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STATE PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION
OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

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The Michigan Children's Trust Fund (CTF) was established in 1982 to help break the cycle of child abuse and neglect and to protect the lives of children so they can become more successful adults and parents. The following report, known officially as the **State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, 2007-08**, describes CTF's current accomplishments and endeavors in Michigan.

Since our last report representing 2005-06, much work has taken place throughout Michigan. CTF has increased its collaborative efforts with other statewide agencies to assure that all investments intended to reduce child abuse, regardless of their origin, are better coordinated and more efficient in their application. A sampling of these organizations includes the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, Head Start, and Children's Charter of the Courts of Michigan.

Meanwhile, at the local level, Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Councils, Direct Services grant recipients, and many volunteers continue their vital mission of informing, educating, and empowering. Like CTF at the state level, they are reaching out to like entities in their own communities to collaboratively enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of this vital work.

While Michigan's number of substantiated child abuse cases has increased slightly since publication of our last report (from 28,100 to 29,638), we know that our prevention efforts are working. For instance, one report, issued this past January by the Zero-to-Three programs, a State of Michigan interdepartmental program administered by the CTF, clearly documented the positive cost-effective impact of our collective efforts to help at-risk families enhance their parenting and coping skills and reduce incidences of child abuse and neglect.

Research shows that unemployment and poverty are two risk factors which negatively impact child abuse and neglect statistics. In this financially challenging environment, it is reassuring to know that prevention work can provide a significant benefit to all of our citizens.

Our children have a fundamental right to be protected from abuse and neglect. We hope that, as you read this report, you will be inspired and become committed to champion CTF's critical mission.

Nancy Moody
Chair, Board of Directors
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CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

inform, *educate,* & equip *families*

History

The Children's Trust Fund (CTF) serves as Michigan's only source of permanent funding for the statewide prevention of child abuse and neglect. Established by the Michigan Legislature as an autonomous agency by Public Act 250 of 1982, CTF does not receive state general funds for operations. CTF has been designated by Governor Granholm to serve as the state lead agency to receive and administer the federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) grant. Funding comes from the world of charitable donations, gifts, and grants.

Prevention Partnering

CTF's statewide network of prevention partners continues to include policy makers, state and local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, parents and providers, prevention advocates, the faith community, corporations, schools, and health agencies. In particular, in FY2008 CTF partnered with the Department of Human Services, the Department of Community Health, and the Department of Education (via interagency agreements and informal collaborative initiatives). In addition, CTF serves as the co-chapter of Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Michigan and also administers the Michigan Citizen Review Panel for Prevention.

CTF staff members also have affiliations, memberships, or sit on steering or planning committees with over 15 groups, which strengthen and inform our prevention network:

- Children's Charter of the Courts of Michigan
- Circle of Parents
- Citizen Review Panels
- Early Childhood Investment Corporation
- Legislative Children's Caucus
- Michigan Child Death Review Team
- Michigan Child Welfare Improvement Task Force
- Michigan's Children
- Michigan Coalition for Children and Families
- Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health
- Parent Leadership in State Government Advisory Board
- Parenting Awareness Michigan
- Prevent Child Abuse America
- Prevention Network
- Supporting Families with Young Children Conference
- University of Michigan CAN Conference
- Zero to Five Advisory Network

the reality of abuse & neglect

TRENDS REPORT SUMMARY

The number of children's protective services (CPS) complaints received was 123,149 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2007. Even though slightly fewer cases were assigned for investigation as compared to 126,690 in 2006, a higher percentage of investigated cases was confirmed (i.e., a preponderance of evidence of abuse and/or neglect was found). A summary of 2007 data includes:

