

Michigan's 0-3 Secondary Prevention Initiative



Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Outcomes & Return on Investment Fiscal Year 2009 Report



An interagency initiative to prevent child abuse & neglect

Prepared by the Children's Trust Fund in collaboration with the Michigan Public Health Institute on behalf of the Michigan Departments of Human Services, Education and Community Health

This report can be downloaded from the CTF website at www.michigan.gov/ctf

Michigan's 0-3 Secondary Prevention Initiative is a statewide collaborative child abuse and neglect (CAN) 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 of CAN. Zero to Three Secondary Prevention programs serve Michigan's most vulnerable populations that have multiple CAN risk factors known to be precursors to child maltreatment. Risk factors include, but are not limited to, a family with a history of CAN, parents who perceive harsh punishment as appropriate, parent(s) with rigid and/or unrealistic expectations concerning child development, an unwanted pregnancy, a limited or nonexistent support system, social isolation, multiple crises and unemployment. Eligible families may not have an open Children's Protective Services case (Category I or II Disposition).

Zero to Three is administered by the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) through an Interagency Agreement and has provided CAN prevention services to at-risk children and families in Michigan for 13 years. The enabling legislation mandated that 0-3 funds be allocated to grants that 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.

Grantees provide evidence and research based, family-centered prevention services to at-risk families who may not be eligible for services through other human service agencies. Parental involvement and commitment is required. Through stable and responsive programming, the 0-3 Secondary Prevention Initiative has prevented child abuse and neglect. Many needy families are at or below poverty levels, however, the need for prevention services crosses all socioeconomic classes.

Zero to Three programs were supported by interagency funding through the Departments of Human Services, and Community Health's budgets as well as an appropriation in the State School Aid Act. In Fiscal Year 2009, funding initially totaled \$6,649,000¹, however, faced with declining State revenues Executive Order 2009-22 reduced funding for 0-3 in the DHS budget by \$1,000,000. As a result, all grants were reduced by 16.11% for the period covering April 1 to September 30, 2009.² Over the course of Fiscal Year 2009, appropriations funded 35 grants that served at-risk families with very young children in 47 Michigan counties.

In Fiscal Year 2009 0-3 Secondary Prevention program data show:³

- 1,967 families served, of which 1,867 (94.9%) had three or more CAN risk factors.
- 2,354 children were served, on average, each quarter.
- 166 expectant mothers were served.
- 13,734 at risk families were referred for services and screened for CAN risk.
- 1,529 new families were determined to be appropriate for services and were enrolled in programs.
- 1,878 new children were enrolled in programs.
- 281 new expectant mothers were enrolled in programs.
- 2,262 families exited services.⁴
- 99.4% of families served reported that they were satisfied with the services.
- 93.8% of families served reported improved parenting skills as a result of services.
- 46,102 direct child abuse and neglect prevention services were delivered.⁵
- 61,891 supplemental support and/or ancillary child abuse and neglect prevention services were delivered.⁶
- Overall, 110,993 prevention services were delivered to Michigan families.

¹ PA 248, Section 517 (DHS; \$4,000,000, reduced to \$3,000,000 by E.O. 2009-22), PA 268, Section 32(c), State School Aid Act (MDE; \$2,125,000) & PA 246, Section 113 (DCH; \$524,000) of 2008.

² Refer to the Grantee Listing to see the impact of this reduction on individual programs & counties.

³ Unduplicated counts.

⁴ All contracts were terminated effective 09/30/09. FY-10 funding totals \$4,000,000 in the DHS budget.

⁵ Home visits, counseling, parenting classes, etc.,

⁶ Community referrals, other community based services.

Child abuse and neglect prevention services that were delivered to children and families:

- 63.7% were home based services (e.g. home visitation child abuse and neglect intervention services).
- 26.9% were service coordination activities/referrals.
- 9.4% were services focusing on parenting classes, parenting skill improvement, parent support groups, child care & respite care, parent/family counseling and transportation.

In Fiscal Year 2009, Zero to Three provided services to 46,434 families and children including risk assessment, enrollment in services when risk factors were identified and those continuing in prevention services, where risk factors had not yet been reduced to an acceptable level.⁷

The number of services provided to families and children dropped significantly in the fourth quarter of FY-09. In quarters one through three, programs conducted an average of 8,133 home visits, 3,567 service coordination activities, and 1,296 parenting education, support groups, and counseling sessions per quarter. In quarter four they conducted 6,897 visits, 2,506 service coordination activities, and 711 parenting education, support groups, and counseling sessions. The grantee's 4th quarter reports indicate that these reductions in service were due to the funding cuts in FY-09 and the anticipated elimination of the program in Fiscal Year 2010. A total of 27 (77%) grantees reported that they were forced to reduce or eliminate home visiting and/or other programming at some point during the fourth quarter as a result of budget cuts. In addition, 11 grantees reported that they issued layoff notices to staff and/or terminated contracts, and 6 noted that they reduced staff hours in the 3rd and 4th quarters of Fiscal Year 2009.

