

# BAY AREA CRISIS NURSERY

## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

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28 years in operation

1,091 admissions in  
2008

100% not for profit  
organization

4,700 sq. ft facility with  
20 beds for young children  
ages birth to 5 years old

6 bed home for older  
children ages 6 to 11 years  
old

100+ volunteers

0 government funding

24 hour a day, 365 day a  
year service provider

1 mission  
to prevent  
child abuse

*The purpose of the Bay Area Crisis Nursery is to prevent abuse and neglect of children by providing support to families who are in stress or crisis. Our primary service is providing a warm, loving, homelike environment for children birth through eleven years of age by offering 24 hour residential care. This service is free, confidential and voluntary.*

*Our other primary care is a Respite Care Program. The Respite Care Program is designed to be an ongoing support to families after the immediate crisis. It consists of planned pre-arranged two to four day stays. This service plays an important role in improving family coping patterns and reducing the risks of child abuse.*

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### *A young Mother seeks help*

*Finding herself a single mother of twin 6 week old babies, this mother suffered from overwhelming stress. Additionally, this mother was taking prescription medicine but the use had turned into abuse. Her babies were admitted to the safety of BACN while the mother located a residential treatment program. Shortly afterward, the family was able to live together under the care of a residential treatment program, which provided the mother with the services and resources she needed to grow into a successful family.*

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## What is a crisis nursery?

BACN is a short term residential care facility for young children of families in a time of personal crisis. We service families with parents who care but temporarily can't cope with overwhelming, stressful life emergencies.

## Who are the clients?

Among the many diverse socio-economic families that seek support from BACN, one commonality is the overwhelming desire to find relief from extraordinary and immediate stress. Some are homeless; some have substance abuse problems or are fleeing domestic violence. Some have a history of mental illness; others have a medical emergency. Most clients reside in the greater East Bay.

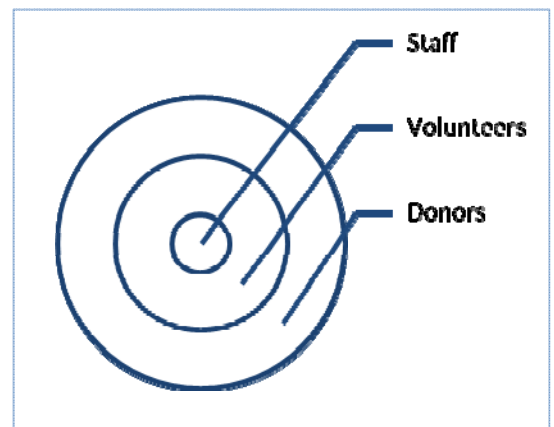
## What makes BACN unique?

BACN is the only crisis nursery in our geographical area; we are funded by private donations without any government assistance; and our services are provided at no charge to the clients.

## Why is the BACN model successful?

We stop the clock 24 hours at a time, allowing time and resources to combine as prevention to child abuse before an incident within the family occurs.

Our goal is to bridge the need for emergency childcare while providing a support network of resources.



Bay Area Crisis Nursery Organization

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*“Despite a poor economy and the overall reduction in charitable giving, we have managed to meet the needs of our families. We appreciate the ongoing support from the community, and feel we are making a significant difference in the lives of the children we care for.”*

*Sr. Ann Weltz, Executive Director*

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“For Parents Who Care  
but Temporarily Can't Cope”

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