- Complaints Investigations - 26% of investigations resulted in a finding of preponderance of evidence.
- Confirmed Investigations - There has been a decrease in the number of investigations (76,694 in 2004 to 67,756 in 2007), although a higher percentage of investigations were confirmed (23% in 2004, 25% in 2006, to 26% in 2007).
- Victims of Abuse Neglect by Race, Gender-
  - » 17,748 confirmed investigations with a total of 29,638 victims were identified (1.6 child victims per family).
  - » 51% of all victims were female, 49% male.
  - » 61% of all victims were white, 32% were African American, and 7% were Native American, Asian, Latino, and other undefined races.
  - » 32% were under the age of four.
  - » Of the 29,638 victims, 175 were victims in more than one incident.
- Perpetrators of Abuse Neglect -
  - » In approximately 90% of all cases the perpetrator is the parent.
  - » There are 1.3 perpetrators for every confirmed investigation.
- Reporting Sources of Complaints -
  - » Law enforcement represents the largest source of complaints filed by mandated reporters, at 23%.
  - » The largest non-mandated reporting source is defined as "anonymous" at 22% followed closely by relatives at 18%.

helping families develop strengths

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In support of our child abuse and neglect prevention mission, CTF's aim is to design and support programs and activities which champion Protective Factors* in order to mitigate Risk Factors*.

Protective Factors* include but aren't limited to:

- **Nurturing and Attachment**
  Activities that increase the quality of nurturing and attachment.
- **Parental Resilience**
  Activities for increasing parental resilience to manage both crisis and the everyday challenges of family life.
- **Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development**
  Activities that increase knowledge of parenting and child development.
- **Social Connections**
  Activities that reduce social isolation and assure families the ability to access needed informal resources.
- **Concrete Supports in Times of Need**
  Activities that assist families to receive concrete supports in times of need.

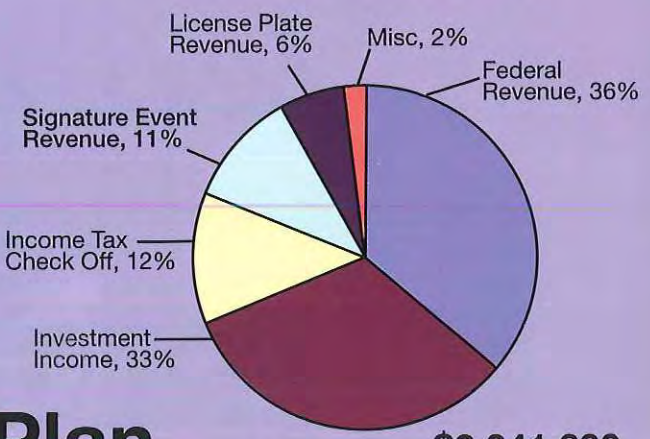
Risk Factors* include but aren't limited to:

- **Childhood trauma**
- **Poverty**
- **Stressful life events**
- **Inaccurate knowledge or expectations about child development**
- **Substance abuse**
- **Community violence**

*Protective and Risk Factors. FRIENDS – National Resource Center for Community Based Child Abuse Prevention. Retrieved April 15, 2009, from FRIENDS website: http://www.friendsnrc.org/outcome/toolkit/evalplan/why/protect.htm

strategic plan for protecting michigan's children

2008 CTF Revenues



$3,341,600

State Prevention Plan

1. Raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect prevention, and mandated reporting.

2. Foster improved collaboration with new and existing prevention partners at the local, state and national levels.

3. Advocate needed public policy and best practices that address child abuse and neglect.

4. Implement best practices supported by evidence-based and evidence-informed principles.

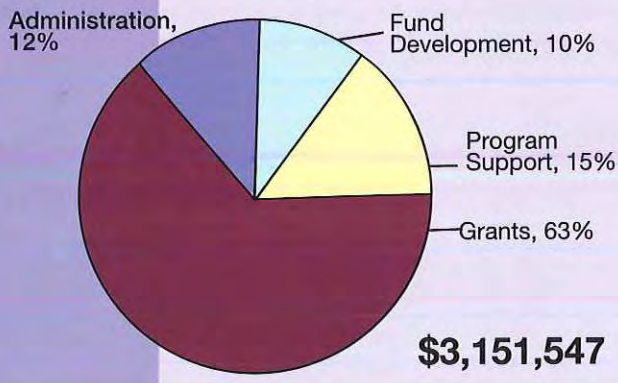
5. Develop and implement continuous quality improvement practices.

