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2008 Annual  
Training

October 15-16, 2008

**Where:** James B. Henry Center for Executive Development in East Lansing

**Who:** CTF local council and direct service grantees

**What:** Day 1 will be geared toward local council grantees, with an emphasis on best practices, logic models, fund and board development, EGrAMS, and prevention plans. Day 2 will be geared toward direct service grantees, with an emphasis on strengthening existing programs, outcomes, EGrAMS, and parent leadership.

The CTF Annual Training has been approved! Registration will be available soon on the CTF website. Please watch your email for further details.

CTF will cover training and food costs for up to two individuals per CTF grant site. Additional attendees can attend at the reduced rate of \$50/day. Grantees are responsible for their own lodging and travel costs. *Note:* CTF will offer mileage reimbursements (at the standard state rate) for local council representatives traveling from over 200 miles one way (400 miles roundtrip). Details about this reimbursement policy will be distributed later this month.

A block of rooms has been secured at Candlewood Suites (adjacent to the Henry Center) at the state rate (\$65/night) through September 8. Please call Candlewood Suites at 517.351.8181 to make a reservation. After September 8, the special rate will not be available.

In addition, CTF will be offering a FREE online logic model course (a \$25 value) for local councils. The 2.5 hour FRIENDS CEU course will cover logic model basics and will guide you through the steps of developing a logic model for your program. Completion of this online course prior to the annual training will also increase the effectiveness of the training that Edi Winkle, our FRIENDS trainer, will provide.

*Additional details about the training and online logic model course will be emailed soon!*

## Local Council Updates

### Congratulations to 10 Local Councils

On July 28, the CTF Board of Directors approved the movement of ten Tier I councils to Tier II status. Councils were required to complete an application for tier movement which was then reviewed and scored on a number of criteria. Congratulations to the following councils which will become Tier II councils on October 1, 2008:

# II

Alpena CAN Team  
(serving Alpena and Presque Isle)

Arenac County  
Child Protection Council

Crawford/Roscommon  
Child Protection Council

Gratiot County  
Child Protection Council

Iosco County Child Protection Council

Lapeer County Council for Children

Mackinac County  
Child Protection Roundtable

Manistee County Family Advocates

Monroe Child Advocacy Network

Wexford/Missaukee  
Child Protection Council

### Local Council FY2009 Renewal Applications – Due August 31

Renewal applications for local councils (LC 2007-2) must be submitted in EGrAMS by 5 p.m. on August 31. The budget data from your LC 2007-1 will be migrated to the new LC 2007-2 renewal application. See below for directions.

- Facesheet – Update the fields in this tab.
- Narrative – Provide updated narrative data to reflect your 2009 fiscal year needs.
- Work Plan – Provide an updated work plan to reflect your 2009 fiscal year objectives and activities.
- Budget – DO NOT CHANGE ANY NUMBERS IN THE BUDGET TAB UNLESS YOU ARE ONE OF THE TEN LOCAL COUNCILS PROMOTED TO TIER II. Only those councils will be changing their budgets. If you wish to make a line item adjustment, please contact Emily Wachsberger.

If you haven't done so already, please let Emily know you've received this notification. It is important that we know all councils are aware of the submission date. Feel free to contact Emily with any questions.

### Upcoming CTF Work Group Meetings

#### Local Council Work Group:

The next LCWG meeting will be held via teleconference on Thursday, September 4, at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Emily Wachsberger for more information.

#### Parent Leadership Work Group:

The PLWG held its inaugural meeting on July 30. Participants discussed the components of parent leadership, the benefits/challenges to parent leadership for both providers and parents, resources/trainings that would be helpful to providers for increased implementation of parent leadership, and next steps. The purpose of the PLWG is to provide support to CTF grantees, to serve as a learning community for prevention partners and parents, and to provide useful and relevant resources about parent leadership. The next PLWG meeting will take place via teleconference on Wednesday, September 3, at 10 a.m. Please contact Sarah Davis if you are interested in joining the work group.

#### CAP Month Work Group:

A working group has been formed to develop plans for CAP Month 2009. The work group will hold its first meeting on August 20 at 11:00 a.m. via teleconference. Please contact Emily Wachsberger if you are interested in helping to shape CAP Month activities and initiatives for April 2009.

## 4th Quarter Billings - Procedures & Deadlines

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Due to State of Michigan processes, the 4th quarter billing procedures and date deadlines have been modified. (Program register and activity reports are still due by October 20.) Local councils can follow the directions below and may contact Emily Wachsberger with any questions. Direct service grantees received an email outlining the process and should contact Sylvia Brown Jones with questions.

