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Prevention Awareness Day – March 24th

CTF grantees, program participants, and community partners are invited to attend Prevention Awareness Day at the State Capitol. The day will serve as the kick-off for Child Abuse Prevention Month and the “Pinwheels for Prevention” Prevent Child Abuse America campaign launch. Prevention Awareness Day will also provide an opportunity for early childhood and prevention programs from across Michigan to meet legislators and their staff to educate them about the value of prevention. (Attendees are responsible for setting up appointments.)

The agenda for March 24 is as follows:

9:00 – 10:00 **Registration** – Capitol Room 424

10:00 – 10:05 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Capitol Steps or Rotunda*
Paul Shaheen, Executive Director, Children’s Trust Fund

10:05 – 11:00 **Pinwheels for Prevention Rally** – Capitol Steps or Rotunda*/Downtown Lansing

Speakers:

Rep. John Espinoza

Hon. Lisa Sullivan, Chair, Children’s Charter Board of Directors

Nancy Moody, Chair, Children’s Trust Fund Board of Directors

Sen. Bill Hardiman

Sen. Martha Scott

Hon. Virg Bernero, Mayor of Lansing

Music Presented By: Averill Elementary School 5th Grade Choir

11:00 – 2:00 **Legislative Office Visits**

Appointments made in advance by local programs and councils

11:45 – 1:00 **Informal Lunch with Legislators and Staff** – Capitol Room 424

*Event will take place on the Capitol Steps, barring inclement weather.

The event is being sponsored by the Children’s Trust Fund and Children’s Charter of the Courts of Michigan (Prevent Child Abuse Michigan co-chapters). Special thanks to Mayor Virg Bernero and the City of Lansing for partnering on this event.

Please contact Deborah Jensen at Children’s Charter at (517) 482-7533 to register for the event. Thank you! When you register you may order lunch (es) at \$10.00 each.

CAP Month Toolkits & Pinwheels

CTF local councils will be receiving four boxes of pinwheels and a CAP Month Toolkit soon! They will be coming in two shipments and one may come on a separate day. The toolkit includes ideas for CAP Month, a new CTF PSA, brochures, and CAP Month posters as well as PCA Pinwheels for Prevention materials.



Courtesy of PCA America.

April 1st – Plant a Pinwheel Garden!

All grantees are encouraged to participate in the April 1st Pinwheel event, which was established as a statewide event by local council representatives on the CAP Month Work Group. Councils around the state will be partnering with schools, courthouses, and other local prevention organizations. Please use materials in your CAP Month toolkit or contact CTF for more details and planning ideas! Also, if you plan to hold a Pinwheel event on April 1, please contact Emily Wachsberger. This is a wonderful media and publicity opportunity, and it is a great way to show statewide solidarity for child abuse prevention!

Share Your CAP Month Activities

If you would like your organization's CAP Month activities posted on the CTF website, please email dates and details of each activity to Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov. Activities will be posted under the "Calendar" section of the website and at www.michigan.gov/ctfcapmonth.

Website Improvements

Child Abuse Prevention Month: The Child Abuse Prevention Month page at www.michigan.gov/ctfcapmonth will include resources for councils and information on statewide CAP Month activities. Councils are encouraged to submit information on their activities to Alan Stokes by March 12.

Map of CTF Funded Programs: Each county page will include a direct link to KIDS COUNT data for that county, the Michigan Children's Protective Services contact, census data, and a map of the county. Over half of the pages have currently been upgraded, and all should be finished by the end of March. Use your county's page for a one-stop reference!

DS RFP & TA Session

The CTF direct service Request for Proposal (RFP) will be posted to the CTF website the week of March 2, 2009, for services to begin October 1, 2009. A technical assistance session will be held on March 9, 2009 from 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm at the OPD Center in Lansing, located at 7109 W. Saginaw. Participants must register for this session via EGrAMS. CTF is still needing at least 30 review raters for the May 4 review (information is attached to this newsletter). Please contact Sylvia Brown Jones with any questions.

Parent Leadership Opportunity

CTF will provide reimbursements for up to 25 parent leaders to attend the Prevention Awareness Day training (on March 5) and/or Prevention Awareness Day at the State Capitol (on March 24). Reimbursements will cover mileage, child care costs (up to \$50), and an hourly honorarium. This opportunity is available to parents involved directly with CTF direct services, local councils, and Circle of Parents programs. To allow for statewide participation, up to three parents per site will be reimbursed (more reimbursements may be available, depending on demand). Interested parents must submit a registration form (attached to this News Briefs email) by March 20. This reimbursement is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Sylvia Brown Jones with any questions.