6. Facilitate educational and professional development with all partners.

7. Improve funding opportunities for CTF prevention initiatives.

8. Ensure efficient and results-based use of prevention dollars.

2008 CTF Expenses



$3,151,547

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND OF MICHIGAN PROGRAMMING

CTF's mission is to champion child abuse and neglect prevention services throughout the State of Michigan. CTF's focus is the support of primary and secondary child abuse and prevention programs.

Primary prevention consists of activities targeted toward the community at large which are supportive or educationally based. Secondary prevention consists of activities targeted to families which have one or more risk factors related to child abuse and neglect.

Whether primary or secondary prevention supported endeavors, CTF's aim is to reduce confirmed risk factors of child maltreatment, including but not limited to child behavior problems, chronic or serious illness, attention deficit disorder, stressful life events, unemployment, substance abuse and domestic violence; and to strengthen protective factors, including but not limited to enhancing nurturing and attachment, parental resilience, parenting skills, and support systems.

CTF's strategic initiatives include Local Council and Direct Service grants which serve 82 of 83 Michigan counties. CTF serves as the administrative partner in the Zero to Three Secondary Prevention Initiative in partnership with the Department of Human Services, Department of Community Health, and Michigan Department of Education.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

LOCAL COUNCILS

- CTF funds 72 local child abuse and neglect prevention councils that serve 82 of Michigan's 83 counties.
- Councils develop and facilitate collaborative prevention programs in their communities.
- Activities include public awareness campaigns,trainings for professionals in the child welfare field, information and referrals, local resource directories, and educational workshops for parents and youth.

DIRECT SERVICES

- CTF also funds over 30 community-based direct service grants across the state.
- Grant services are designed to promote strong, nurturing families.
- Priorities include parent/guardian skills training and support in the areas of child development, child care skills, and stress management.
- Services also include respite care, parent support groups, responsible fatherhood, home visitation, family resource and support centers, positive youth development, and other community-based prevention programs.

ZERO TO THREE

- The Zero to Three Program provides services to 56 counties across the state.
- Michigan's Zero to Three Prevention Initiative is a statewide interagency collaborative child abuse and neglect prevention project charged with integrating a system of services for expectant families and those with children age birth through three years who have been identified to be at risk for child abuse and neglect.
- The grants given throughout the state support community-based collaborative prevention programs designed to foster positive parenting skills, improve parent-child interactions, promote access to needed community services, increase local capacity to serve families at risk, improve school readiness, and support healthy environments that discourage alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.

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granting roles & responsibilities

ctf board
- determines priorities
- determines total allocations
- approves grant awards

appeal
- written request for review must be received 10 business days after receipt of denial
- board convenes Ad Hoc review team
- recommendations upheld or overturned

