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CAP Month Highlights

Kalamazoo Local Council Holds Candle-Lighting Ceremony

In collaboration with the Kalamazoo County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Legal Aid of Western Michigan, the Kalamazoo Child Abuse and Neglect Council held a program and candle-lighting ceremony to increase awareness of child abuse. The event was also used to encourage community members to get involved with the organizations. The event received media coverage from the *Kalamazoo Gazette*. For the full article, visit

http://blog.mlive.com/kzgazette/2008/04/light_of_hope_ceremony_brings.html.



Beth Wilson, a CASA volunteer, starts the lighting of candles to honor victims of child abuse and neglect.

Pinwheels Receive Media Coverage in Iron and Dickinson Counties

The Iron-Dickinson Children's Advocacy Network collaborated with Forest Park School to hold an advocacy event in Iron County. This marked the third year of this partnership. Fourth grade students from Forest Park School arranged themselves in the shape of a ribbon and held pinwheels as a symbol of their commitment to ending abuse and raising awareness about child abuse and CAP Month.

The students then planted a "pinwheel garden" to remind others of the importance of prevention. Students also learned how to identify abuse and what to do if they suspect a child is being abused. The story was covered by WLUC TV 6 (see http://wluctv6.com/news/news_story.aspx?id=126599 for the video).

Direct Services RFP Reviewers Needed

CTF is still recruiting for grant reviewers to evaluate direct service proposals for FY2009–FY2011 funding. Reviewers will be assigned three to four applications, depending upon the number of proposals received. This funding will expand or enhance secondary prevention services and/or fund new services throughout Michigan.

Review and evaluation materials will be distributed on June 12, 2008, at a reviewer session in Lansing at 9:00 a.m. An in-person group review will be held on June 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Lansing Community College's West Campus. A complimentary lunch will be served and mileage will be reimbursed at the standard state rate (\$0.329/mile). In order to participate in the review, you must be able to attend both sessions. Contact Sylvia Brown Jones at 517.241.7792 or brown-joness@michigan.gov to learn more.

Direct Services RFP Update

The Q&A responses to the FY2009 direct service RFP pre-proposal conference (held on May 14) are posted on the CTF website under the "Spotlight" section and on the EGrAMS website under "DS-FY09" in the "User Documents" section. Recommendations for funding will be made at the July 28 Board meeting.

Important Direct Services RFP Dates

June 6: RFP application deadline

June 11: RFP applications available for rating teams

June 12: Pre-rating reviewer instructions session

June 23: RFP on-site review

Parent Leadership Work Group

Parent leadership and involvement is an important component of programs funded by CTF's Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) grant. CTF is in the process of strengthening this component and is currently forming a Parent Leadership Work Group. The purpose of the work group will be to explore ways to meaningfully and successfully involve parents in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs and services.

CTF welcomes direct service grantees and parents from the CTF-funded program to join the work group. CTF is also seeking local council representation on this work group. Councils that currently have parent education programs or actively involve parents in program planning are especially encouraged to contact CTF.

Sylvia Brown Jones and Sarah Davis will be working on this initiative. Please contact Sarah to join the work group or to learn more. The first meeting of the Parent Leadership Work Group will be via teleconference and will tentatively take place on Wednesday, July 30, at 10:00 a.m.

Best Wishes to CTF Staffer



Stephanie Dorey, who has worked with CTF since 2006, recently accepted a CPS position with Eaton County. Stephanie's last day with CTF was Friday, May 16. Stephanie was a phenomenal worker, team player, and friend. While we will miss her at CTF, we are pleased that she is continuing to work to protect Michigan's children.

Stephanie was largely handling review and approval of local council quarterly reports. Interviews to fill the local council coordinator position have taken place. Until the position is filled, please direct any reporting questions to Lauren Paluta at 517.241.8980 or palutaL@michigan.gov.