March is Parenting Awareness Month

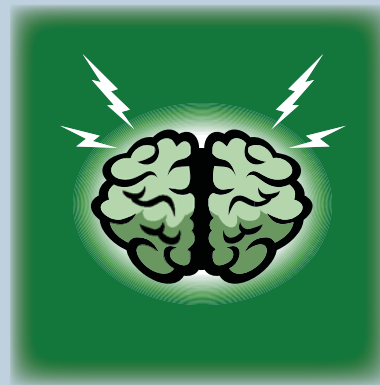
March is celebrated as Parenting Awareness Month in Michigan. Parenting Awareness Michigan (PAM) provides a variety of educational materials and resources to share with parents and caregivers during March and throughout the year. PAM also posts local parenting awareness activities on their website. To order materials and learn more visit www.preventionnetwork.org.

Channing Bete Spring Group Order Going on Now

The Channing Bete Spring Group Order program through Prevent Child Abuse America is underway. If you would like to take advantage of this limited opportunity for special pricing, you can do so until April 30, 2009. Please contact Alan Stokes at CTF with any questions or for additional information.

For information on specific products please visit the Channing Bete website at <http://pcaamerica.channing-bete.com/>. You may also contact Jasmin Tomic, Senior Account Manager at Channing Bete, if you want specific samples of any products. Jasmin can be reached at (888) 834-6633 ext. 7.

Brain Injury Awareness Month



March has been designated nationwide as Brain Injury Awareness Month, a critical time when the Brain Injury Association of America (www.biausa.org) and its partners strive to build public awareness. Shaken Baby Syndrome is a brain injury

caused by child abuse. Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention materials are available from the Children's Trust Fund office or through its website at www.michigan.gov/ctf.

Local Council Information

Upcoming Local Council Trainings

CTF will hold multiple trainings with a focus on project management, logic models, and the FY2010 renewal application. The trainings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CTF will also hold a teleconference (covering renewal applications only) on April 17. Space is limited! Please RSVP with Emily Wachsberger to reserve your space.

March 18, 2009

Gaylord OPD Training Center
Alpine Center complex
800 Livingston Blvd.
Gaylord, MI 49735

March 20, 2009

Kalamazoo OPD Training Center
322 Stockbridge Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

March 25, 2009

Lansing OPD Training Center
7109 W. Saginaw
Lansing, MI 48917

March 31, 2009

Escanaba OPD Training Center
2717 North Lincoln Rd.
Escanaba, MI 49829

April 17, 2009

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
TA Session for FY2010 Renewal Application
Using CTF Conference Line
(877) 336-1828 and access code 8088351

Upcoming Local Council Work Group Meetings

The Local Council Work Group meetings have been set for 2009. Please note that the meetings will continue to occur the first Thursday of each month, except for the June and July meetings.

- April 2nd @ 10am
- May 7th @ 10am
- June 3rd @ 2pm (a Wednesday afternoon)
- July - No meeting
- August 6th @ 10am
- September 3rd @ 10am
- October 1st @ 10am
- November 5th @ 10am
- December 3rd @ 10am

Local Council Application Renewals

The application renewal process for local councils is scheduled to go live in EGrAMS sometime in April pending any unforeseen delays. Councils will be notified once EGrAMS is live. The deadline for grant renewals will also be announced at that time.

TA Session for Local Councils: What's My Council's Role in Direct Service Grants?

CTF will hold a TA session for local councils on Wednesday, March 11, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to discuss local council roles and responsibilities in marketing and endorsing direct service grants. The conference call number for this session is (877) 336-1828 and access code 8088351. Please contact Emily Wachsberger for additional information.

Upcoming Events

March 19: The Child Abuse Council of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties presents “Discipline that Builds Self-Discipline: A Love and Logic Seminar for Parents and Professionals Who Work with Difficult Children.” The featured speaker is Betsy Geddes, Ed.D. The seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Petoskey, with lunch served on site. Continuing Education has been approved for Nursing and Social Work. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Roach at eroach8555@msn.com or (231) 347-4658.

March 30-April 4: The 17th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme is Focusing on the Future: Strengthening Families and Communities. The theme reflects the resolve of the federal Children’s Bureaus to ensure that every child enjoys a healthy family life in a nurturing community. It emphasizes the need for prevention and comprehensive services to address co-occurring disorders and highlights evidence-based approaches to improving practice and systems. For more information and registration materials, visit www.pal-tech.com/cbconference/.

April 1-2: The State Court Administrative Office, Family Services Division-Child Welfare Services and the Governor’s Task Force on Children’s Justice will sponsor a conference entitled “Addressing Invisible Injuries: Child Neglect, Exploitation, and Emotional Abuse.” CTF plans to have a table at this event to promote its services. See page 8 for more information.

April 13-14: Special child abuse training on the “Forensic Interviewing of Children.” See page 8 for details.

April 24: The Upper Peninsula Children’s Coalition is pleased to present the Annual Children’s Coalition Conference with special guest speaker Robert Anda, MD, MS. Dr. Anda is the Co-Principal Investigator and Co-Founder of the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Study and will present on “The Health and Social Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences Throughout the Lifespan.” The conference will take place at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Registration materials will be available in March 2009. For more information, contact cookieaho@sbcglobal.net or polson@glcyd.org.