ctf
- develops RFP
- disseminates RFP
- provides TA

local councils
- also disseminate RFP
- provide TA
- review applications

applicant
- completes application
- submits to local council

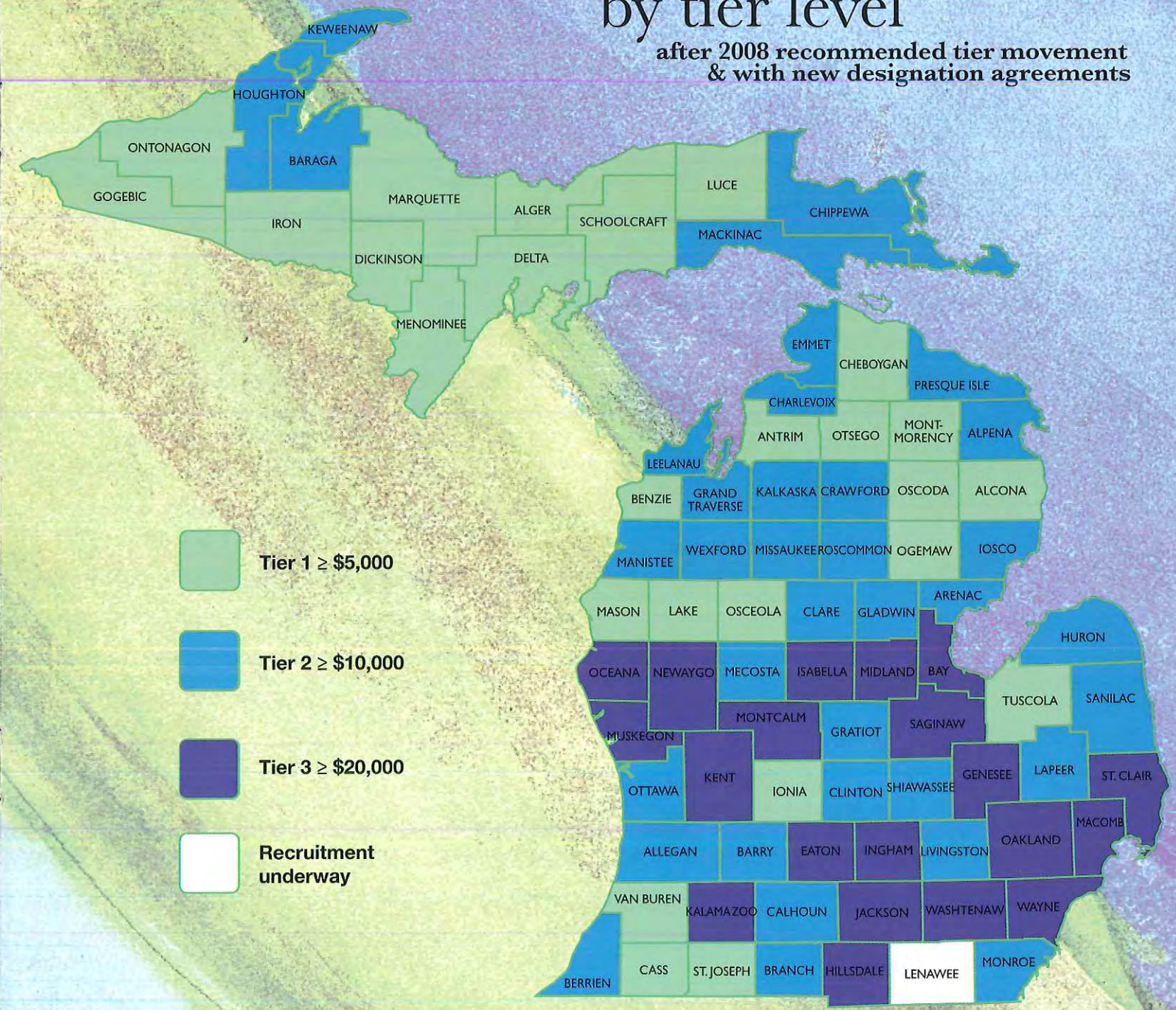
application review
- local council reviews
- state team reviews and recommends grant awards

CTF Grants & Allocations 2007-2008

	Direct Services	Local Councils	Total
2007	$886,645.75	$870,423.81	$1,757,069.56
2008	$825,342.70	$823,798.04	$1,649,140.70

counties by tier level

after 2008 recommended tier movement & with new designation agreements



supporting *communities*

LOCAL COUNCIL PUBLIC AWARENESS & OUTREACH FY 2008

A. Public Awareness & Outreach

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED	NUMBER OF SERVICES
Information Booths & Fairs	383
Newspaper Articles	688
Press Releases	282
Half Page Presentations	141
Press Releases	496
Speaking Engagements (181,818 attendees)	415
Other Public Awareness Activities	303
Publicity Events (29,972 attendees)	175

