

Why You Should Get Involved

All children deserve and thrive in a safe and nurturing environment.

Additionally, optimal child development is at the core of community and economic development. Ensuring that children and families are safe and strong helps to create the foundation for a child's successful growth.

It's simple: When we don't make the safety and development of our children a top priority, we jeopardize their future – and ours.



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The Children's Trust Fund (CTF) serves as a voice for Michigan's children and families and promotes their health, safety and welfare by funding local programs and services that prevent child abuse and neglect.

Established by Public Act 250 of 1982, CTF is Michigan's only independent statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to prevention.

Since 1982, CTF has generated nearly \$70 million to support prevention programs and services in communities across the state, positively impacting the lives of more than 6 million children and families.

CTF does not receive state general funds. It relies on grants and revenue from direct donations and campaigns, including a specialty license plate, an heirloom birth certificate, state income tax contributions, investment income, and fundraising events.

The Problem in Michigan

On average, **240 suspected child abuse or neglect** complaints are investigated **daily**.

In 2013, there were **22,640 confirmed cases of abuse or neglect**, representing **33,970 child victims**.

In 2013, **36.5 percent of victims were under the age of 4**.

Nationally, an estimated **four children die each day from child abuse or neglect**.



Addressing the Problem

CTF uses the Strengthening Families protective factors framework, a research-based approach that builds parental resilience, promotes community and social connections, links families to support in times of need, expands parenting knowledge and supports the emotional well-being of children. Our programming includes:

Funding community-based direct service grants for services such as respite care, home visitation, child development support and other targeted services.

Funding 73 local child abuse and neglect prevention councils that provide education and other prevention leadership efforts.



Leading Child Abuse Prevention Month efforts in April with educational and public awareness activities.

Leading statewide projects including a safe sleep initiative and the Circle of Parents program.

Working with state partners to build coordinated and collaborative programs and services.

You Can Help

There are two avenues available for you to support the prevention of child abuse and neglect efforts of the Children's Trust Fund.

Your Time and Talents

- Learn more about prevention and be an ambassador to your family, friends, and neighbors.
- Learn about prevention efforts and needs, and talk to community leaders about the importance of prevention.
- Volunteer your time and skills at your local Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council.
- Report any suspected child abuse or neglect by calling 1-855-444-3911.

Your Financial Support

Visit our website to find out how you can:

- Donate to CTF on your state income tax Form 4642 (ask your tax preparer for assistance).
- Purchase a CTF specialty license plate through Secretary of State.
- Become a sponsor, purchase a ticket, host a table or donate an auction item to CTF's annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event.
- Purchase an Heirloom Birth Certificate.
- Remember CTF in your will and estate planning.
- Donate directly to CTF.

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