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Channing Bete Group Discount

This fall, Channing Bete is offering a "group order" program in which Prevent Child Abuse America partners can save money on prevention-related materials. As the Michigan co-chapter of PCA, CTF has arranged for our grantees to order directly from Channing Bete. Many of Channing Bete's products can be found at <http://pcaamerica.channing-bete.com/>. The deadline for ordering products at the seasonal group prices is November 28.



The discount prices for the groups of material are as follows:

Price Group A \$0.62 & .72 personalized
Price Group B \$1.04 & \$1.12 personalized
Price Group C \$0.42 (cannot be personalized)
Price Group K \$1.42 (cannot be personalized)

Each order will have a drop ship fee of \$15.00 and shipping is 9% of the order total. If you would like samples of any items, please contact Jasmin Tomic via the contact information listed below.

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Please contact Alan Stokes at CTF if you have any questions about this program.

Sharing Family Strengths Activity Booklet Available at No Cost

Family & Children's Service in Minneapolis has published the Sharing Family Strengths Activity Booklet, a resource being made available at no cost to families, teachers, mental health professionals, social workers, and community professionals who work with kids and families.

The 16-page, hands-on guide is designed with the goal of helping parents and children identify and nurture family strengths through fun activities and helpful ideas. The Sharing Family Strengths Activity Booklet is available free while supplies last. To request a hard copy or download an e-copy in PDF format, visit their website at <http://www.everyfamilymatters.org/booklet>.



2008 CTF Signature Event: Most Successful Ever!

The 2008 CTF Signature Event held on September 25, 2008, at the Kellogg Center on the campus of MSU was the most successful to date! Over 600 attendees participated in the reception and live auction, which raised over \$442,000 to support the ongoing prevention efforts of the Children's Trust Fund.

The evening began with the soothing tones of the MSU Jazz ensemble and a lovely reception provided by the Kellogg Center. The program opened with warm video welcomes from Honorary Co-Chair Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Mike Rogers. The other Honorary Co-Chair, former Lieutenant Governor Connie Binsfeld, gave a moving speech regarding her experiences working with children during her tenure in the Governor's Office. A former foster child, Alex Ramon, was also present and was recognized by Lt. Gov. Binsfeld.

CTF will work with you, our local prevention partners, to make sure these dollars raised make a difference in the lives of children and families in Michigan!

Make Plans to Attend the Supporting Families Conference Next Week!



The 6th biennial Supporting Families with Young Children conference, “Building Relationships One Day at a Time,” will take place at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme on November 11-13. The conference brochure and registration materials are available under the Training section of the CTF website. 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 Deborah Jensen at deborahjensen@childcrt.org or 517.482.7533.

New Legislation: The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008

On October 23, 2008, the federal Administration for Children and Families released the following information, which can be found in Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-08-05:

“President Bush signed the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-351) into law on October 7, 2008. Generally, the law amends the Social Security Act to extend and expand adoption incentives through FY2013; create an option to provide kinship guardianship assistance payments; create an option to extend eligibility for title IV-E foster care, adoption assistance and kinship guardianship payments to age 21; de-link adoption assistance from Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) eligibility; and, provide federally-recognized Indian Tribes or consortia with the option to operate a title IV-E program, among many other provisions. A draft compilation of the revised Social Security Act can be found at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/index.htm>.”

Local Council Message Board

Emily Wachsberger, CTF local council coordinator, would like to share the following messages with CTF local councils:

- ◇ Thanks to all who participated in the October training. Your ongoing enthusiasm for the mission was apparent, and it was my pleasure to have had an opportunity to meet many of you in person for the first time.
- ◇ If anyone didn't receive a copy of the EGrAMS instruction sheets at training and would like a copy, please contact me.
- ◇ 4th Quarter Reports: A number of local councils still need to submit reports and/or make corrections to reports. Please contact me if you need assistance completing your reports.
- ◇ I am now in the process of reviewing the application renewals. I anticipate that the reviews will be completed within the next few weeks.



CAP Month Update

CTF is in the process of producing materials for CAP Month 2009 as well as organizing a statewide kick-off event. In collaboration with Children's Charter of the Courts of Michigan (our PCA Michigan co-chapter), we are looking into ways to incorporate a legislative action day with the kick-off event of planting a pinwheel garden. CTF is meeting with Children's Charter later this month. Please stay tuned for details about CAP Month events!

2008 Annual Training Recap

Thank you to all grantees and other stakeholders who participated in the CTF annual training! Questions and ideas raised at the training will be addressed through the Local Council Work Group as well as through email and direct contact with grantees. These topics will include future trainings, changes to the EGrAMS program register, logic models, and peer mentoring. CTF will also take your suggestions and recommendations, including possible training topics or speakers, into account for future trainings.

Evaluations at a Glance

Scores are from 1-5, with 1 meaning “Not at All” and 5 meaning “Very Much.”

Overall evaluations from Day 1 were as follows:

How satisfied were you with the overall training?	4.36
How satisfied were you with the content of the training?	4.15
The training will enhance my ability to promote child abuse prevention in my community or program.	4.60
The content and strategies presented in the training will help to improve my program and/or evaluation practices.	4.27

Overall evaluations from Day 2 were as follows:

How satisfied were you with the overall training?	4.31
How satisfied were you with the content of the training?	3.95
The training will enhance my ability to promote child abuse prevention in my community or program.	4.18
The content and strategies presented in the training will help to improve my program and/or evaluation practices.	4.27

Some Evaluation Comments

“Very affirming with several ideas that I think will help me do even better.”

“First CTF conference for me and it was very enlightening & informative. Thank you. The food and snacks were excellent. Look forward to next year.”

“I’m with a local council but I stayed for the second day to get more information from Edi. I’m glad I stayed.”

January EGrAMS Trainings

CTF plans to hold EGrAMS and logic model trainings in January 2009 for direct service and local council grantees. However, CTF is currently unable to book any training space, as DHS is not releasing space for 2009 yet because of the needs of the Bridges project. We hope to have date availability by the end of November, and will keep grantees posted. In addition to on-site trainings in Gaylord and Lansing, CTF plans to conduct technical assistance sessions via phone. If you know of a location with computer equipment that may be able to accommodate a CTF training at no cost (e.g., a school or community center), please contact Sarah Davis.

November is National Adoption Month, a month set aside to raise awareness about the adoption of children and youth from foster care. This year's theme of adopting teens from foster care builds on the Ad Council's new public service announcement (PSA) campaign of the Children's Bureau, the Adoption Exchange Association, and The Collaboration to AdoptUsKids.

Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway.



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