Based on grantees' fourth quarter reports, 0-3 programs relied on their relationships with community partners to transition clients and transfer referrals when they were no longer able to provide services. However, many community programs, in addition to 0-3, were facing budgetary constraints and other options were not always available, particularly in rural communities. As noted in one grantees quarterly report, "This program provides an essential function in this isolated, resource poor rural area that generally lacks any other services for at-risk families." It is important to note that many programs indicated that they "did what they could to piece together funding" through the end of the fiscal year in order to minimize disruption in services to families in the hopes that the program would be fully funded in FY-10. However, all grantees received a notice of termination on or about August 29, 2009. Grantees expressed concern about the impact of this on the young children they served, as described by one program, "Reductions in resources and support services for isolated families increases the likelihood of child abuse and neglect which this program has been so effective in preventing." The following illustrates the effectiveness of prevention efforts.

Zero to Three Secondary Prevention Initiative Outcomes

Outcomes are categorized by the legislative requirements. Data for the legislative requirements are provided using three data collection tools: quarterly data collection forms, the Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory (AAPI-2)⁸ and an analysis of child protective services involvement.

Foster positive parenting skills: Supporting parents in strengthening characteristics that lend stability to their child's development. These programs focused on helping parents increase their understanding of child development, increase awareness and responsiveness to child engagement, increase understanding of appropriate child discipline techniques, and provide a safe and nurturing home environment.

- Using the AAPI-2 to assess at-risk parenting attitudes from January 2005 through September 30, 2009, 40.6% of participants with more than one AAPI-2 inventory who were found to be at-risk of child abuse and/or neglect on their initial administration were at risk on an average of 1.79 constructs; of these at-risk participants, 39.5%

⁷ Duplicated counts.

⁸ The AAPI-2 is an assessment tool administered to parents to evaluate trends in parenting attitudes.

were found not to be at-risk at their next assessment indicating a decrease in at-risk parenting attitudes. Those still at-risk are, as an average, at-risk in 1.77 of the five constructs.

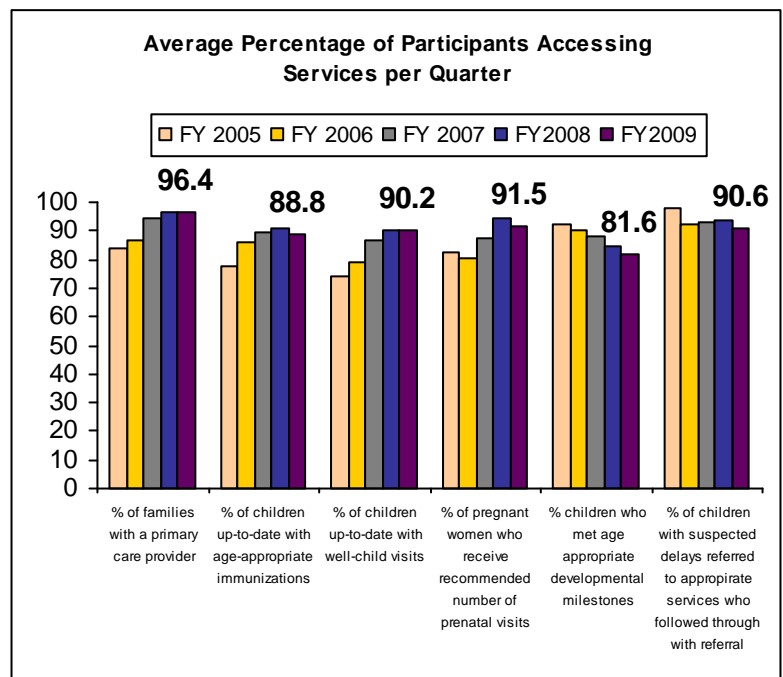
- The average number of risk factors within the AAPI-2 decreased from 0.73 on the pre-test to 0.60 on a six month follow-up inventory and to 0.52 on the twelve month follow-up (third administration).
- 100% of programs provided home visits with individualized instruction or promoted access to parenting skills classes focusing on basic child care and child safety, an outcome that remained stable since Fiscal Year 2005.

Improved parent/child interactions: Assisting and supporting parents to be appropriately responsive and consistent with the child’s development and safety. The Zero to Three programs focus on improving parent and child interactions, including building understanding for the child’s bids for attention, moods, emotions, expressions of interests and efforts to communicate.

- The number of families served in each of the four quarters in Fiscal Year 2009 ranged between 1,809 and 2,051; averaging 1,967 families served each quarter. This is a decrease from 2,886 families served each quarter in Fiscal Year 2008.
- An analysis of CPS data for children and families that participated in 0-3 in Fiscal Year 2009 reveals that:⁹
 - 99.51% of the children enrolled in 0-3 did not have a CPS Category I or II substantiation while participating in services, which would have indicated a preponderance of evidence of abuse or neglect and that a high risk for future maltreatment existed.
 - 100% of the children enrolled in 0-3, who had a prior CPS Category I or II substantiation and whose CPS case was closed before the family enrolled in 0-3, did not have a subsequent CPS substantiation.
 - One third (33.33%) of the families and children who dropped out of a 0-3 program, before completing services, had a subsequent CPS Category I or II substantiation on or before September 30, 2009.

Promote access to needed community services: Assistance for families to identify services to meet family needs and assist to remove barriers to accessing these services. This component includes specialized services that the child may need as well as services for the entire family.