*Local Councils:* Please submit an FSR Obligation report—which is an estimation of your 4th quarter expenses—in EGrAMS. You will also need to submit your actual 4th quarter billing (final FSR) in EGrAMS, even if the obligation and final FSR reports are identical. You will need to complete these two reports by the following dates:

- **September 12, 2008:** Obligation (estimated) 4th quarter billings due - This is needed to establish an accounts payable to secure your allocation with fiscal year 2008 funding.

- **October 10, 2008:** Actual 4th quarter billings due – You may submit the final FSR after September 30. Prompt submission of your 4th quarter billing is essential to prevent a payment delay.

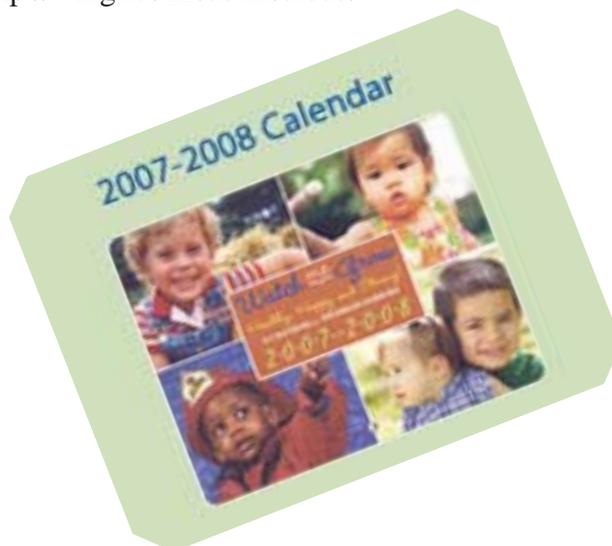
Thank you in advance for working within these deadlines. Please contact CTF with any questions!

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### Watch Me Grow Calendars Now Available

Being a parent is a tough job! Often parents do not know who to turn to for information about parenting, nutrition, safety and many other issues that arise in families. Now there is something to help! The “Watch Me Grow” calendar is targeted specifically for families in Michigan. It is an informative calendar which promotes the health and well-being of families and helps build support networks by sharing information about effective programs and resources.

The 2009–2010 “Watch Me Grow” calendar is an important resource for families. The 24-month calendar—which begins in January 2009 and continues through December 2010—includes activities for parents and children, important telephone numbers, the updated immunization schedule, and a space on the back for local agency information. Calendars are available in English and Spanish and cost \$1.00 each. For ordering information contact Jodi Spicer at 517.526.0752 or visit the MSU Extension website <http://wmg.fcs.msue.msu.edu/>.



## Signature Event - September 25, 2008



CTF will hold its sixth annual Cherish the Children Signature Event on Thursday, September 25, at Michigan State University's Kellogg Center from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A sellout crowd of over 700 is anticipated, and the evening highlight will be a live auction with proceeds helping to fund the work of CTF's local council and direct service prevention programs. An online portion of the auction is occurring at <http://www.ctf.cmarket.com> through September 15.

Official sponsors for the event are:



Several other sponsoring organizations are helping to make this the best-ever Signature Event, including Accident Fund, Blue Cross Blue Shield, CBS Outdoor Inc., EDS, Jackson National Life, Meijer, Michigan Health & Hospital Association, Michigan Telecommunications Association, Unisys, and United Food & Commercial Workers Union Local 951.

Items generously donated for the live auction include:

- Trip for two to Austria including an opening night opera and cast party
- Trip for two to Cabo San Lucas including a day of deep sea fishing
- Trip for two (for two weeks) to a resort in Cancun (in January 2009!)
- Three nights at the Grand Hotel including ferry and taxi service
- Use of a luxury suite for 12 for a Pistons game at the Palace of Auburn Hills
- Six opening night tickets to The Lion King at Wharton Center including dinner and limo
- WJR jetcopter ride
- Boxing gloves worn and signed by Muhammad Ali
- Autographed and framed Lebron James jersey

Tickets to the event are \$100. **ALL individual ticket purchasers are automatically entered in a fabulous door prize the night of the event (a Magnavox 52" LCD full HD display, 1920x1080p plasma television, valued at \$1,800, donated by Dell Computer).** Be sure to get your ticket online at <http://apps.michigan.gov/michiganestore/public/ProductDetails.aspx?categoryId=8&productId=345>.

Please join us to celebrate CTF, its statewide local affiliates, and the great cause that unites us!

## Training and Best Practices

### Leadership Training for Parents: September 11-12

The Parent Leadership in State Government Advisory Board will hold a training for parents interested in developing parent leadership skills. The newly revised curriculum will address core skills that support parents serving in leadership roles. It is designed for parents whose children have used specialized public services.

The training will be held in Lansing on September 11-12, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days. Participants will be paid an honorarium for their time. Reimbursement is available for childcare and travel; meals will be provided, as well as accommodations for participants who reside more than 50 miles from Lansing.

