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## Look for CTF on Your Michigan Tax Form 4642

Happy New Year! As one year comes to an end and a new year begins, there is much hope and anticipation for a good year for all. Here at the trust fund, we are poised to work with new leadership, and to promote the family support and prevention efforts being undertaken by our partners throughout the state. When completing your state income tax return, you can help make a strong statement about the importance of this work by making a contribution to CTF and encouraging others to do the same. Please know how very important your annual tax deductible contribution is this year—especially to our children!

We are grateful for your continued support of the tax campaign throughout the years. As we prepare for this year's campaign, "Every Child Deserves Our Protection," we need your help now more than ever! Donations to the trust fund have been impacted by the numerous organizations added as options for taxpayer contributions. In the coming tax season, the trust fund will no longer benefit from a preferred listing on the tax form itself, but instead will be listed on a separate form, the Voluntary Contribution Schedule Form 4642, with as many as 15 other organizations.

We are planning several strategies to assure that those who have generously given will continue to do so. Our success will depend on everyone working together to deliver appropriately-timed messages and information to our established partners and to new networks we are cultivating. Tax Campaign Toolkits will be mailed to our local partners by January 18, 2011. Please look for yours. If you do not receive a toolkit, please contact our office at 1-800-CHILDREN and we will send one to you. You can also download a copy of the toolkit and related marketing materials from our website at [www.michigan.gov/ctf](http://www.michigan.gov/ctf).

You truly are the backbone of the organization and the reason for the work we do!

## SAVE THE DATE – May 18, 2011!

### The Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event

The Children's Trust Fund's 2011 Signature Auction Event this year is named to honor the late Pam Posthumus. Please join us on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 as we honor and celebrate Pam's dedication to Michigan's children, families and her many contributions to CTF as a member of the Board from 1997 to 2003. The first CTF auction began under Pam's leadership as CTF Board Chair in 2003. The event has grown tremendously and is one of the premier events in the greater Lansing area. We have much gratitude toward Pam for her work and dedication. The event will be at the Lansing Center, located in downtown Lansing. Doors open and silent auction begins at 5:00 p.m.

Please visit our website at [www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature](http://www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature) to donate an auction item, to become a sponsor or table host, or to volunteer. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in the event, please contact Tricia Headley, CTF Event/Fund Development Coordinator, at [headleyp@michigan.gov](mailto:headleyp@michigan.gov).

# Direct Services Grant of the Month

## Genesee County ISD



### A CTF Success Story from Genesee County ISD Direct Service Grant

I guess my life was based on my mental way of thinking. I had really no sense of future goals or decisions for myself. Starting this program was hard for me because I was going through so many different changes. I really wanted my own kids, but then having to deal with the courts for custody of my own flesh and blood, the passing away of my kids' mother, and my issues with drugs was almost too much. I had so many burdens and obstacles that many times I wanted to give up. It was the love I had for my boys and wanting to raise them that kept me going. So I went through the stages. I couldn't do it in one day, a week, or a month; so instead of fighting the system I gave it a chance.

My first task was the baby class (the Nurturing Parenting Program through G.I.S.D.). That was the best thing they could have done for me, it was my start. The class gave me the sense of love I needed to put my kids in order, and helped me to focus on my boys. The baby class also helped me to understand working on my drug issues and the loss of their mother would help to reach my goal of reunification of me and my boys.

With the Nurturing Program I faced all the trials, and am making steady progress. Because of this, a whole lot of things in my life are better, and I'm loving every bit of it. – A Program Participant



#### Focus of the Genesee ISD County Direct Service Program:

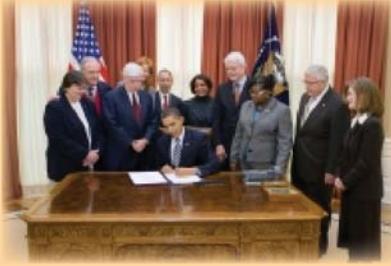
- Nurturing as a Philosophy
- Age Appropriate Expectations
- Communication
- Empathy
- Self-Worth
- Many more areas of parenting

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## CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010



President Barack Obama signed the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010 into law on December 20, 2010. The President's statement on the signing is available at <http://m.whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/12/20/president-obama-signs-critical-legislation-prevent-child-abuse-and-domestic-violence>.

S.3817 reauthorizes the following programs through fiscal year 2015 at current funding levels:

- Grants to States for Child Abuse or Neglect Prevention and Treatment Programs (CAPTA State grants)
- Grants to States for Programs Relating to Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases (CJA)
- Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse or Neglect (CBCAP)
- Adoption Opportunities
- Abandoned Infants Assistance Act

The legislation adds new data reporting as part of the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), including:

- The number of families that received preventative services, including the use of differential response, from the State during the year (section 106(d)(4)).
- The number of child protective service (CPS) personnel responsible for the intake, screening, assessment and investigation of child abuse or neglect reports and the average caseload for these workers (section 106(d)(7)).
- The number of children referred to a CPS system, and the number determined to be eligible for referral and the number of children referred to agencies providing early intervention services under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (sections 106(d)(15) and (16)).

