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CTF Welcomes New Grantees

CTF welcomes three new direct service grantees to our prevention network. Starting October 1, 2007, the new grantees are:

Berrien ISD (Berrien County)
Contact: Claudia Vescolani
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The Parents as Teachers program expansion will serve an additional 80 Latino families. Two bilingual parent educators will deliver monthly home-based personal visits using the Born to Learn Curriculum. All participating parents will be encouraged to attend monthly group meetings with their children. Children will be routinely screened for developmental delays using the Brigance Screen and will also receive hearing and vision screening.

MSU Extension - Leelanau County Family Coordinating Council (Leelanau County)

Contact: Maggie Sprattmoran
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Parenting Communities is a universal prevention program for Leelanau families with young children. The project expansion will embed Parenting Communities in three more Leelanau child care programs and reach working families with young children. Parenting Communities is based on the Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education model and offers family support assistance to Leelanau families with young children. This program includes playgroups, parent education groups, and home visits.

Marcellus Community Schools (Cass County)

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The Volinia Outcomes Community Day Program will utilize the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program. Triple P is a multi-level system of parenting and family support with five distinct levels, each increasing in 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, and on-site child care services.

Upcoming Events

September 27: Child's Hope, the Child Abuse and Prevention Council of Wayne County-Out, will hold its Third Annual Hopes and Dreams "Girls' Night Out." Last year's event was sold out! The evening begins with gourmet hors d'oeuvres, select wines, and an artist market. The featured Neiman Marcus fashion show and dinner at the Fairlane Club will follow. For more information and to purchase tickets contact Annemarie Valdez at 313-583-6401.

September 29: The Nalo Therapy Center is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Keys to Helping Traumatized Children" for adoptive, foster, and kinship parents and professionals who work with parents. The workshop will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Lapeer from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact the Nalo Therapy Center at 810-667-4111.



October 8: The Sigma Delta Tau sorority is hosting a fundraiser to benefit CTF as the Michigan chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America. The event will be held at bd's Mongolian Barbeque in Okemos (6080 W. Grand River) from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$1.00 from the purchase of each stir-fry meal and each milkshake will be donated to CTF. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Elle at subarrev@msu.edu by Oct. 1.

October 16: The Volinia Outcomes school is hosting a free seminar on Bipolar Disorder and ADHD. Learn more about these disorders and how individuals and families can get help. Author Laurie Assadi from the Clinical Center for Learning and Development will be presenting. Free childcare will be provided, and seminars are open to parents and service providers. The Volinia Outcomes School will host ongoing free parenting seminars, including seminars on October 23 (TBA), November 6 (prescription drugs) and November 13 (alcohol/tobacco/marijuana). All seminars will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you have questions or plan to attend, contact Mary Karabetsos at 269-782-9716.

October 20: Join the Washtenaw Area Council for Children at their 2nd Annual "Autumn Delights: A Chocolate and Wine Tasting and Silent Auction." The event is from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Gladwin Barn and Grounds in Ann Arbor. Silent auction items include a hot air balloon ride and passes to Walt Disney World. Proceeds will benefit the council. For more information and to reserve your spot, call Marcia Dykstra at 734-434-4215 or visit www.washtenawchildren.org.

October 23: The Washtenaw Area Council for Children is hosting a 2007-2008 lecture series entitled "Looking at the Larger Picture: Critical Issues in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect." The first lecture in this series, "When Home is Where the Heart is, but so is Substance Abuse," will be presented on October 23 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Washtenaw

Intermediate School District Building in Ann Arbor. To register and for more information, contact 734-434-4215 or Marcia@washtenawchildren.org or visit www.washtenawchildren.org for a downloadable brochure.

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.

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 as they preserve their memories in albums. 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.



Fall Training October 9 & 10

CTF looks forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Training next month! Before the training, please take time to review the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Guidelines which discuss evidence-based and evidence-informed practices (EBP/EIP). Since both days of training will present information on EBP/EIP, reviewing these materials will help the training be most effective for you and your program. The guidelines will also familiarize you with some of CTF's federal reporting guidelines and emerging practices.

For your convenience, the CBCAP Guidelines are posted on the CTF website at www.michigan.gov/ctf under the Training section. Please contact CTF at 1-800-CHILDREN with any training questions.

As a reminder, the training is being held at the The James B. Henry Center for Executive Development, 3535 Forest Road, Lansing, MI 48910-3831. Tel: 517-353-4350.

Day one will examine EBP/EIP and program implementation. Day two will feature logic model and outcome accountability training. Each day of training will also include workshops on EGrAMS and data collection.

PIMS Training

CTF has scheduled a PIMS training and technical assistance session for direct service grantees that use PIMS with their home visitation programs. The training will be conducted by a national PIMS trainer on December 4, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The training will be held at the Lansing Office of Professional Development, 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917. There are no fees to attend this training. Your travel costs may be charged to the appropriate line item in your CTF direct services allocation. CTF Analyst Sylvia Brown Jones is the PIMS technical assistance contact.

Grant Monitor Site Visits

Due to statewide travel moratoriums and budget cuts, CTF will provide triennial site visits for direct service grantees unless technical assistance is needed or warranted. This change is in effect until further notice.

October Deadlines for Grantees

Financial Reports

All local councils and direct service grantees (except direct service grantees that started their grant cycle prior to October 1, 2006) must submit their 4th Quarter Statement of Expenditures (for local councils) or EGrAMS Financial Status Report (for direct services) no later than **October 3** to avoid a delayed payment. Reports submitted after this day may delay your payment until after January 2008.



4th Quarter Reports

All local council and direct service grantees must submit their 4th Quarter reports on EGrAMS by **October 20**. If you have questions about how to submit timely and accurate data, please contact your CTF grant monitor. EGrAMS and data collection training will also be offered at the Fall Training.

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New CTF License Plate

CTF unveiled its new license plate this summer. The plate portrays CTF's new logo depicting the Upper and Lower Peninsulas as green imprints of a child's hands framed against blue water and a yellow sun. The Children's Trust Fund name appears at the bottom of the plate in green, red, and blue lettering.

Sales and renewals of CTF plates provide funding to local councils and direct service grantees. Plates may be ordered at a branch office or through the mail. Order forms are available on the Department of State website at www.Michigan.gov/sos. Fundraising plates can be purchased for \$35, with \$25 earmarked for the special cause. The plates may be personalized for an additional \$30 and are available in a disability version. When plates are renewed, \$10 is sent to the special cause.



Visit the CTF website at www.michigan.gov/ctf



Website Highlights

CTF wants to help publicize your organization's events and announcements! Please consider designating someone in your agency to send promotional materials to CTF. All materials must be electronic. Please be sure to also send any updates to the program listing to Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov.

To help familiarize you with the website, CTF has developed a tutorial module that provides an orientation to the website. The module is housed on the Training page and will be updated as new features are implemented.

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25th Anniversary Event Save the Date!

This year marks CTF's 25th Anniversary. To celebrate, CTF is hosting an anniversary event on November 2. The honorary guest will be U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, who sponsored the CTF statute as a State Representative in 1982.

What: CTF 25th Anniversary Celebration
When: Friday evening, November 2, 2007
Where: Orchard Lake, MI

More details on the event will be announced in October. Please contact Rich Bearup, CTF Executive Director, at 517-335-1938 for more information.

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