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Fourth Quarter Report Deadlines

Please note the following 4th quarter report deadlines. Submitting reports on time will ensure that you receive your payments as scheduled.

October 10: 4th quarter/final expenditure reports are due

October 20: 4th quarter/final activity and program register reports are due

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to get their obligation/estimated expenditure reports and local council renewal applications in on time. Your efforts were most appreciated!

Annual Training—Remember to Bring Your Logic Model!

CTF staff looks forward to seeing you (or a representative from your program) at the CTF annual training on October 15 and 16. Direct service and local council grantees are strongly encouraged to bring their organization's logic model (draft versions are great!) to the annual training. Doing so will enable you to receive more individualized feedback from Edi Winkle, our FRIENDS trainer.

Local Councils: The FRIENDS online logic model course is still available to all CTF local councils, free of charge! It is highly recommended that you complete the 2.5 hour course prior to the training. Doing so will enrich your training experience and will help your council build a logic model. Please note that CTF will be incorporating logic model requirements into upcoming FY2010 local council grants. Logic models are currently a requirement for all new direct service grants.

Instructions for accessing the course were emailed to councils on August 29. If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact Emily Wachsberger at CTF.

How Does the CTF Initial Payment Work?

To aid operations at the beginning of the fiscal year, grantees in good standing will receive an advance (to be sent out in October 2008) that will equal 25 percent of your total contract amount. Throughout the fiscal year, this advance is then “recouped” from your quarterly payments. Therefore, the quarterly payment you receive from CTF will not be the same as the amount you billed for. Your total payments throughout the year, however, will equal your total contract amount.

Here is an example:

Total contract amount: FY2009 CTF grant of \$10,000

Advance: Equals 25 percent of total contract amount

Example: $\$10,000 \times .25 = \$2,500$ advance

Recoupment Percentage: Recoupment percentage each quarter equals quarterly billing \div total contract amount

Example: $\$2,500$ quarterly billing \div $\$10,000$ total contract = $.25$ recoupment rate

Recoupment Amount: Recoupment amount each quarter equals advance \times recoupment rate

Example: $\$2,500$ advance \times $.25$ recoupment = $\$625$ recoupment in quarter

If you bill CTF \$2,500 each quarter, your actual payment would be \$1,875 ($\$2,500 - \625). Therefore, your annual payment schedule would be:

\$2,500 Advance

\$1,875 1st quarter

\$1,875 2nd quarter

\$1,875 3rd quarter

\$1,875 4th quarter

\$10,000 Total payments for FY2009

Note: You are not limited to billing for \$2,500 per quarter (or the equivalent 25 percent of your grant amount). If you expend more, you can bill CTF for the amount expended in that quarter. Please contact Janell Thelen, CTF Program Director, with any questions about your payment.

Calhoun Local Council Hosts “Fun Ride”

On September 21, the Calhoun Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention Council sponsored a Family Fun Ride at Fell Park in Calhoun County. The event was held in memory of Dominic Munoz, who died in 2007 after suffering three blows to the head, according to doctors. He was only four years old. His mother’s former boyfriend was arrested in the case, but charges were dropped earlier this year.

The Bedford Hills Mobile Village, where Dominic lived, donated \$1,000 to the council. The council then decided to match the donation and hold a community event that would be fun and educational for families and children. “It’s creating more awareness that this is a group of people that are concerned about child abuse and neglect,” said council president Deb Rowe. “(Child abuse and neglect) is pretty substantial and people don’t realize it’s going on, so we’re letting them know.”

Council vice president Stephanie Edwards added, “It’s a way for us as a council to get information out about positive parenting and that there are places to turn to for parents who are under enormous amounts of stress and for the caregivers who parents are leaving their children with.”

Visitors played games, enjoyed free food and balloon animals, and received goody bags filled with family-friendly activities and information. Congratulations to the Calhoun Council on this important event!



Parenting Awareness Michigan Conferences— Coming Soon!

Two statewide conferences to choose from—or attend both! The 16th annual Parenting Awareness Michigan (PAM) conferences will take place October 22 in Marquette and November 3 in Lansing.

The conferences are for anyone who works with parents and families, including PAM organizers, educators, parent network and coalition members, service providers, school personnel, parent volunteers, and anyone interested in parenting and Parenting Awareness Month. Connect with other parenting advocates and educators and network with local PAM organizers. Return home with practical, inspirational, and creative ideas for your local Parenting Awareness Month Activities and for use throughout the year!

Highlights will include:

- Morning and afternoon workshops on issues facing parents and caregivers
- Resources to kick off a successful Parenting Awareness Month in 2009
- Parenting information and resources
- The winning 2009 PAM Poster Contest entries on display

For more information, contact 800-968-4968 or visit www.preventionnetwork.org.