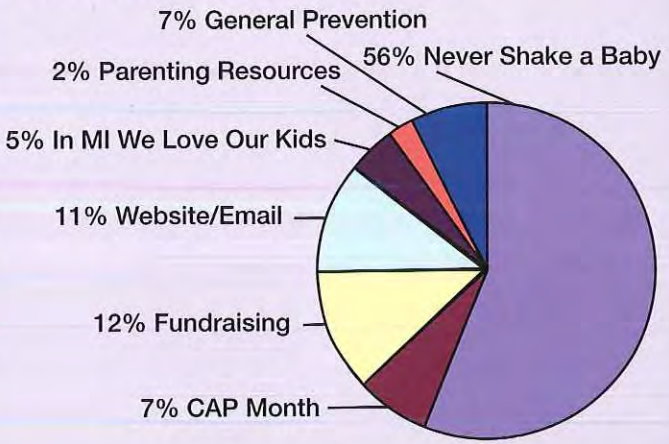
B. Education Activities & Services

Parent Education Presentations (29,352 attendees)	1,480
Baby Basic Presentations (21,577 attendees)	760
Baby Think It Over Presentations (3,765 attendees)	244
Never Shake A Baby Presentations (13,483 attendees)	1,282
Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse & Neglect (16,083 attendees)	216
Other Educational Workshops	2,627
Advocacy Activities (6,668 attendees)	208
Other Training & Technical Assistance (2,140 attendees)	543

C. Other Activities & Services

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED	NUMBER OF SERVICES
Volunteers Recruited	3,066
Volunteers Trained	2,326
Volunteers Utilized	5,355
Professional Development & Training Conducted by Councils (1,595 attendees)	88
Professional Development & Training Attended by Council Staff (335 attendees)	298
Telephone Contacts	15,097
Resource Coordination	42,081
Referrals	6,363

CTF PUBLIC AWARENESS DISTRIBUTION PERCENTAGE BY SUBJECT AREA



bringing a *voice* to prevention

Child Abuse Prevention Month 2008

- Governor Granholm declared April 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Michigan.
- The theme for CAP Month was "The Power of One Action," and the goal was to engage Michigan residents in one action to help prevent child abuse and neglect. The theme was incorporated into CAP Month materials, including a poster and brochure about CTF.
- A CAP Month toolkit specific to Michigan was produced for local councils. The 40 page toolkit included a calendar of statewide CAP Month events, CAP Month posters and brochures, Governor Granholm's 2008 CAP Month proclamation, Pinwheels for Prevention and Blue Ribbon initiatives, child abuse statistics, and media tips.
- CTF also began implementation of the PCA Pinwheels for Prevention national campaign. All CTF local councils received 100 PCA pinwheels at no cost. Information on the national campaign and ways to implement the campaign on a local level were included in the CAP Month toolkit.
- In March 2008, CTF held a CAP Month Press Conference during Legislative Day at the State Capitol.
- In April 2008, CTF also held a 5K run/walk at the State Capitol to raise awareness about CAP Month and child abuse in Michigan.
- Successful CAP Month activities were also carried out by CTF local councils and direct service grantees. Examples included:
  - » The Saginaw County local council kicked off CAP month with a Blue Ribbon and Pinwheel program to honor children.
  - » The Kalamazoo County local council submitted PSAs to local media sources about their CAP Month events: Light of Hope, Be a Lifesaver Campaign, and The Community's Child.
  - » The Marquette/Alger local council held its Sixth Annual Catch a Falling Star fundraiser.
  - » The Alpena/Presque Isle local council had a pizza party at a local church to honor CAP Month and to hand out prevention information to the community.
  - » The Calhoun County local council coordinator conducted two 10-minute radio interviews to promote CAP month and the annual auction.

statewide network – local councils

www.michigan.gov/ctf

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direct service grant recipients

currently funded 2009

1. **Berrien ISD**
   Counties: Berrien
   Award: $37,990.50
   Project: Parents as Teachers Program

2. **Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region**
   County: Ingham
   Award: $17,333.00
   Project: Family Mentoring Network

3. **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marquette County, Inc.**
   County: Marquette
   Award: $12,665.50
   Project: The Turnaround Program

4. **Branch/Hillsdale/St. Joseph Community Health Agency**
   Counties: Branch, Hillsdale, St. Joseph
   Award: $19,144.18
   Project: Healthy Beginnings Teen Program