There is room for 20 parents to participate. The group will be chosen to represent a diversity of experience across the system of specialized public services. If you are interested in participating in the training, please contact the project staff person, Sarah Wedepohl, at [s.wedepohl@yahoo.com](mailto:s.wedepohl@yahoo.com) for more information and an application. Applications are due by Friday, August 22.

### 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 cost is \$270 for all 2.5 days (daily rates available). The conference brochure and registration materials will be available on the CTF website later this month. For additional information, email Deborah Jensen at [deborahjensen@childcrt.org](mailto:deborahjensen@childcrt.org) or call 517.482.7533.

### America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2008

The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics has released "America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2008." Twenty-two federal agencies contributed to the annual report, which profiles the status of the nation's children and youth. The report presents the latest federal statistics on child well-being, including indicators on child poverty, health care, housing, and at-risk behavior. The report is available at <http://www.childstats.gov/>.



### Upcoming Webinar: "Is It Injury or Neglect? Improving Our Knowledge to Better Protect Children"

The next Prevention Webinar, sponsored by the Prevention Subcommittee of the Federal Interagency Workgroup on Child Abuse and Neglect, will be held on Thursday, August 28, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stephanie Bryn with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau

and Teri Covington from the National Center for Child Death Review will present information to help bridge our understanding of child neglect and unintentional injuries. The webinar will describe efforts to better define neglect in the context of accidental injury and show models of child death case reviews that will lead to improved understanding, reporting, and prevention strategies. Space is limited! Reserve your webinar seat at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/399684939>.

## Upcoming Events



**August 11-25:** Child & Family Services, Capital Area, is holding its 3rd Annual “**All Kids Deserve a Chance**” school supply drive. Items collected this year will help kids in foster care and adoption, as well as kids at Angel House. Child & Family Services is collecting school supplies (including backpacks, notebooks, pencils, and crayons) through August 25 at these Lansing area businesses: Option 1 Credit Union locations, Central Ford Truck, Coldwell Banker Hubbell Briarwood locations, WLNS studios, ABC-53 studios, MIKE 101.7fm/MacDonald Broadcasting, and Child & Family Services. For more information, contact Mary Reed at 517.882.4000 ext. 126.

**September 4:** The Founding Friends of Child’s Hope (Out-Wayne) are hosting **Bubbles and Beauty**, a pre-event to “A Girls’ Night Out” (see next event listing). Founding Friends will be invited to bring a guest to an exclusive event at Neiman Marcus-Somerset Collection on September 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Enjoy a fun-filled evening of pampering and Beauty 101 as you sip champagne and nibble sumptuous desserts. Rejuvenate with mini-spa treatments and update your look with individual make-up consultations. Complimentary valet and guest favors included. Limited-edition beauty gift-with-purchases will also be available. Contact Child’s Hope at 313.583.6401 for more information.

**September 18:** Child’s Hope (Out-Wayne) and Neiman Marcus invite you to the fourth 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. You may purchase tickets securely using PayPal (Patron tickets are \$100, Founding Friends tickets are \$175). For more information, visit the Child’s Hope website at [www.childshope.org](http://www.childshope.org) or call 313.583.6401.

**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 this 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 Training section of CTF’s website at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ctf/CAN\\_brochure\\_08\\_245400\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ctf/CAN_brochure_08_245400_7.pdf).

**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](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](http://www.active.com). For more information contact Mary Reed at 517.882.4000 ext. 126 or [maryr@childandfamily.org](mailto:maryr@childandfamily.org).

## FTD.com Supports CAN Prevention in Michigan

CTF is involved in a new fundraising initiative that is now on our website. By ordering flowers through <http://www.ftd.com/pcamichigan/>, 15 percent of purchases are returned to CTF. Spread the word about this exciting new initiative to help increase dollars for our statewide prevention efforts!



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### CTF Satisfaction Survey

CTF will be distributing an online satisfaction survey again this fall. The survey helps us to better serve you and your communities via your feedback about what is working plus areas for improvement. It is also the primary way for local councils and direct service grantees to identify training and technical assistance needs. Please be sure to watch your email for the survey!

### Thanks to CTF Student Assistant and Interns

CTF would like to thank our student assistant, Julie Kraft, for her work at CTF since 2006. Julie will be a senior at MSU this fall. We wish her all the best as she pursues a career in nursing! Thanks also to Lauren Paluta and Rhonda Adams for their excellent assistance in the CTF office this summer. Lauren worked on local council and direct service grant processes as well as primary prevention research. Rhonda served as an integral member of the Signature Event staff. Lauren and Rhonda will also be seniors at MSU. We thank them for their contributions to our prevention work!