- 96.4% of families served, per quarter, had access to a primary health care provider.
- 88.8% of children served were up-to-date with age Appropriate immunizations.
- Each quarter, 90.2% of children were up-to-date with well-child visits.
- 91.5% of pregnant women had the recommended number of prenatal care visits. This is 15% higher than the national average of 75%¹⁰
- 86.8% of children served in Fiscal Year 2009 participated in developmental screenings each quarter, an increase from Fiscal Year 2008. All children received screenings when appropriate but may not warrant a screening every quarter. 81.6% of all children served in Fiscal Year 2009, met age appropriate developmental milestones.
- 91.8% of children not meeting developmental goals were referred to appropriate services, an increase from Fiscal Year 2008. It is noteworthy that 90.6% of families followed through with the referrals, holding constant with previous fiscal years.



⁹ 3,073 children who were enrolled in 0-3 Secondary Prevention services throughout Fiscal Year 2009 were assessed for CPS Category I & II involvement.

¹⁰ United Health Foundation (2008). America’s Health Rankings: A Call to Action for People and Their Communities. Table 32

Improve school readiness: Efforts to contribute to the well-being of children so they are ready to succeed in school and life is paramount in the first years of life. Zero to Three Secondary Prevention focuses on readiness factors to succeed including social, emotional and physical health, communication, enthusiasm and curiosity, the ability to problem solve and being grounded in safe, stable, consistent, and nurturing relationships.

- 88.8% of children served, per quarter, were up to date with age appropriate immunizations, an increase from Fiscal Year 2008.
- 81.6% of children assessed per quarter met age appropriate developmental milestones.
- 91.8% of the children with suspected developmental delays referred to appropriate services
- 90.6% of these families followed through with the referral.

Increase local capacity to serve families at-risk: Building capacity and expanding prevention programs in communities. Programs should maintain a stable level of services with steady matching funds and local supports so families identified to be at the greatest risk and need can receive community interventions.

- On average, 94.9% of families served per quarter had three or more risk factors for child abuse and/or neglect.
- 100% of programs maintained the number and types of services available to families until contracts were terminated effective September 30, 2009.
- Programs consistently secured match funds to maintain the appropriate level of services delivered to the children and families enrolled in this child abuse and neglect prevention interagency initiative. This is not only a legislative mandate, it is necessary to cover total program costs. In Fiscal Year 2009, \$1,545,096 cash and \$671,582 in-kind contributions supported \$5,175,825 (92%) of the appropriated funds to direct service programs. This exceeded grant awards by 43%.

Support healthy family environments that discourage alcohol, tobacco and other drug use: Information and support that encourage healthy life choices, a physical environment that protects family members from injuries and illness and discourages use/abuse of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol are important to prevention activities. Zero to Three Secondary Prevention grants incorporated this information into home visiting and parenting education activities.

- 100% of programs included educational opportunities and supports for healthy family environments free of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Promotion of Marriage: These activities support healthy relationships so that child well-being is maximized. The promotion of marriage and/or healthy couple relationships is no longer a legislative requirement however, many of the 0-3 Secondary Prevention programs provide information and support regarding the benefits of father involvement in child development. The majority of activities in Fiscal Year 2009 aided participants in gaining access to information on marriage and healthy relationships, enhancing positive relationship skills including effective communication and problem solving, promoting father involvement and preventing domestic violence.

- 100% of programs provided marriage and healthy relationship information and/or programming in Fiscal Year 2009.

Adult-Adolescent Parenting Inventory (AAPI-2) Data

In Fiscal Year 2009, the Zero to Three Secondary Prevention Initiative continued the use of the AAPI-2 with all 35 programs. Based on the data collected and analyzed since January 2005, significant changes in parenting attitudes and decreases in risk factors are evident.

The AAPI-2 measures parenting attitudes for five known attributes of those who maltreat children. The five constructs are Appropriate Expectations of Children, Empathy for the Needs of the Child, Alternatives to Corporal Punishment, Appropriate Parent and Child Roles and Valuing Children's Power and Independence. Scores for

each of the five AAPI-2 constructs range from a low of 1 to a high of 10; a score of 1, 2 or 3 on a construct is considered at-risk for the given construct. The AAPI-2 inventory uses a Demographic Questionnaire to track demographic and other life changes for participating families throughout their involvement. Based on data available to date, the following is known about those who participated in the AAPI-2 Evaluation and Zero to Three Secondary Prevention:

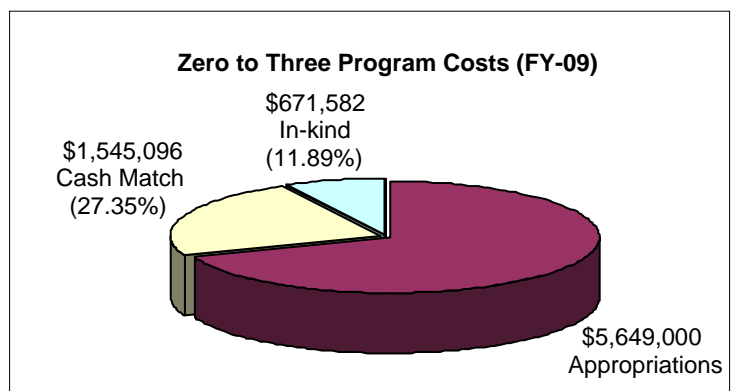
- The majority of participants were female (92.2%), white (83.4%) and adults over 18 years old (88.4%).
- 11.6% of participants were teen parents.
- 54.4% of participants reported an approximate annual household income of \$15,000 or less.
- 36.3% of participants were married and 36.8% were single women; the remaining participants were single men, unmarried couples or were separated or divorced.
- 40.6% of participants, on their initial administration, had at least one AAPI-2 Construct Score that placed them at risk; 38% of participants with a 6-month follow up assessment and 34.3% of participants with an annual follow up assessment (third administration) had at least one construct that place them at-risk.