5. **Canton Township**
   County: Out Wayne
   Award: $29,772.67
   Project: Building Families Through Community Outreach Program

6. **Catholic Social Services of Muskegon**
   County: Muskegon
   Award: $15,500.00
   Project: The Muskegon Healthy Families Prenatal Program

7. **Children's Aid Society**
   County: Wayne
   Award: $17,499.44
   Project: The Loving Children Project

8. **Children's Assessment Center**
   County: Kent
   Award: $16,213.50
   Project: The Kidz Have Rights: Your Body Belongs to You Program

9. **Community Hope Christian Counseling and Mental Health Center**
   Counties: Mecosta/Osceola
   Award: $64,715.00
   Project: Reclaiming Family Services (RFS) Program

10. **Detroit Parent Network**
    County: Wayne
    Award: $35,379.00
    Project: Parent Education & Support Groups, and Positive Youth Development Programs

11. **Development Centers, Inc.**
    County: Wayne
    Award: $12,636.87
    Project: Bright Stars Early Childhood Prevention Program

12. **Family & Children Service of Midland**
    County: Midland
    Award: $15,256.00
    Project: Child Care Concepts 4C

13. **Genesee County ISD**
    County: Genesee
    Award: $35,000.00
    Project: Parent Education Programs & Support Groups

14. **Keweenaw Family Resource Center**
    County: Keweenaw
    Award: $17,494.99
    Project: First Link: Family Support Program

15. **Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan**
    County: Kent
    Award: $24,000.00
    Project: Parent Education Programs & Support Groups

16. Marcellus Community Schools
County: Cass
Award: $61,225.50
Project: Volinia Outcomes Community Day Program

17. MSU Extension – Leelanau County Family Coordinating Council
County: Leelanau
Award: $61,275.00
Project: Parenting Communities

18. Parent to Parent of SW Michigan
Counties: Kalamazoo, Allegan, Van Buren, Calhoun, Barry & St. Joseph
Award: $33,837.00
Project: The Parent Education Program

19. Pathways, MI – Ottawa
Counties: Ottawa & Allegan
Award: $35,006.00
Project: Circle of Parents Program

20. Pathways, MI – Muskegon
County: Muskegon
Award: $8,562.00
Project: The Circle of Parents Program

21. Pathways, MI – Ottawa
County: Ottawa
Award: $10,000.00
Project: Respite Program

22. Power Inc.
County: Washtenaw
Award: $15,000.00
Project: Parents' Night Out Program

23. Regional Medical Health System – Marquette Women's & Children Center
Counties: Alger, Marquette
Award: $2,780.00
Project: Becoming a Parent Workshop

24. St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
County: Oakland
Award: $62,511.00
Project: Healthy Start/Healthy Families Oakland's Family Connections Program

25. Student Advocacy Center of Michigan
County: Washtenaw
Award: $36,000.00
Project: Student Advocacy Project

26. Third Level Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.
County: Grand Traverse
Award: $13,500.00
Project: Homeless to Wholeness for Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth

27. Traverse City Area Public Schools
County: Grand Traverse
Award: $45,000.00
Project: Teen Parent Training

28. West Midland Family Center
County: Midland
Award: $30,000.00
Project: Preschool Family Mentoring Project

29. West Midland Family Center
County: Midland
Award: $100,000.00
Project: Family Mentoring Project

30. Women's Resource Center of Livingston County
County: Livingston
Award: $39,049.00
Project: Dads Make a Difference

31. Women's Resource Center of Livingston County
County: Livingston
Award: $8,100.00
Project: Nurturing Parenting Program

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CIRCLE OF PARENTS®

Circle of Parents® is a growing national network of non-profit organizations and parent leaders that offer anyone in a parenting role the opportunity to participate in weekly group meetings with other parents to exchange ideas, share information, develop and practice new parenting skills, learn about community resources, and give and receive support. Groups are parent-led with the support of a trained group facilitator, are conducted in a confidential and non-judgmental manner, are free of charge and provide developmentally-appropriate children's programs or child care concurrent with parent group meetings. CTF has served as the lead agency for the Circle of Parents® initiative, started in Michigan in October 2006. A Responsible Fatherhood program component was added for January 1 - December 31, 2008 for technical assistance and training.

