

Executive Summary

Who We Are

In 1981, Sister Ann Weltz established the Bay Area Crisis Nursery (BACN), which remains the only crisis nursery in the Bay Area offering free, voluntary and confidential services. A crisis nursery is a place a family can temporarily place their young children in a time of personal crisis.

What We Do

We prevent the abuse and neglect of young children by providing support to families who are under stress or in crisis. We provide a warm, safe, loving and homelike environment for children of families in crisis. In the past 28 years there have been over 20,000 admissions. In 2009, there were 1,201 admissions.

How We Do It

Our nonprofit organization has two sites providing 24-hour residential care for children: the Nursery for children birth through age five, and the Dahlstrom House for children age six through eleven. Here children receive shelter, food, clothing, toys and tender care while parents develop a plan of action to resolve the crisis and / or alleviate the stress.

Who Supports BACN

BACN's operations are funded solely by donations from individuals, businesses, the faith community, service clubs and organizations, private foundations and fundraising events. We receive no government funding. Services are provided at no fee to our clients.

Who operates BACN

BACN is run with a volunteer Board of Directors, management team, and a staff of 15 devoted to child care. The management team coordinates the operations, volunteers and fundraising. In addition, we are augmented by over 100 childcare volunteers, allowing BACN to maintain its focus on the children.

WHY We Do What We Do

BACN believes that child abuse is preventable. Helping parents in crisis before an incident occurs is our core tenet. As a result of the support we provide, we help parents and their children grow into a healthy family with a minimum of stress.