Participant's scores on the AAPI-2 were, on average, within normal levels, with construct scores four or higher. The average initial AAPI-2 score determined at program enrollment, for those taking at least two inventories, are listed below by construct:

- Appropriate Expectations of Children: 5.85; 9.3% of participants were at risk.
- Empathy for Children's Needs: 5.25; 20.7% of participants were at risk.
- Alternative to Corporal Punishment: 5.80; 13.5% of participants were at risk.
- Appropriate Parent and Child Roles: 6.09; 13.5% of participants were at risk.
- Valuing Children's Power and Independence: 5.92; 15.9% of participants were at risk.

Match Requirements & Total Program Costs

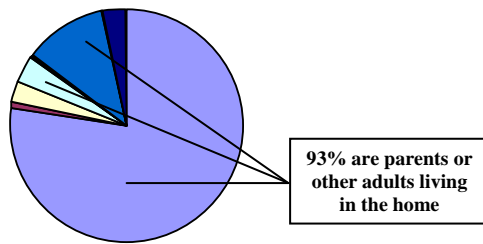
Grantees include intermediate school districts, public health departments, mental health agencies, community action agencies, extension services (MSU), child abuse prevention councils and other public and private non-profit organizations. Grantees are required to match 0-3 funds with a 25% minimum match of which not more than 10% may be in-kind goods or services. In Fiscal Year 2009, 100% of grantees complied with the match requirement and, in fact, most exceeded it. After the \$1,000,000 E.O. reduction, total program costs were \$7,366,792 surpassing grant awards by 43%. Zero to Three Secondary Prevention grantees were able to leverage appropriated funds with community based collaborative cash and in-kind matches to cover total program costs.



Statement of Need: In Fiscal Year 2008, each day 342 child abuse and neglect complaints were reported in Michigan. Many more suspected CAN complaints go unreported. Nationally, 38% of all substantiated child abuse and neglect complaints and 77% of all child fatalities due to maltreatment involve children age birth through three years.¹¹ In fact, nationally four children die each day as a result of child abuse.

¹¹ United States Department of Health and Human Services (2006)

**Perpetrators of Child Abuse & Neglect
Fiscal Year 2007**



From October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 there were 29,401 substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect in Michigan. This reflects a 0.8% decrease in all confirmed cases of child maltreatment over Fiscal Year 2007¹², but a 16% increase over FY 2000 rates. Of these confirmed cases, 10,407 (35%) were for children under three years old. The majority of services provided by 0-3 are through in-home visitation. Note that in Fiscal Year 2007, 93% of the perpetrators of child abuse and neglect are parents and/or other adults living in the home. This trend is historic and continues.

Costs: The cost of child abuse and neglect, both in human and monetary terms, is staggering. Nationally, the total cost of child abuse and neglect is about \$104 billion per year and in Michigan it is approximately \$1.8 billion.¹³ The direct cost of child abuse and neglect, just for children age birth through three years, was an estimated \$246,300,079.¹⁴

Future Costs: Preventing children from living in unsafe environments where they may experience abuse and/or neglect reduces the risk or potential that they become future perpetrators of abuse and neglect and criminality. Indirect costs of over \$70 billion include loss of productivity as well as expenditures related to chronic health problems, special education, and the criminal justice system.

For many children, these effects extend far beyond childhood into adolescence and adulthood, potentially compromising the lifetime productivity of maltreatment victims. It is well documented that children who have been abused or neglected are more likely to experience adverse outcomes throughout their life span in a number of areas:^{15,16}

- Poor physical health (e.g., chronic fatigue, altered immune function, hypertension, sexually transmitted diseases, obesity);
- Poor emotional and mental health (e.g., depression, anxiety, eating disorders, suicidal thoughts and attempts, post-traumatic stress disorder);
- Social difficulties (e.g., insecure attachments with caregivers, which may lead to difficulties in developing trusting relationships with peers and adults later in life);
- Cognitive dysfunction (e.g., deficits in attention, abstract reasoning, language development, and problem-solving skills, which ultimately affect academic achievement and school performance);
- High-risk health behaviors (e.g., a higher number of lifetime sexual partners, younger age at first voluntary intercourse, teen pregnancy, alcohol and substance abuse);
- Behavioral problems (e.g., aggression, juvenile delinquency, adult criminality, abusive or violent behavior);
- Victims of abuse and neglect are nearly 30% more likely to be arrested for violent crimes as adults, compared to those free of abuse;
- Nationally, 37% of incarcerated women were abused as children.