Parent Leadership

Circle of Parents® participants gain the knowledge and skills to function in meaningful leadership roles and represent a "parent voice" to help shape the direction of their families, programs and communities.

Research Based

Focus groups and evaluation indicate that Circle of Parents® participants:

- Become empowered to influence other parents and their community;
- Feel supported and connected to other parents; learn about non-violent ways to discipline children, and learn more about themselves and how this awareness helps them to become better parents; and
- Gain knowledge about meeting family needs from resources and materials that are provided.

2007

- Eleven state-wide main program sites have been established, with multiple groups operating at most sites.
- CTF also hosted a Circle of Parents® two-day facilitators' training in conjunction with Great Start and Pathways MI.
- In FY2007, approximately 165 parents/caregivers and 75 children participated in the Circle of Parents® program, and 14 new groups started statewide. Through the program, parents become empowered to not only impact their own families, but to influence other parents and their community by advocating on behalf of children and families.
- In FY2007, the CTF direct services grant monitor accepted a position to represent CTF on the Advisory Board for Parent Leadership in State Government.

2008

- CTF continued to serve as the lead agency for the Circle of Parents® Initiative.
- In FY2008, Circle of Parents® workshops were provided to parents and human services professionals in October and November at the Parenting Awareness Michigan (PAM) Annual Conference.
- Approximately 161 parent leaders, facilitators, program managers, coordinators, and/or directors attended workshops and training sessions throughout the year.
- Approximately 187 parents/caregivers and 56 children participated in the Circle of Parents® program.
- Four new groups started statewide to bring the total number to 15 sites.
- Parents advocated at the state level. Four English-speaking parents and three Spanish-speaking parents attended the Michigan Children's Agenda in Lansing; where they had the opportunity to speak with legislators and advocate for the needs of their families.

SAFE DELIVERY

2007 & 2008

CTF administered funding and worked with consultants for the Safe Delivery of Newborns program via Interagency Agreement. Safe Delivery was created in 2001 by a statute separate from CTF's enabling legislation. It addresses a unique niche in child abuse prevention, namely a short-term amnesty for birth parents who wish to anonymously surrender a newborn in a safe environment without either the child or parents entering the child welfare system.

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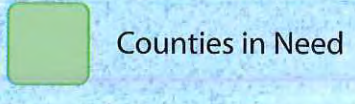
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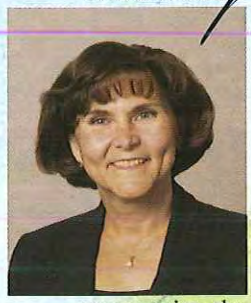

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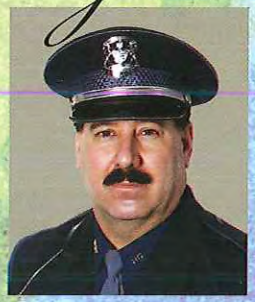

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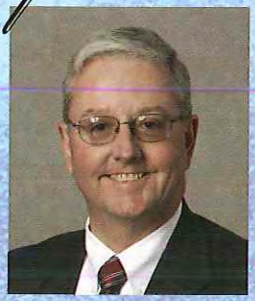

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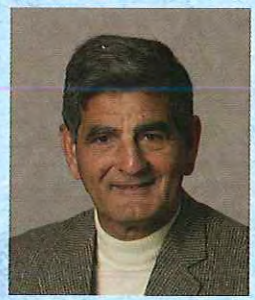

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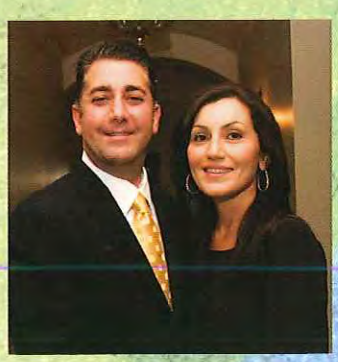

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