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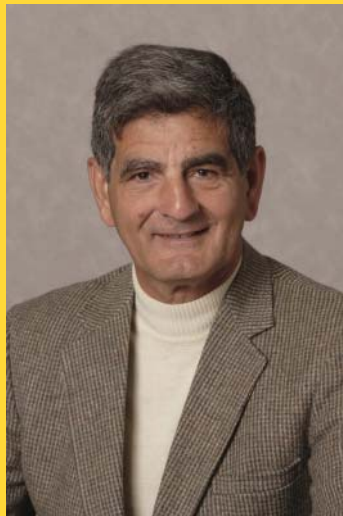
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BREAKING NEWS!

**CTF Board Names Paul Shaheen
Interim Executive Director**



On January 7, 2008, the CTF Board of Directors appointed Paul Shaheen as the Interim Executive Director. Mr. Shaheen has served on the CTF Board since September 2005, representing professional providers and serving as chair of the program committee. He will take a leave of absence from the Board as he serves as the Interim Executive Director. The interim position will begin in late January and will be in effect for up to 12 weeks.

Mr. Shaheen was the previous Executive Director of the Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health. He retired from that position in December 2008. Prior to his work with the council, he served as the Director of Policy Development and Evaluation for the Michigan Department of Community Health.

The CTF Board plans to post the Executive Director position within the next month. Grantees will receive notification once this posting is made public. Please contact Janell Thelen, CTF Program Director, with any questions.

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**Happy New Year! We hope that you and your families had safe, happy holidays.
CTF wishes you a prosperous 2009!**

January EGrAMS Trainings

Technical assistance sessions are planned to assist local councils and direct service grantees with FY2009 EGrAMS reporting. Grantees are encouraged to call-in for one of the trainings. The sessions will cover the three quarterly EGrAMS reports, including the updated program register.

For local councils, EGrAMS TA sessions will be held (via phone) on:

January 8, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

January 13, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For direct service grantees, EGrAMS TA sessions will be held (via phone) on:

January 14, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

January 14, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

All TA sessions will take place via the CTF conference call line, which is 877-336-1828 and access code 8088351.

New Shaken Baby Syndrome Website

The National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome has launched a new website! The site has been significantly expanded to serve as the most comprehensive source on Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma in the world. Please visit the new website at www.dontshake.org.

Period of PURPLE Crying Shaken Baby Syndrome/ Abusive Head Trauma Prevention Program

New information is available on the evidenced-based SBS/AHT prevention program, the Period of PURPLE Crying. Information is available at the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome website (noted above) by going to the "PURPLE Program" tab on the website, or by clicking here. The website provides information on program implementation as well as research and the outcomes of randomized control trials for the program. CTF also has a limited number of preview copies that will be distributed free of charge (one per grantee) while supplies last. Contact Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov for more information.



Logic Model Builder Trainings

CTF encourages all grantees to attend at least one of two technical assistance sessions on the FRIENDS logic model builder, which is currently being updated with new resources and features! The upcoming sessions will cover:

- The purposes of the Evaluation Toolkit and Logic Model Builder
- Features of the Evaluation Toolkit, including a new, comprehensive guide to qualitative evaluation
- How to use the Logic Model Builder, with more options and features for developing and presenting your logic model

The first session on **January 29** will be a national Webinar conducted by FRIENDS and the Child Welfare Information Gateway. The second session on **February 5** will be a teleconference for all CTF grantees and will be conducted by Edi Winkle, our FRIENDS TA coordinator. Please see below for registration details.

The resources and tools on service planning and evaluation provided by FRIENDS can help you measure and track your program's effectiveness. The process of evaluation is crucial for ensuring continuous quality improvement, measuring and demonstrating success, and targeting areas that need improvement. CTF encourages all grantees to attend one training session, as logic models will be a requirement of future CTF grants.

Thursday, January 29

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. EST

Space is limited! Reserve your Webinar seat at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/666330636>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

Thursday, February 5

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST

Using the CTF conference call line: 877-336-1828 and access code 8088351. Details will follow closer to the date.

To learn more about the resources that will be discussed and demonstrated, visit:

- The FRIENDS Evaluation Toolkit website at www.friendsnrc.org/outcome/toolkit/index.htm.
- The Logic Model Builder on Child Welfare Information Gateway's website at <http://toolkit.childwelfare.gov/toolkit>.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative

The Michigan Department of Community Health has announced the availability of state dollars to fund comprehensive pregnancy prevention programs across Michigan for youth ages 10-18 through the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI). The TPPI grant application will be available through January 23, 2009, on the TPPI website at www.michigan.gov/tppi. TPPI is a comprehensive pregnancy prevention program of the Michigan Department of Community Health, Adolescent and School Health Unit. The goal of the program is to reduce the rate of teen pregnancy in Michigan. For more information please visit the TPPI website.

CTF Remembers Kevin Kelly



Kevin Kelly, executive director of the Michigan State Medical Society, died on December 15, 2008. Mr. Kelly was an ally of CTF. Under his leadership, the Michigan State Medical Society provided important sponsorships for the Signature Event in the past. Mr. Kelly will be remembered as an advocate for AIDS education and for his efforts to develop a

patient bill of rights. CTF extends our condolences to Mr. Kelly's family and friends.

Revised Mandated Reporter's Guide Available

The Department of Human Services Mandated Reporter's Resource Guide (DHS-Pub 112) was revised in October 2008. The guide was developed as a resource for mandated reporters about their responsibility to report suspected child abuse and neglect.

This guide was previously only available electronically on the DHS website. Published copies of the guide are now available. CTF can assist partners and the community with ordering quantities of this important resource. Please contact Alan Stokes for ordering information. Electronic copies of this guide are also available at www.michigan.gov/dhs-publications (under the Children's Protective Services section) and as a "publication" on the resource section of CTF's website.