¹² Department of Human Services, CPS Trends Report, FY-08

¹³ Prevent Child Abuse America (2008)

¹⁴ Cost of Child Abuse and Neglect in Michigan, National Center on Child Abuse & Neglect Data Set, 1996, (revised 2003); annual adjustment for inflation at 2%

¹⁵ Prevent Child Abuse America (2008)

¹⁶ Fight Crime, Invest in Kids, Michigan (2008)



Allegan Area Educational Service Agency

County Served: Allegan; Contact: Kerenda Applebey (269) 673-6954; e-mail: kapplebey@alleganaesa.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$249,864~~; \$209,607

The Allegan County 0-3 Secondary Prevention Project provides intensive home-based parent education and support services to at-risk families with children under the age of four. Families are identified through a unique collaboration between the AAESA and the Allegan County Health Department where all newborn birth records are screened and qualifying families are offered a personal visit. Once enrolled in services, families receive home visits, Circle of Security parent education classes, and nurse visits. The Parents as Teachers curriculum is utilized to strengthen parent's ability to understand their child's development and prepare them for school success.

BHK Child Development Board

Counties Served: Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw; Contact: Counties Served: Houghton-Keweenaw-Baraga; Contact: Denise VanDyken (906) 482-3663; e-mail: dmvandyk@bhkfirst.org or Bonny Lynn (906)487-6600 ext 131; email: bblynn@bhkfirst.org Grant Amount: ~~\$250,000~~; \$209,721

The Early Start: 0-3 Project supports at-risk pregnant mothers and families with infants and toddlers through home visits, parent-child playgroups and Playtime in the Park socialization opportunities, parenting classes, access to prevention-oriented resources and materials in Toy Libraries, and connections/referrals to additional services provided by the grantee and its community partners.

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency

County Served: Branch; Contact: Andrea Bricker (517) 437-7395 x116; e-mail: brickera@bhsj.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$161,145~~; \$135,182

The Family Success Secondary Prevention Program of Branch County will serve expectant families and those with children birth through three years. The project will partner with the Branch Intermediate School District to utilize the *Parents as Teachers* curriculum to provide regular home visitation to prevent abuse and neglect. Services will include; screening, assessment, community playgroups, team planning, and linking families to community resources.

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency

County Served: Hillsdale; Contact: Andrea D. Bricker (517) 437-7395 X 116; e-mail: brickera@bhsj.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$152,859~~; \$128,231

The Healthy Beginnings Secondary Prevention Project of Hillsdale County will serve expectant families and those with children birth through three years. The project will utilize the *Parents as Teachers* curriculum and *Healthy Families America* child abuse & neglect prevention model to deliver intensive, comprehensive home-based services. The project will include; parenting education and support, developmental and health screenings and assessments of their children, individualized family goal setting and linking families to community resources.

Cadillac Area OASIS Family Resource Center

Counties Served: Wexford & Missaukee; Contact: Rhonda Weathers, Executive Director (231) 775-7299; e-mail: oasis@charterinternet.com;

Grant Amount: ~~\$84,174~~; \$70,612; Family Links is a strength-based, in-home parenting program serving families with children from 0 through 3 years of age in Wexford and Missaukee Counties. Using the Parents as Teachers curriculum, the program provides individualized parenting education and support to families in their homes, and also helps them to access resources found throughout their communities. One hundred percent of the families in this program have three or more factors that place them at risk of experiencing child abuse or neglect. The Family Links program is part of Cadillac Area OASIS/Family Resource Center.

Catholic Charities West Michigan

County Served: Muskegon; Contact: Monica Marshall (231) 726-1247; email mmarchell@ccwestmi.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$250,000~~; \$209,721

The Healthy Families program promotes healthy child and family development by reducing risk factors, promoting healthy habits, strengthening parent/child bonds, and empowering the family. The program provides voluntary home visiting to at-risk expectant families and families with children birth-three. Services also include: parenting support and education, case management, support groups and assistance in accessing community resources.

The Healthy Families program is designed to promote healthy child and family development by reducing risk factors, promoting healthy habits, strengthening parent/child bonds, and empowering the family. Services include home visiting, parenting support and education, case management, support groups, and assistance in accessing community resources.

Catholic Social Services

County served: Washtenaw; Contact: Christina Rivest (734) 761-1440; e-mail: crivest@csswashtenaw.org ; Grant Amount: ~~\$250,000~~; \$209,721

The Healthy Families Program provides home visiting services to at-risk families with children age birth through three. Services include but are not limited to parenting support and education, advocacy, one-on-one supportive counseling, developmental screening, linkages to resources, transportation assistance, and education about positive health practices focusing on preventing child abuse and neglect.

Clinton County Family Resource Center

County Served: Clinton; Contact: Howard Comstock (989) 224-1173; e-mail: hcomstoc@edzone.net; Grant Amount: ~~\$134,064~~; \$80,922; **Closed 05/15/09**

The Healthy Start program will provide universal screening of all births in Clinton County, service coordination and referrals, home visiting services focusing on child development and parent-child interactions, and long-term parenting education and support.