### CyberTipline Receives 1 Millionth Tip

**The CyberTipline** 

The CyberTipline, operated by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, received its 1 millionth tip since its creation in 1998. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children states, "Reports to the CyberTipline are received from the general public and U.S. based Electronic Service Providers (ESPs). Each report may involve several dozen or even hundreds of images. Reports are submitted electronically via [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) or by calling NCMEC's 24-hour call center at 800-THE-LOST."

A press release on this milestone is available at [www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/NewsEventServlet?LanguageCountry=en\\_US&PageId=4429](http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/NewsEventServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=4429).

### Peer Sharing Pilot T/TA Webinar Title: Peer Sharing Pilot T/TA Webinar Date: Thursday, January 27, 2011 Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

The FRIENDS National Resource Center for CBCAP and CTF will host a Peer Sharing Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Webinar for local councils that are currently participating in the Peer Sharing Pilot (PSP). The Webinar will cover the roles of peer sharing teams, the process of conducting and using the self-assessment, and the on-site process.

Please note: Webinar registration information has been sent directly to PSP councils. If a council's team members are joining from one location, you will only need to register one computer. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar. Please contact Sarah Davis or Emily Wachsberger for additional information.

# Key Dates



**January 19:** The Children's Trust Fund Advisory Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on January 19 in Room 402 of the State of Michigan Capitol building.

**January 20-21:** The Children's Trust Fund will host a Circle of Parents Statewide Training on January 20-21 at Weiss Advocacy Center, 726 Church Street, Flint, MI 48502. Contact Sylvia Brown Jones for more information.

**January 24:** The Local Council Tier III Project meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. To participate, call 877-336-1828 and enter passcode 8088351.

**January 25:** The Child Abuse Prevention Month Sub-Work Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. To participate, call 877-336-1828 and enter passcode 8088351.

**January 27:** A Peer Sharing Pilot technical assistance Webinar will take place on January 27 at 1:00 p.m. Registration information has been provided to all Peer Sharing Pilot councils.



**February 3:** The Local Council Work Group will meet at 10:00 a.m. To participate, call 1-877-336-1828 and enter passcode 8088351.

**February 3:** The Direct Services Work Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. To participate, call 1-877-336-1828 and enter passcode 8088351.

**February 14:** The Citizen Review Panel will meet at 10:00 a.m. on February 14 at Prevention Network. Please contact Sarah Davis for more information.

**February 15:** The Children's Trust Fund Advisory Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on February 15 in Room 402 of the State of Michigan Capitol building.

**February 21:** The Children's Trust Fund office is closed for President's Day.

*Please submit dates for future events to Alan Stokes by February 4, 2011.*



## Children's Trust Fund Shirt Presented to Bill Myers

Bill Myers was presented with a CTF polo shirt by Executive Director, Michael Foley. On December 29, 2010, Bill retired from his role as the Grand Tower Snack Shop Operator. Over the past decade Bill has catered food for many CTF meetings and also held annual fundraising programs in his snack shop to benefit CTF. Bill will be missed.

For more information on CTF shirts and Kid Store items, visit the website at <http://apps.michigan.gov/michiganestore/public/categorydisplay.aspx?categoryId=8>. Items may be ordered online or you may call the office at 517-373-4320 for assistance.

# Communications/Team News

## CTF Website Receives 100,000th Visitor

Last month, the Michigan Children's Trust Fund website at [www.michigan.gov/ctf](http://www.michigan.gov/ctf) received its 100,000th visitor since it was created on March 30, 2006. Exciting developments are planned for the future. Please contact Alan Stokes if you have recommendations for how the website can be enhanced to serve the public.

Join 1,300 Others and Click on  
the Logo to Access Links to CTF  
Social Media Pages



See us on



## Location-Based Social Media

The Michigan Children's Trust Fund office is registered with several location-based social media systems, including the following venues.

**FourSquare:** <http://foursquare.com/venue/4263021>



**Facebook Places:** <http://www.facebook.com/MichiganCTF?ref=ts#!/pages/Michigan-Childrens-Trust-Fund/118595394871492>

**Google Maps:** [http://maps.google.com/maps/place?hl=en&georestrict=input\\_srcid:d8f1ce716ecf7b39](http://maps.google.com/maps/place?hl=en&georestrict=input_srcid:d8f1ce716ecf7b39)

These sites can provide helpful directions and contact information for the CTF administrative office and also provide the opportunity to make constructive tips about one's involvement with CTF.

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