Additional information on mandated reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect can be found at www.michigan.gov/mandatedreporter.

MHSA 2009 Annual Early Childhood Training Conference

The Michigan Head Start Association (MHSA) will hold its annual conference on March 11-13 at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo. The theme is "Focus on the Family," and sessions and workshops will be dedicated to examining the dynamic of the family in early education. The conference is MHSA's largest annual event, with practical educational workshops, an energizing keynote, and a dynamic trade show. Mark your calendar today! MHSA is also still accepting workshop proposals. To learn more, visit <http://www.mhsa.ws/>.

February is Responsible Fatherhood Awareness Month

Governor Jennifer Granholm has declared February as Responsible Fatherhood Awareness Month in order to provide an opportunity for Michigan citizens to learn more about how fathers impact the lives of their children. Fathers who actively participate in the lives of their children diminish the risk of childhood poverty, mental illness, juvenile delinquency, early sexual activity, teen pregnancies, substance abuse and failure to complete high school, among many other things.

Responsible fathers are men who:

- Put their children's interest before their own.
- Serve as role models to their children (leading by example).
- Separate other relationship issues from their relationships with their children.
- Play an active role in their child's emotional and academic development.

Agencies are encouraged to promote activities in recognition of Responsible Fatherhood Awareness Month. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the Governor's Proclamation, please email Duane Wilson, LMSW, DHS Coordinator of Responsible Fatherhood Initiatives at wilsond6@michigan.gov.

Want to Be a Grant Reviewer?

CTF is looking for volunteers to review the upcoming direct service grant applications. The date and location have not yet been set, but will likely be in late spring in the Lansing area. Mileage will be reimbursed at the standard state rate and lunch will be provided. If you would like to participate or learn more, please contact Sylvia Brown Jones at brown-joness@michigan.gov.

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

CAP Month Work Group: The CAP Month Work Group will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, using the CTF conference line. Please contact Emily Schuster-Wachsberger for more information.

Local Council Work Group: The Local Council Work Group will hold a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, using the CTF conference line. Please contact Emily Wachsberger for more information.

Parent Leadership Work Group: The Parent Leadership Work Group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, February 18, at 10:00 a.m. All local council and direct service grantees are encouraged to participate. Please contact Sarah Davis for more information.

First Quarter Reporting: First quarter reports are due for both local council and direct service grantees on Tuesday, January 20. Please contact your grant monitor with any questions.

Notes from the Local Council Coordinator

1. We wish you all a very happy new year! We look forward to (and appreciate) our continued collaboration with you, advancing the mission of child abuse and neglect prevention.
2. All LC 2007-2 application renewals need to be completed and approved in order to enter LC 2007-2 quarterly reports within EGrAMS.
3. Any previously outstanding reports will need to be completed and approved for a 1st quarter expenditure report approval.
4. The first quarter LC 2007-2 reports (Activity, Expense, and Program Register) are due on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

Please contact Emily Wachsberger with any questions!

CTF Website Promotes Grantee Newsletters

During fiscal year 2008, CTF's website had almost 25,000 visits from around the world. One of the content areas of the website is a News section. In the News section, there is a drop-down menu for Network News. Currently, CTF has links to newsletters from four local councils (Ingham, Washtenaw, Calhoun, and Saginaw). CTF can link to your newsletter if it is on your website (which may increase traffic to your site); or if you wish to send it electronically to CTF, it can be uploaded directly to the CTF web server.

If you produce a newsletter, are a current CTF grantee, and would like it referenced on CTF's website, please contact Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov. Once a newsletter is on the CTF site, it can be updated with a new edition when available. The typical newsletter is produced quarterly.



“All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.”

--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Availability of Federal Funding Announced

The federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has announced the following FY2009 solicitations. For more information about current solicitations, visit <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingList.asp>.

Family Drug Court Training and Technical Assistance

This solicitation supports training and technical assistance that helps states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments build the capacity to develop, maintain, and enhance drug courts for substance-abusing adults who are involved with the family court due to child abuse and/or neglect issues. Applicants must register with grants.gov prior to applying. The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, **February 24, 2009**.

National Mentoring Programs

This solicitation invites eligible applicants to propose the enhancement or expansion of initiatives that will assist in the development and maturity of community programs to provide mentoring services to high-risk populations that are underserved due to location, shortage of mentors, special physical or mental challenges of the targeted population, or other analogous situations identified by the community in need of mentoring services. The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, **February 25, 2009**.



Children's Trust Fund

Protecting Michigan's Children

Best Wishes to Richard Bearup

On December 31, 2008, **Richard Bearup** concluded three years of service as Executive Director of CTF. During his tenure, CTF made significant marketing and fund development strides, including creation of the CTF website, a new CTF logo and specialty license plate, a 25th anniversary fundraiser in Oakland County, and increased net revenue from the CTF Signature Event. Program accomplishments included the start of a groundbreaking partnership with Michigan State University, formation of a local council work group, movement of ten eligible tier I councils to tier II status, and the hiring of three new full-time staff members. CTF thanks Rich for his years of dedicated service. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 19, 2009

The CTF office will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2009, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



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Staff Changes

CTF wishes to thank **Nicole Marble** (contractor) and **Michele Raska** (intern) for their work with CTF. Both Nicole and Michele worked on the 2008 Signature Event and helped to make it a success. They concluded their work with CTF in December 2008. CTF welcomes **April St. Amant**, a new intern, to the CTF team. April's primary duty will be working with the Citizen Review Panel for Prevention. CTF also welcomes back **Patricia Headley**, who is returning to CTF after a hiatus working on the Poverty Summit.

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