CTF Staffer Accepted into Leadership Academy



Congratulations to Sylvia Brown Jones for being accepted into the DHS 2008 Leadership Academy. Sylvia's personal commitment efforts have resulted in her success through a demanding selection process. The academy works to create a pool of high potential candidates to fill future leadership vacancies.

The two-year academy will enhance Sylvia's leadership competencies and prepare her to be a better leader. Please join us in congratulating Sylvia.

Using the CTF Logo

A friendly reminder that per designation agreements, CTF grantees are required to use the CTF logo on certain materials. The local council agreement identifies that the CTF logo must be included on local stationary and printed materials. Direct service grantees must include the CTF logo for any project that is funded in whole or in part by CTF. The new CTF logo and usage instructions were included in the August 2007 *News Briefs*.

Below is a great example of how the Mecosta County Children's Council combined their logo with the CTF logo.



Upcoming Conferences and Webinars

Applying Evidence-Based Practices in Communities of Color

This session will demonstrate one community-based organization's experience in implementing a variety of evidence-based and promising practices in a community of color, some with adaptation and some without. It will examine interventions from a perspective of "culturally-grounded" or not, and overlay them on the newly developed FRIENDS "Integrating Evidence-Based Practices into CBCAP Programs: A Tool for Critical Discussions."

The presenter is Vickie Ybarra, Director of Planning and Development for the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, which is one of the set aside grantees for the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Tribal and Migrant Programs.

The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, June 11**, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The webinar is free of charge, but space is limited. Reserve your webinar seat at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/957219389>.

11th National Child Welfare Data and Technology Conference

The theme of this year's conference is "Making IT Work: Achieving Safety, Permanency and Well-being for Youth." Attendees will examine the collection and use of data that influence youth in foster care. This is a unique subgroup of the child welfare population in critical need of improved outcomes. The conference will take place **July 21-23** in Washington, D.C. Visit http://www.nrccwdt.org/nrc_conf/pres_2008_outline.html for registration information.

International Bullying Prevention Association: 5th Annual Conference

This year's conference is titled "New Horizons: The Latest in Bullying Prevention and Research." The conference is co-hosted by the Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy and the Indiana Department of Education. The conference will take place on **November 6-7, 2008**, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The conference is designed for school guidance counselors, administrators, teachers, school health educators, school social workers, school psychologists, school safety specialists, Safe and Drug-Free coordinators, school resource officers, school attorneys, law enforcement working with youth, student service directors, PTA/PTO members, children and family mental health counselors, school nurses, school board members, parents, extended day/after school staff, prevention specialists, etc. This conference also welcomes college students.

Conference registration fees have been reduced to enable an affordable opportunity for all those attending. Registration and conference information is available at http://www.doe.state.in.us/issas/new_horizons.html. **Early bird registration ends June 27, 2008!** Information about the International Bullying Prevention Association can be found at <http://www.stopbullyingworld.org>.

Upcoming Events

June 18: The St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council, Inc. will host its Annual Dinner Auction “For Kids’ Sake” at the Fore Lakes Golf Club from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Tickets are available by calling the council at 810.966.9911. All proceeds will benefit the St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council, Inc. and the Blue Water Area Child Advocacy Center.

July 25: The Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department, in partnership with The Tri-County Coalition for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (TCCPCAN), will host an 8-hour course entitled “Understanding the Language of Children: Communication and Linguistic Sensitivity in Forensic Interviews.” The presentation will cover linguistics and interview techniques to help attendees learn how to effectively communicate with children and adolescents.

The training is appropriate for law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, Children’s Protective Services workers, and social workers. It will take place at the Hagerty Center at Northwestern Michigan College, 715 E. Front Street, Traverse City. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the course will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 and includes morning refreshments and lunch. More information can be found online at <http://www.tccpcan.com/>.

Remaining 2008 Board of Directors Meetings

The remaining CTF Board meetings will take place on:

July 28 at 1:30 p.m.
October 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Board meetings are open to the public and take place at DTE Energy, 101 S. Washington Square, Ste. 700, Lansing, MI 48933.

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