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Local Council Support

Several changes in local council support are taking place. As many grantees are aware, regional coordination will be discontinued December 31, 2007. The formation of an on-going Local Council Work Group—including representative councils by tier and area of the state, direct service grantees, and CTF Board and staff—is currently underway. Based on the success of the four work groups that have been active this year (see September 2007 News Briefs), many councils have shared that they look forward to the implementation of this work group.

Tier-based groups, launched at the Annual Training, will continue quarterly meetings and/or communications under local council and CTF staff co-leadership. Recent changes at DHS will also allow CTF to add a full-time Local Council Grant Monitor for the first time in several years.

Please note: Regional coordination is being phased out because of the impact of Executive Directives and other state budget-driven restrictions on contracting by agencies (like CTF) created in law. CTF was created by PA 250 of 1982 and must comply with these restrictions. Regional coordination has been a contracted service since its inception in 2000 and can no longer be continued under the circumstances just described.

If any local council or direct service grantee wishes to volunteer to serve on the Local Council Work Group, please send an email to Rich Bearup at bearupr2@michigan.gov.

Thank You to Regional Coordinators

The CTF Board of Directors and staff members would like to thank regional coordinators for their many years of hard work and dedication to child abuse and neglect prevention. Coordinators have served as important leaders in their communities and their service to the field is deeply appreciated.

CTF would like to gratefully acknowledge the following regional coordinators:

Mary Becker-Witt
Taryn Mack
Kim Musselman
Dee Obrecht
Patricia Rosen
Sally Straffon

CTF Satisfaction Survey

The annual CTF satisfaction survey will be distributed soon. It was shared with the CTF Board on October 29 before being sent to the field. This survey helps CTF gauge grantee needs as well as successes and areas for improvement. Thanks in advance for your participation in this important survey!

Upcoming Events

November 5: The Prevention Network will hold its 15th Annual Parenting Awareness Michigan Conference and 2008 Parenting Awareness Month kickoff at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing. For more information call 800.968.4968 or visit www.preventionnetwork.org.



November 6: The Volinia Outcomes School is hosting a free seminar on Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medication Abuse. Learn about warning signs, prevention, effects of abuse, community resources, and what you can do to help. Tracy Johnson, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist from the Cass and Van Buren Health Department, will present on this important topic. The seminar will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Volinia Outcomes School, 54080 Gards Prairie Road, Decatur. Contact Mary Karabetsos at 269.782.9716 with any questions.

November 13: The Volinia Outcomes School will host a free seminar on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Marijuana Abuse. Learn the facts about substance abuse from Tracy Johnson, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist from the Cass and Van Buren Health Department. Light refreshments and free child care will be provided! The seminar will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Volinia Outcomes School, 54080 Gards Prairie Road, Decatur. Contact Mary Karabetsos at 269.782.9716 for more information.



November 30: Child's Hope is hosting the "Save Our Children Summit 2007: Addressing the Crisis in Michigan Foster Care." The all-day event will be held at the Fairlane Center—North at the University of Michigan—Dearborn. Session topics are "Experiences of Living in Foster Care," "Issues in Foster Care in Michigan Today," and "Reform—Creating a Plan for Change." The \$15 per person fee includes all sessions, a continental breakfast, and lunch. For more information call 313.583.6401 or visit www.childshope.org.

December 3: "Christmas for the Kids" will benefit the Macomb County Bar Foundation and Care House to help child victims of sexual and physical assault. The event will feature fine foods, specialty beers and wines, raffle items, and a fantasy tree auction. Mac & Ray's will host the event at 30675 North River Road in Harrison Township. Contact Care House at 586.463.0123 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Second Monday of Each Month: The Nalo Therapy Center is offering a Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Parents Support Group. The group provides a space for parents and guardians to share the trials and successes of the adoption and foster parent process. The group meets at the Nalo Therapy Center (1134 S. Lapeer Road) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Call 810.667.4111 for more information.

Ongoing: Participate in album making with adoptive, foster, and kinship families. Proceeds benefit the Nalo Therapy Center's Adoptive, Foster, and Kinship Support Groups and Workshops. Contact Karen Hatch at 734.231.7427 or hatchk@sbcglobal.net for information on the next scheduled workshop.

Follow-Up to Fall Training

A number of questions related to local council coordination and EGrAMS/ data collection were raised at the CTF fall training in October. These questions will be fully addressed in the November News Briefs. In the meantime, please contact CTF with any immediate questions or needs, especially related to technical assistance. We are here to help!

Notice of Education Work Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Council Education Work Group is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7. The main agenda item will be a discussion of 2008 CAP Month activities and possible statewide campaign ideas. All local councils and direct service grantees are welcome to participate in the meeting. The meeting will be held at CTF and can also be participated in via teleconference. The call-in number is 1.877.336.1828 and passcode 8088351. Please RSVP to Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov by November 5.

Notice of CTF Board Meetings

The following CTF Board and Board Committee meetings have been set for the first week in November and into 2008. These meetings are open to the public, and CTF grantees are welcome to attend.

November 6, 2007 10:00 a.m.
Public Awareness and
Fund Development Committee
Telecommunications Assoc. of Michigan
(Boji Tower)
124 W. Allegan, Ste. 1400
Lansing, MI 48933

November 8, 2007 3:00 p.m.
Special Teleconference
Board Meeting
on Auction

Children's Trust Fund Office
235 S. Grand Ave., Ste. 1411
Lansing, MI 48933

January 28, 2008
April 28, 2008
July 28, 2008
October 27, 2008
(All meetings begin at 1:30 p.m.)
CTF Quarterly Board Meetings

DTE Energy
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