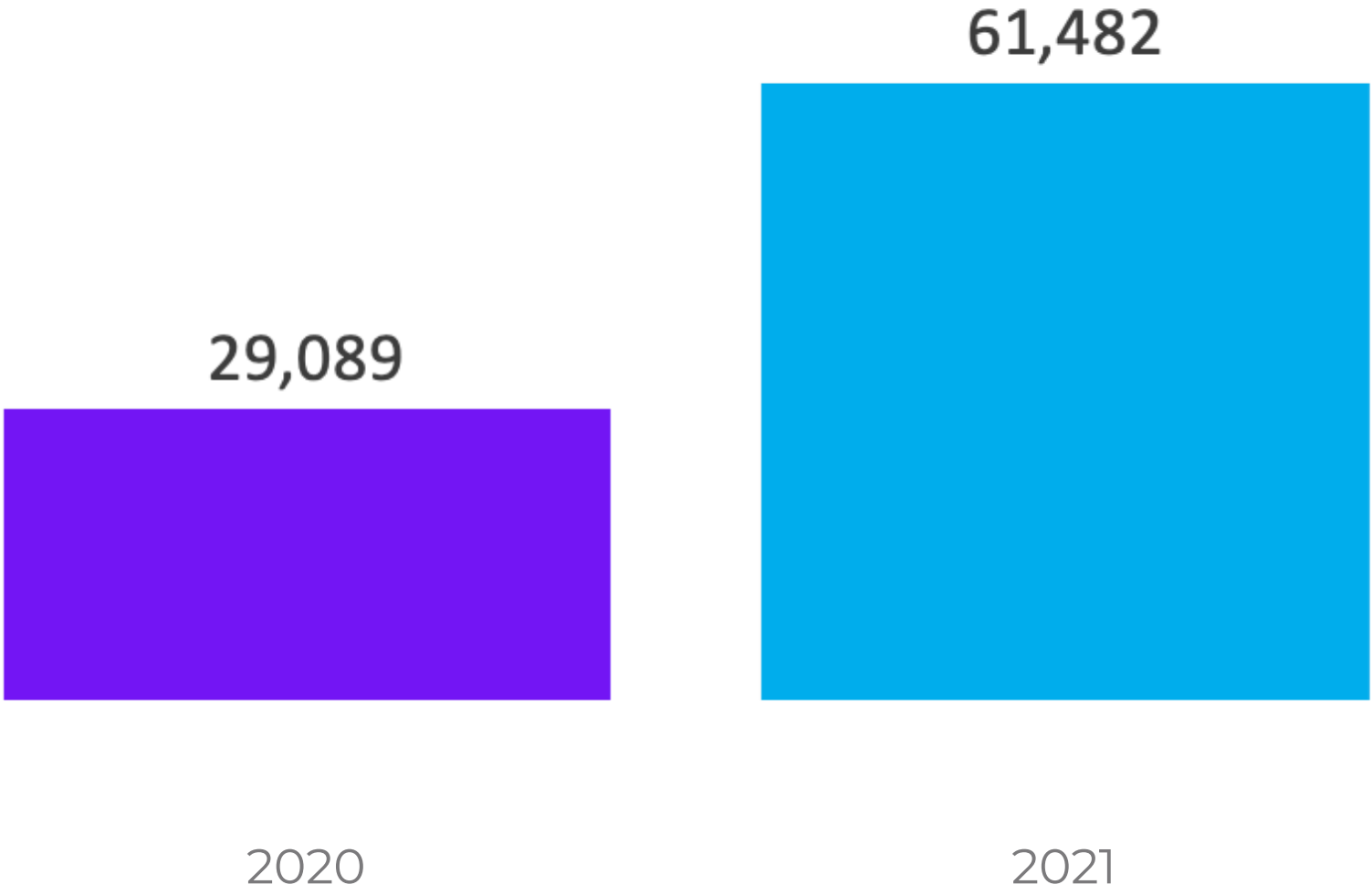
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