Community Healing Center

County Served: Kalamazoo; Contact: Mary Hockstra (269) 343-1651 x 118; e-mail: mhockstra@chcmi.org ; Grant Amount: ~~\$250,000~~; \$209,721

The Parents as Partners in Prevention program provides home visiting services to at-risk families with children age birth through three.

Services include parenting support and education, advocacy, one-on-one supportive counseling, developmental screening, linkages to resources, information on healthy relationships, and education about positive health practices focusing on preventing child abuse and neglect.



Dickinson/Iron District Health Department

Counties Served: Dickinson & Iron; Contact: Joyce Ziegler Contact: Joyce Ziegler (906)265-9913; e-mail: jziegler@hline.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$98,727~~; \$82,820; The I.M.P.E.T.U.S. project provides home visiting services focused on improving outcomes for the family. Through membership in our Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC), the program is a part of the community's Great Start Collaborative that coordinates 0-5 child services. Program services include parenting education, Welcome Newborn Resource Guide, parenting newsletters, information/referrals, and coordination with Early-On and other 0-3 programs.

District Health Department #2

Counties Served: Alcona, Iosco, Ogemaw & Oscoda; Contact: Debra Baumann, R.N. (989) 345-5020; e-mail: dbaumann@dhd2.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$250,000~~; \$209,721; The Family Matters Program Advocates utilize the Nurturing Program and Growing Great Kids Curriculum. The strength-based program serves at-risk families with children ages 0-3 and provides home visits focusing on child health & development, parenting education & support, connections to community resources.

District Health Department #4

County Served: Alpena; Contact: Rosanne Schultz (989) 356-4507; e-mail: rschultz@hline.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$172,685~~; \$144,863
The Day One Program is a child abuse and neglect prevention program whereby all newborns are screened at local area hospitals for 18 different risk factors. Through systematic newborn record screens, families in most need are identified and offered voluntary intensive in-home services focusing on parenting/family support. Through community referrals/coordination, children in these families are surrounded by a network of resources.

District Health Department #4

County Served: Cheboygan; Contact: Rosanne Schultz (989) 356-4507; e-mail: rschultz@hline.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$101,856~~; \$85,445
Families identified to be at-risk for child abuse and neglect will receive intensive home based services using the Parent's as Teachers model incorporating the Born To Learn® curriculum, a neuroscience-based parent-child curriculum for children 0 - 3 years of age. Parent Educator Staff provides parent education, child development information, periodic developmental screening and other support directed at specific issues relevant to that family. Parent handouts are available at two reading levels. Parenting videos are also provided and used in parenting skills training.

District Health Department #4

County Served: Presque Isle; Contact: Rosanne Schultz (989) 356-4507; e-mail: rschultz@hline.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$101,856~~; \$85,445
Families identified to be at-risk for child abuse and neglect will receive intensive home based services using the Parent's as Teachers model incorporating the Born To Learn® curriculum, a neuroscience-based parent-child curriculum for children 0 - 3 years of age. Parent Educator Staff provides parent education, child development information, periodic developmental screening and other support directed at specific issues relevant to that family. Parent handouts are available at two reading levels. Parenting videos are also provided and used in parenting skills training.

Eastern U.P. Intermediate School District

Counties Served: Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac; Contact: Jessica Savoie (906) 632-3373, ext: 142, e-mail: jessicas@eupisd.com; Grant Amount: ~~\$152,227~~; \$127,701; Infants & Toddlers Off To A Good Start (IT-OTAGS) provides parent education through home visits and group meetings to families with children (ages birth through age three) who are at risk for abusing or neglecting their children. IT-OTAGS promotes strong nurturing family relationships which foster parenting skills, improve parent-child interactions, increase access to community services, improve school readiness and educate parents on healthy environments for children. All children will have developmental, vision, hearing, and health screenings. This program uses Parents As Teachers curriculum which focuses on the early years, from pregnancy to age three, to help parents understand what to expect during each stage of their child's development.

EIGHTCAP, INC.

Counties Served: Isabella & Montcalm; Contact: Madonna Adkins (616) 754-9315 x 3359; e-mail: madonna@8cap.org or Danielle Moy, 616 754-9315 ext. 3334; e-mail: daniellem@8cap.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$129,456~~; \$108,599; Early Head Start provides home-based services for families with children 0-3 who have identified risk factors for child abuse and neglect. Services include: home visits, playgroups, parenting education & support, developmental assessments, health screenings & monitoring, linkage to community resources, and overall case management.

Heartland Community Services

Counties Served: Mecosta & Osceola; Contact: Donald Guernsey 866-792-2133; e-mail: dguernsey@heartlandcs.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$224,078~~; \$187,976; Parents and children will participate in the Nurturing Parent Program. The program shall consist of group based activities and in-home visits. Families will receive weekly assistance through the combination of activities and transportation is provided to the group activities. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the parent support group which is designed to encourage parent networking and support.

Huron County Health Department

County Served: Huron; Contact: Cindy Rochefort, Nursing Director - Preventive/Maternal Child Health Huron County Health Department; (989)269-9721 x 130; e-mail: rochefort@hchd.us; Grant Amount: ~~\$63,000~~; \$52,850; The Zero through Three Family Mentor Program provides home visits utilizing the Nurturing Parents curriculum and following the Healthy Families America Model to coordinate and ensure that the family's needs are met without duplication of services. The goals of the program are: 1) decrease the chance of child abuse/neglect; 2) increase positive parent/child interaction, 3) increase family well being; 4) increase support system linkages, and 5) increase school readiness.



