

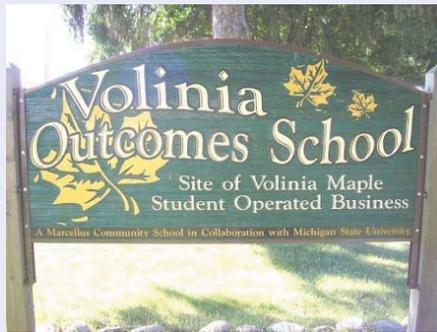
Highlighting Direct Services Grantees

While preparing for the 2010 Annual Signature Event, CTF solicited success stories from Direct Service programs throughout Michigan. It was clear from the stories submitted that meaningful differences are being made for children and families. As follow up, CTF will showcase a Direct Services funded program in our News Briefs each month.

Marcellus Community Schools Volinia Outcomes School Positive Parenting Program

Teen Parent

The Volinia Outcomes Community Day Program utilizes the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program. Triple P is a multi-level system of parenting and family support with five distinct levels, each increasing with strength and intensity. Other services include an extended teen parenting education program, multiple types of counseling (group, individual, family and parent-teen), incorporation of the OJJDP Model Program SMART Team, respite service, family fun nights, weekly academic tutoring, a series of parenting education forums/speakers, and on-site child care services for teen parents and parents/caregivers who participate in Triple P and other Positive Parenting Project activities. For each program goal and outcome, the participants saw an increase on positive parenting and community awareness.



“As a parent, I am involved in the Volinia Positive Parenting Program. I have been involved for over two years. I have always evaluated how my child was progressing....This year I have noticed a big change in my child. She shows more interest in books and her attention span has increased at home when reading to her....The program has helped me by teaching me strategies to use when I need to discipline my child.” --Teen Parent



Youth and Teen Parents Getting Fit.
Volinia Outcomes School offered free health and wellness classes through the CTF grant.

Note: This story was originally published in the November, 2009 issue of the Children's Trust Fund News Briefs and is being reprinted here because Marcellus Community Schools' Volinia Outcomes School is the CTF Direct Service program of the month in August. For more information about their program, visit their website at <http://www.volinia.org>.