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Congratulations to New CTF Direct Service Grantees

CTF welcomes the following new or expanded direct service programs! These programs, which provide an array of secondary prevention services, will receive funding from CTF for FY2009-2011.

Canton Township

County: Out-Wayne
Project: Building Families through
Community Outreach

Community Hope Christian Counseling and Mental Health Center

Counties: Mecosta & Osceola
Project: Reclaiming Family Services
Program (Counseling & Support Groups)

Detroit Parent Network

County: Wayne
Project: Parent Education & Support Groups
and Positive Youth Development Programs
using the Parents Anonymous Model

Genesee County ISD

County: Genesee
Project: Nurturing Parenting Program
Curriculum

Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan

County: Kent
Project: Pailalen Program (Parent Education
& Support Groups)

Parent to Parent of Southwest Michigan

Counties: Kalamazoo, Allegan, Van Buren,
Calhoun, Barry & St. Joseph
Project: Parent Education Program
Expansion

Pathways, MI – Ottawa

Counties: Ottawa & Allegan
Project: Circle of Parents & Conscious Father-
ing Program

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland

County: Oakland
Project: Healthy Start/Healthy Families
Oakland's Family Connections

Student Advocacy Center of Michigan

County: Washtenaw
Project: Student Advocacy Project with Parents
as Teachers Enhancement

Traverse City Area Public Schools

County: Grand Traverse
Project: Teen Parent Training

West Midland Family Center

County: Midland
Project: Family Mentoring Project Expansion

Women's Resource Center of Livingston County

County: Livingston
Project: Healthy Families Livingston with Dads
Make a Difference Enhancement

2008 Annual Training



Please register for the CTF Annual Training by Friday, September 26. Details about the training were emailed on August 22 and can also be found on the [CTF website's training section](#). [Online registration is also available at the CTF website](#).

When: October 15 & 16, 2008

Where: James B. Henry Center for Executive Development in East Lansing ([click here for directions](#))

Who: CTF local council and direct service grantees

What: Day 1 is geared toward local councils; Day 2 is geared toward direct service grantees

CTF will cover training and meal costs for up to two individuals per CTF grant site. CTF grantees are required to attend at least one day of training, but can attend both days. Additional attendees can attend at the reduced rate of \$50/day. Grantees are responsible for their own lodging and travel costs. *Note:* Local council representatives traveling from over 200 miles one-way can contact Emily Wachsberger for partial mileage reimbursement information.

Online Logic Model Course for Local Councils

The FRIENDS online logic model course is now available to all CTF local councils, free of charge! The course will help you learn about and build a logic model for your council. A strong logic model will help guide your program and strengthen your sustainability efforts. Logic models are also a component of best practices and are an important step in becoming an evidence-informed program. CTF will be incorporating the principles and use of logic models for upcoming local council grants.

CTF is making this 2.5 hour course (accredited by the ANCC) available to all local councils through October 15. CTF strongly encourages you to walk through the online course prior to the annual training. Doing so will enrich your training experience and provide you with the basic knowledge needed to create a logic model. We also encourage you to bring your logic model or a working version of your council's logic model to the annual training. Edi Winkle will provide training assistance on the use and development of logic models.

Instructions for accessing the course were emailed to councils on August 29. Please contact CTF with any questions. We hope you enjoy this great resource!

Upcoming CTF Work Group Meetings

CAP Month Work Group: The CAP Month work group will meet via teleconference on Wednesday, October 1, at 2:00 p.m. The work group will be discussing resources and activities for CAP Month 2009. Please contact Emily Wachsberger or Sarah Davis if you would like to join the call. All local council and direct service grantees are welcome.

Local Council Work Group: The next LCWG meeting will be held via teleconference on Thursday, October 2, at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Emily Wachsberger for more information.

Parent Leadership Work Group: The next PLWG meeting will be held via teleconference on Thursday, October 30, at 10 a.m. The work group is actively discussing opportunities for parent involvement and leadership in community-based programs. Please contact Sarah Davis if you are interested in joining the work group.

Supporting Families with Young Children Conference

The 6th biennial Supporting Families with Young Children conference, "Building Relationships One Day at a Time," will take place on November 11-13, 2008, at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme, Michigan. The conference tracks are Practical Applications for Working with Young Children and Families; Parent Leadership, Support, and Education; Promising Program Strategies; Leadership and Capacity Building; and Research, Knowledge and Education.

The conference cost is \$270 for all 2.5 days (daily rates are also available). The conference brochure and registration materials are available on the [CTF website under the Training section for Michigan events](#).