Ionia County Intermediate School District

County Served: Ionia; Contact: Cheryl Granzo (616) 527-4900, x1410; e-mail: cgranzo@ioniaisd.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$170,000~~; \$142,610

The Begin with Babies project targets families that are low income and have three or more identified risk factors including teen parents. The Parents As Teachers curriculum is the primary curriculum utilized to improve parents knowledge and skills. Playgroups, home visiting services, individualized family service plans, developmental screenings and parent meetings are also provided.

Monroe County Intermediate School District

County Served: Monroe; Contact: Douglas Redding (734)242-5799 Ext. 1912, email redding@misd.k12.mi.us; Grant Amount: ~~\$83,613~~; \$70,142

Project: The Great Expectations program is a collaborative venture between the Monroe County ISD, the Health Department and the 9 local school districts. The program provides education, information and referral, developmental assessment, and parenting services through support groups and home visiting services.

MSU Extension – Grand Traverse County

Counties Served: Grand Traverse & Kalkaska; Contact: Jennifer Berkey (231) 922-4821; e-mail: berkeyj@msu.edu; Grant Amount: ~~\$249,637~~; \$209,416

Equal Start is collaboration between the Grand Traverse County Health Department (Healthy Futures) and Michigan State University Extension - Grand Traverse (Parents as Teachers). Health Department (Healthy Futures) nurses will provide screening and initial identification of at-risk families, and referral to the Parent as Teachers program. Parent as Teachers parent educators will provide intensive home visiting services to families using the 2005 Parents as Teachers Born to Learn® curriculum, along with developmental screenings, parent group facilitation, and referral to needed community resources, including linking the family back to their Healthy Futures nurse. During Parents as Teachers home visits, parents learn positive parenting skills, gain knowledge of child development and access necessary community resources. Healthy Futures nursing staff will provide education on infant health, normal growth and development, immunizations and recommended well-child checkups during home visits. Equal Start will serve families in Grand Traverse and Kalkaska counties.

MSU Extension – Sanilac County

County Served: Sanilac; Contact: Gail Innis (810) 648-2515; e-mail: innis@msu.edu; Grant Amount: ~~\$138,893~~; \$116,515

Healthy Families Sanilac is based on the Healthy Families model and serves high risk teen and/or first time parents. Services include: screening, assessment, personal home visits, team planning and referral to community services. A multidisciplinary team approach includes family support, registered nurse, social work and infant mental health specialist services.

Newaygo County R.E.S.A.

County Served: Newaygo; Parents As Teachers Program; Contact: Shirley Rose (231) 652-3843; e-mail: srose@ncresa.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$250,000~~;

\$209,721; The Parents As Teachers curriculum is integrated with direct services from collaborating agencies to strengthen the parent's ability to understand their child's development, improve parenting attitudes, prepare the child for school, and set family goals. Home visits, parental support, health information, developmental screenings, early identification and referrals, and parent group opportunities are also provided for these at-risk families.

Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency

Counties Served: Charlevoix, Emmet & Otsego; Contact: Pat Fralick 231-347-5628; e-mail: p.fralick@nwhealth.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$224,930~~; \$188,690

The Teen Parent Collaboration program is to support pregnant and parenting teens to achieve goals, such as obtaining prenatal and/or well child care, obtaining parenting education on a variety of issues, and completing their high school education utilizing the support of multiple community resources including their local school districts. Services are provided by a multi-disciplinary team including a nurse, social worker and parent educator.

Oakland Family Services

County Served: Oakland; Contact: Contact: Kristine White 248-858-7766, ext. 276; e-mail: kwhite@ofsfamily.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$129,818~~; \$108,902

The Fussy Baby program is targeted at families with children birth through three years of age. The program focuses on offering parenting education and support to families with infants who are experiencing regulatory disorders (eating, sleeping and behavior difficulties) in order to prevent child abuse and neglect. The program offers assessments and screenings, service planning/coordination, and intervention in a strength based, family friendly prevention service model.

Shiawassee County Health Department

County Served: Shiawassee; Contact: Heidi Loynes, RN BSN (989) 743-2358; e-mail: hloynes@shiawassee.net; Grant Amount: ~~\$214,678~~; \$180,090

The Healthy Families Shiawassee 0-3 program provides intensive home visitation to area Shiawassee Families with a multi-disciplinary team approach. The team is a collaboration of agencies in Shiawassee County that provide a nurse, social worker and parent educator for the family home visitation program. This team links the families to healthcare, community resources/agencies, developmental assessments and knowledge, parenting information and community activities. The program follows the Healthy Families America model and utilizes the Parents as Teachers Curriculum. Healthy Families Shiawassee 0-3 collaborates with Early On and service coordinates the 0-3 families in Shiawassee County. The 0-3 team provides services through the Lincoln Alternative Education Program at Owosso Schools and will be targeting teen parents and pregnant teens for group work and home visits. Through intensive home visits, group work, and teen outreach the 0-3 team looks to provide each family with a great start, healthy lifestyle choices and promote education.