Child Welfare Outcomes 2002-2005 Available Online

“Child Welfare Outcomes 2002-2005: Report to Congress” is the seventh in a series of reports from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designed to inform Congress, states, and the public and to promote improvement in the delivery of child welfare services. The reports provide information about each state’s performance on seven national outcomes related to the safety, permanency, and well-being of children involved in the child welfare system. These outcomes reflect widely accepted performance objectives for child welfare practice.

In addition to the 12 original measures used in previous reports, “Child Welfare Outcomes 2002-2005” presents data on four new composite measures (including 15 individual measures) developed for the second round of the Department’s Child and Family Services Reviews that began in March 2007. These composites were developed in consultation with state child welfare administrators, legislators, child advocacy organizations, and other child welfare experts.

Child Welfare Outcomes Reports are required under the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, which was designed to reform child welfare practice, enhance accountability, and focus attention on the results of child welfare services.

The report is available online at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cwo05/index.htm> > www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cwo05/index.htm.

For more information, contact Child Welfare Information Gateway at 1.800.394.3366 or email info@childwelfare.gov.

The Real Costs of Teen Motherhood

America's teen pregnancy rate is among the highest in the developed world, despite consistent declines over the past 15 years. Advances here might be ending, however: the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the rate of teen childbearing in 2005 and 2006, the first uptick since 1990. Today, three female teenagers out of every ten become pregnant at least once before they turn 20. Teen pregnancy rates are highest among those who are unmarried, low-income, minority, and from families that with lower levels of education.

On October 23 at 10 a.m. webcast of "The Real Costs of Teen Motherhood." This "Thursday's Child" public policy forum is being sponsored by the Chapin Hill Center for Children at the University of Chicago. Join many costs and varied policy implications. Panelists will discuss the effects of teen childbearing on the life trajectories of the mother and child, the costs to government agencies aiding teens' children, and the increased risks these children face, including maltreatment, being placed into foster care, and incarceration. Private and public programs that reduce teen pregnancy, help teen mothers avoid bearing a second child, and change teen behavior will be explored.



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Register to listen to the webcast at <http://www.about.chapinhill.org/conferences/urban/conference.html>. The event is free, and a recording of the event will be posted online for those who cannot attend. To join the webcast, you need a computer with a high-speed Internet connection. The audio for the webcast is available over the Internet only (no telephone connections).

New Sustainability Toolkit for Community- and Faith-Based Service Providers

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently released a new toolkit, "Sustaining Grassroots Community-Based Programs: A Toolkit for Community- and Faith-Based Service Providers." This toolkit is designed to help community-based organizations maintain and continue services after a funding period has ended, and to ensure that the organization has become a permanent part of community resources.

The toolkit contains useful tips and planning worksheets within six booklets that cover:

- Strategic planning
- Organizational assessment and readiness
- Effective marketing strategies
- Financial management
- Fund development and fundraising
- Results-oriented evaluations

You can download the toolkit at <http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/prevline/pdfs/SMA08-4340.pdf>.

Upcoming Events

October 13: CTF Public Awareness and Fund Development Committee meets at Telecommunications Association of Michigan office at 600 W. Shiawassee Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

October 15-16: CTF will hold the **CTF Annual Training** for local council and direct service grantees at the James B. Henry Center for Executive Development in Lansing. See details about the training online at <http://www.michigan.gov/ctf/0,1607,7-196-47080-137304--,00.html>.

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 at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ctf/CAN_brochure_08_245400_7.pdf.

October 21: CTF Program Committee meets at 10:30 a.m. at the Michigan Council for Maternal & Child Health office at 416 W. Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48933. **CTF Finance Committee** meets at 3:00 p.m. at Department of Education (Hannah Building) 608 W. Allegan St., Runkel Room, Lansing, MI 48933.

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 **Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting** will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the DTE Energy Office at 101 S. Washington Square, Ste. 700, Lansing, MI 48933.

November 11-13: 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, Michigan. 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 at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ctf/sfyc_brochure__2_248380_7.pdf. 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.

Upcoming Work Group Meetings

CAP Month Work Group: The CAP Month work group has been meeting via teleconference on a monthly basis. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 6, at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Emily Wachsberger or Sarah Davis if you would like to join the call. All local council and direct service grantees are welcome.

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. All grantees are welcome. Please contact Sarah Davis if you are interested in joining the next call.

Local Council Work Group: The next LCWG meeting will be held via teleconference on Thursday, November 6, at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Emily Wachsberger for more information.

Signature Event

The Signature Event on September 25, 2008 was a success. Thanks to all who participated, volunteered, and helped us exceed last year's efforts. More details will follow on CTF's annual fundraiser.



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