[Prevent Child Abuse Michigan](#) (a collaborative effort of Children's Charter of the Courts of Michigan and the Children's Trust Fund) is sponsoring the event. For additional information contact, SFYC coordinator, Deborah Jensen, at deborahjensen@childcrt.org or 517.482.7533.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Events

September 18 & 19

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Committee presents the **First Annual Michigan Kinship Care Conference and Grandfamily Reunion** on September 18 and 19. The conference is designed for grandparents, non-professionals and professionals in the field of care giving. It will bring together medical, legal, social service and educational professionals who address issues and challenges relevant to grandparents faced with raising their grandchildren. The event is being sponsored by the Detroit Area Agency on Aging and will be held at the Second Ebenezer Church, 14601 Dequindre St., Detroit, MI 48212. For more information, contact Veronica Padmos at 313.446.4444, ext. 5828 or padmosv@daaa1a.org. For a link to the conference booklet, visit www.daaa1a.org.

September 20

The **7th Annual Salute to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren** will be hosted by the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Committee with support from the Detroit Area Agency on Aging. The event will take place on Saturday, September 20, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cobo Conference Center Riverside Ballroom in Detroit. To RSVP, call 313.446.4444, ext. 5228 by Monday, September 15.

Training and Best Practices

Upcoming Webinars on Father Involvement

The following webinars will focus on father involvement and its impact on children's health. The webinars are being sponsored by the National Fatherhood Initiative.



The Father Factor in Child Health

What do low birth weight babies, toddler accidents and injuries, and child obesity have in common? Too often, it's father absence! Learn just why dads are so important in raising happy, healthy children and what you can do to address the father factor in child health.

Date: September 25, 2008 – 2 p.m. EST

Duration: 60 minutes

Trainer: Becky Graham

Cost: Free

Register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/807244534>

Involving Moms in Involving Dads: A Guide for Head Starts

Many times, the key to getting Dad involved is actually Mom! In this webinar, Lisa Tate shares key strategies and tactics your Head Start can use to engage moms in order to reach dads and strengthen families.

Date: October 15, 2008 – 2 p.m. EST

Duration: 60 minutes

Trainer: Lisa Tate

Cost: Free

Register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/938720153>

Training and Best Practices

KIDS COUNT Data Center Adds New Features



KIDS COUNT News recently released the following information about new data available on the KIDS COUNT Data Center.

Ten Key Indicators by Race and Ethnicity: New comprehensive state-level data on kids and families in the five largest racial and ethnic groups—African American, Latino, Asian and Pacific Islander, American Indian and Alaskan Native, and Non-Hispanic White—are now available online for 10 key indicators including low birth weight babies and children in poverty.

Birth Outcomes: State- and city-level data on birth outcomes are now available from the report, “2008 Right Start for America’s Newborns: City and State Trends.” Data spotlight gaps in birth conditions and health status for the nation’s infants. Generate custom graphs, maps, ranked lists, and state-by-state profiles, or download the entire data set as delimited text files.

Add live maps to your site! KIDS COUNT has added a new feature to the Data Center that allows any visitor to create a map or line graph and then insert that item directly into their own website. This differs from the “Save Image” feature in that it gives the visitor a live, working map or line graph, just like the one found in the datacenter. Also, if updates are made to the data at the datacenter, the map changes on the remote website as well, so it’s always up-to-date!

To access the feature, simply make a map or line graph comparisons report (example:<http://www.kidscount.org/data-center/map.jsp?i=50&yr=&va=&dt=2>) then choose “Add to Your Site” from the Toolbox area.

If you would like to receive periodic updates from KIDS COUNT, visit their subscription page and scroll down to “KIDS COUNT Updates.” KIDS COUNT, a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, is a national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children and families in the United States. By providing policymakers and citizens with benchmarks for child well-being, KIDS COUNT seeks to enrich local, state and national discussions concerning ways to secure better futures for all children.

Signature Event and Online Auction



Children's Trust Fund of Michigan
Signature Event
Thursday, September 25th • 5-8 p.m.
 The Kellogg Center at Michigan State University
 800-CHILDREN • www.michigan.gov/ctf
 Thank you to our Presenting Sponsors:   

CTF will hold its Sixth Annual Signature Event at MSU's Kellogg Center on Thursday, September 25, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Proceeds from this charitable fundraiser help to fund CTF grants to local councils and direct service programs. Tickets are \$100 (\$85 of which is tax deductible) and all ticket purchasers are eligible to enter a drawing for a free 52" Magnavox LCD HDTV the night of the event. A live auction will be the highlight of the evening, with more than 70 items to be sold (often below the price of their commercial value), including:

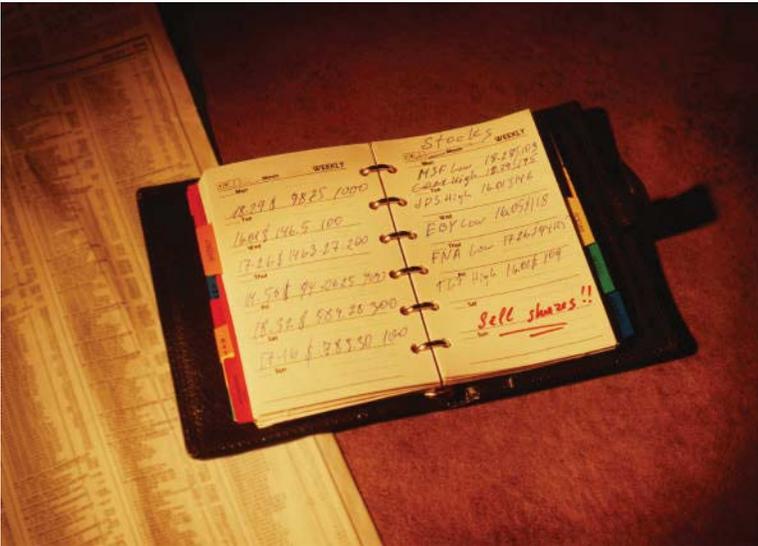
- Trips to Austria, Cancun, Cabo San Lucas, Hawaii, Miami, and New York City
- A week at cottages on Lake Michigan and Lake Missaukee
- Weekend getaways at the Grand Hotel, Boyne Mountain, Four Winds Casino, and Amway Grand
- Autographed Muhammad Ali boxing gloves
- Autographed & framed LeBron James jersey
- 18-seat "super suite" at the Joe Louis arena for a Redwings match
- 14-seat suite at Comerica Park for a Tigers game
- Original Pablo Picasso sketch
- Original Peter Max acrylic painting
- 15-carat blue-topaz-and-diamonds pendant
- Diamond tennis bracelet
- And much, much more!

Tickets to the event are available by contacting CTF at 1.800.CHILDREN or online at www.michigan.gov/ctf. To visit CTF's online auction, going on through September 23, go to www.ctf.cmarket.com.

Official sponsors for the event are:



Upcoming Events



September 18: Child's Hope (Out-Wayne) and Neiman Marcus invite you to the **4th annual Hopes and Dreams, "A Girls' Night Out"** which will take place at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn. This fall fashion show and dinner is a benefit for child abuse prevention programs in Wayne County. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a reception of gourmet hors d'oeuvres, select wines, champagne, and an artisan boutique. The reception will be followed by dinner and a fashion presentation by Neiman Marcus at 7:00 p.m. and a raffle at 8:00 p.m. For more information, visit the Child's Hope website at www.childshope.org or call 313.583.6401.

October 15-16: CTF will hold the **CTF Annual Training** for local council and direct service grantees. [See details about the training online.](#)

October 20-21: Join other professionals in the child welfare field at the **27th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect: Prevention, Assessment and Treatment**. The conference is being co-sponsored by University of Michigan Health System's Child Protection Team, University of Michigan Medical School and University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital. CTF is also a sponsor of the event.

The conference will be held at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. A wide range of topics will be presented by experts in the field. The conference is designed for professionals working with children and families, including child advocates, educators, social workers, law enforcement personnel, physicians, nurses, mental health workers, protective services and foster care workers, prevention specialists, attorneys, Children's Advocacy Center professionals and all others committed to helping communities keep children safe. [The conference brochure and registration is available on the CTF website training section.](#)

October 26: Child & Family Services, Capital Area, is hosting the **2008 Angel House 5K Run/Walk**. The event will begin at Mason High School, 1001 S. Barnes Avenue in Mason. The 5K Run/Walk will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by a 100-yard Kids' Dash. Registration forms are available on the CTF website at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ctf/2008_Angel_House_registration_237755_7.pdf. Entrants pre-registered by October 17 are guaranteed t-shirts. To register or donate online, go to www.active.com. For more information contact Mary Reed at 517.882.4000 ext. 126 or maryr@childandfamily.org.

October 27: The CTF Board meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. at DTE Energy, 101 S. Washington Square, Ste. 700, Lansing, MI 48933.



New Staff Phone Number

CTF's local council grant monitor, Emily Wachsberger, has a new permanent phone number. Please contact Emily at 517.335.0671. Emily's email address remains the same, wachsbergere@michigan.gov.

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*I am always ready to learn although
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~Winston Churchill



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