Saginaw County Child Abuse & Neglect Council

County Served: Saginaw; Contact: Suzanne Greenberg (989) 752-7226; e-mail: sgreenberg@cancouncil.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$250,000~~; \$209,721
The Healthy Families Saginaw Program is based on the Healthy Families America model and utilizes the Parents as Teachers, Building Strong Families, and Nurturing Parenting curriculums. The program provides hospital screening, comprehensive assessment, weekly home visiting, and parent support services.

Spaulding for Children

County Served: Macomb; Contact: Kelly E. Baber, MSA, LBSW, Healthy Families Program Director, 16250 Northland Dr., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075, 248.443.0300; e-mail: kbaber@spaulding.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$250,000~~; \$209,721; This program has Outreach Workers that provide intensive home based, on-site and/or community based services to address families with risk factors for child maltreatment with children birth through 47 months of age. Family focused, child centered, and culturally responsive services include: case management with family assessments, information and referral, and linkages to community services are provided. Early Childhood Education provided through mobile play groups will also be available. Judson Center-Macomb will partner with Spaulding to provide parent training.

Spaulding for Children

County Served: S.W. Detroit, Wayne County; Contact: Kelly E. Baber, MSA, LBSW, Healthy Families Program Director, 16250 Northland Dr, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075, 248.443.0300; e-mail: kbaber@spaulding.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$250,000~~; \$209,721; This program has Outreach Workers that provide intensive home based, on-site and/or community based services to address families with risk factors for child maltreatment with children birth through 47 months of age. Family focused, child centered, and culturally responsive services include: case management with family assessments, information and referral, and linkages to community services are provided. Partnerships with Latino Family Services and Children's Outreach have been formed to provide a wide array of parent trainings and early childhood services. Children's Outreach will establish a portable Family Resource Center called "Children's Outreach on the Road" to provide families with early childhood activities.

Spaulding for Children

County Served: Wayne; Contact: Kelly E. Baber, MSA, LBSW, Healthy Families Program Director, 16250 Northland Dr., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075, 248.443.0300; e-mail: kbaber@spaulding.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$250,000~~; \$209,721; This program targets low income families living in Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck. Outreach Workers provide intensive home based, on-site and/or community based services to address families with risk factors for child maltreatment with children birth through 47 months of age. Family focused, child centered, and culturally responsive services include: case management with family assessments, information and referral, and linkages to community services are provided. Early Childhood Education provided through mobile play groups will also be available. Brightmoore Community Center will partner with Spaulding to provide home visitation and parent trainings.

The Development Centers, Inc.

County served: Wayne; Contact: Marilyn Schmitt (313) 531-2500, ext 2112; e-mail: mschmitt@develctr.org; Grant amount: ~~\$204,349~~; \$171,425
The After Baby Comes program serves 1st time parents living in the west side of Detroit, western and downriver communities of Wayne County. The program provides screening at Oakwood hospitals, home visits, parent education and support, developmental screening and activities, infant massage instruction and linking to community resources and activities. The focus of the program is the promotion of a healthy, nurturing attachment relationship and the development of positive parenting practices for families with risk factors for child abuse and neglect.

The Salvation Army Denby Center Next Step Program

County Served: Wayne; Contact: Maureen Northrup (313) 537-2130 x 257; e-mail: Maureen_northrup@usc.salvationarmy.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$88,075~~; \$73,885; The Next Step Program targets teenage mothers with 0-3 year old children. The program is designed to monitor the young mother and the infant until the infant's third birthday. As clients pursue their goals, they can count on our staff to provide: Weekly home visits; parenting instructions; assistance with transportation; monthly support groups, assistance with daily living tasks; employment referrals; educational assistance; material assistance such as housing, furniture, clothing and food; assistance with developing future plans.

Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District

Counties Served: Antrim & Benzie; Contact: Yvonne Donohoe (231)922-7863; e-mail: ydonohoe@tbaisd.k12.mi.us; Grant Amount: ~~\$100,000~~; \$83,888
Way to Grow services will be expanded to provide increased access to a public health nurse as well as home visitation services from a community based provider including service coordination, parent education, child assessment, and playgroup services for at risk families with children age birth through three.

Tuscola County Health Department

County Served: Tuscola; Contact: Kathy Pokorski (989) 673-8114 x123; e-mail: kpokorski@tchd.us; Grant Amount: ~~\$144,510~~; \$121,227
The Touching Lives of Children program is aimed at high risk families with children from birth to three years who are at higher risk for child abuse and neglect. The program offers an extensive assessment of the families risks and needs. Individual family service plans are developed with the family, along with case management, referrals, and weekly home visits by a family mentor, social worker, dietician or nurse.

Women's Resource Center

County Served: Livingston; Contact: Pam Carter (517) 548-2200 x 30; e-mail: pcarter@wrc-livingston.org; Grant Amount: ~~\$133,000~~; \$111,572
Healthy Families Livingston partners with St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital and the Livingston County Health Department to screen families expecting a baby or with a newborn. At-risk families are eligible for home visiting services until the child's 4th birthday. These services promote positive parent-child interaction, healthy child growth and development, enhance family functioning and support connections with community resources.