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## **STATEMENT**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Prevent Child Abuse America names Dan Duffy as President & CEO

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**Wednesday, March 16, 2016, CHICAGO, IL**— Prevent Child Abuse America is pleased to announce Dan Duffy as its next President & CEO, effective April 4th. The current 26<sup>th</sup> District Senator will be resigning from the Illinois Senate as of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Current President & CEO James M. Hmurovich will retire in April after 10 years in the position.

"On behalf of our Board of Directors, I am pleased to welcome Dan as President and CEO of Prevent Child Abuse America," said Fred Riley, Chair of the National Board of Directors. "Dan has an impressive record of accomplishment in both business and government and we are confident that his leadership will benefit children and families across the country. I want to thank Jim for leaving a strong organization and for his tireless efforts for our nation's children."

As the new President & CEO, Duffy will provide strategic vision and leadership for the organization to promote great childhoods and prevent all forms of abuse and neglect. He will oversee the organization's 50 state chapter network as well as the nearly 600 Healthy Families America accredited home visiting sites across the country. Similarly he will continue the work with our partners in other national organizations including the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, National Exchange Club, Kappa Delta National Sorority, Sigma Delta Tau National Sorority and National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds.

"I am honored to take the helm at Prevent Child Abuse America as there is no better cause to fight for than this," said Duffy. "Our whole future, as individuals and as a country, is built on a healthy childhood. This position gives me the opportunity to combine all of my past experiences and passions for business, politics and public



service. My goal is to expand our services across the U.S. and help educate every family in America."

Senator Duffy is a graduate of Augustana College and received his Master's Degree in Political Management from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He was first elected to the Illinois State Senate in 2008 and was re-elected in 2012. During his time in Springfield he served on Governor Bruce Rauner's Local Government Consolidation & Unfunded Mandates Tax Force as well as the Taxpayer Protection Working Group. Prior to his career in politics, he was the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Effective Data, Inc., an e-commerce business based out of Schaumburg, IL.

Hmurovich will retire in April after having served for 10 years as the President & CEO and previously, for three years, as a member of the Board of Directors. During his time at Prevent Child Abuse America, Jim led the organization through the rapid growth of its home visitation program, Healthy Families America, from 360 sites to nearly 600, increased the state chapter network from 41 to 50, and introduced the Pinwheels for Prevention awareness campaign. Under Jim's leadership, the organization successfully navigated the recession and has achieved top ratings from Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, GuideStar and the Better Business Bureau as well as recognition from Consumer Reports as a top children's charity for donors.

"I am honored to have been trusted with the leadership of such an honorable mission, a team of dedicated and committed staff, a knowledgeable and impressive Board of Directors and two outstanding networks," said Hmurovich. "Every child should have the right to experience a loving, caring and abuse free childhood. At Prevent Child Abuse America we not only believe that, we work every day to accomplish it."

## ABOUT PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA

Prevent Child Abuse America, founded in 1972 in Chicago, works to ensure the healthy development of children nationwide. The organization promotes that vision through a network of chapters in 50 states and nearly 600 Healthy Families America, home visitation sites in 38 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and Canada. A major organizational focus is to advocate for the existence of a national policy framework and strategy for children and families while promoting evidence-based practices that prevent abuse and neglect from ever occurring. To learn more about what we're doing to prevent child abuse and neglect and how you can help, please visit our websites, preventchildabuse.org and healthyfamiliesamerica.org.