May 27-29: The National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit will be held at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. The summit will explore the current state of evaluation practice in the field of child welfare and to promote cohesive, strategic, and sound approaches for evaluating child welfare systems, programs, and projects. Target participants include Children’s Bureau discretionary grant evaluators, State and Tribal child welfare administrators and analysts, evaluation experts in child welfare, evaluation experts in other human service fields, and interested child welfare professionals. For more information, email evaluationsummit@pal-tech.com.

K-12 Appropriations Committee

Monica Marchell of Muskegon Healthy Families, 0-3 Secondary Prevention Program and Melissa Freel of Healthy Start/Healthy Families Oakland presented information to the K-12 Appropriations Committee on March 4 related to the value of their programs. Their input into this process of program evaluation is appreciated.

Zero to Three Secondary Prevention Update - Governor's Proposed 2010 Budget Cuts

Governor Granholm's FY2010 budget released February 12 proposes to eliminate all funding for the Zero to Three Secondary Prevention Initiative. The initiative is funded through Department of Human Services, PA 248 of 2008, Sec. 517, \$4,000,000; Department of Education, PA 268 of 2006, Sec. 32(c), \$2,125,000; Department of Community Health, PA 249 of 2008, Sec. 113, \$524,000; with total appropriations of \$6,649,000. The budget also proposes to eliminate funding for the Nurse-Family Partnership Initiative (\$2,022,079) which operates child abuse and neglect programs in Benton Harbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Pontiac.

From October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007, there were 29,638 substantiated victims of child abuse and neglect in Michigan. This reflects a 4.63% increase in all confirmed cases of child maltreatment over FY2006 rates and a 14% increase since FY2000.

Young children are the most vulnerable. Of the confirmed cases of child maltreatment, 12,926 (44%) involved children under four years old and 6,064 (20.46%) involved children less than one year old. Nationally, 77% of all child fatalities due to maltreatment involve children age birth through three years old.

From October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008, each quarter, 2,886 families, 3,320 children and 283 expectant mothers received Zero to Three Secondary Prevention services. Please note that:

- 99.41% of the children receiving services did not have CPS involvement;
- 99.86% of the children that completed services did not have CPS involvement;
- The estimated savings was \$49,635,036 with a return on investment of 516%.

On February 24 and 25, Fight Crime Invest in Kids, Michigan's Children, the Nurse-Family Partnership and the Children's Trust Fund held 32 meeting with legislators and staff from the Governor's office to review the impacts of elimination of these researched and evidenced-based programs that are proven effective.

In response to questions from legislators about the impact of the cuts, the following seemed appropriate:

The elimination of Zero to Three would:

- Force the closing of all Zero to Three programs.
- Result in 8,056 at-risk families and children being without prevention and community support services.
- Result in 316 workers losing their jobs.
- Likely result in an increase in the Department of Human Services CPS caseloads.
- Likely result in increased child abuse and neglect substantiations.
- Likely result in an increase in foster care and other out-of-home placements.
- Result in the elimination of tens of millions of tax dollar savings from preventing families entering the child welfare system.

Obviously, this action would have serious implications for vulnerable Michigan citizens, many of whom are not eligible for services through other human service agencies and their communities.

Remember that Prevention Awareness Day is March 24 at the State Capitol. Be a participant. A record turnout is expected! It is your opportunity to discuss your program and its community impact.

To learn more about the proposed cuts, Dr. Richard Cole of MSU has written an article that was sent to CTF grantees in a previous email and the Budget Basics information is on the Michigan's Children website at www.michiganschildren.org/images/stories/BudgetBasics/governor%5C%27s_budget_2_24_2.revised.pdf

News on the Ethical Treatment of Children from MSU-APRR Children's Central

Michigan State University's Department of Advertising, Public Relations and Retailing (APRR) announces \$16,000 "Innovation Award" Fund

Department Chair, Richard Cole, announced on February 5, 2009, that the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan is supporting eight \$2,000 "Innovation Awards" to stimulate research and external grants on MSU's campus regarding the prevention of child abuse and neglect and the "ethical treatment of children." These awards are managed by the Children's Central research, outreach and education collaborative within the department of APRR as part of its agreement with CTF. College of Communication, Arts and Sciences Interim Dean Bradley Greenberg is chairing the awards selection panel. The winning papers and their authors will be recognized at a special session of the inaugural conference in November 2009 in East Lansing: "Consumer Culture and the Ethical Treatment of Children: Theory, Research and Fair Practice."

One in Three Children's Toys Has Significant Levels of Chemicals

The Ann Arbor-based Ecology Center released the 2nd annual consumer guide to toxic chemicals in toys at www.HealthyToys.org. Researchers tested more than 1,500 new, popular children's toys for lead, arsenic, mercury and other harmful chemicals. The Ecology Center determined that one-third of the toys they tested had "high" or "medium" levels of chemicals of concern this year. More information is available at www.healthytoys.org/press.releases.php.

How One Local Child Abuse Agency in Ohio is Generating Buzz during Child Abuse Prevention Month

From Toledo Free Press. "Lucas County Children Services, the governmental agency responsible for protecting children from abuse and neglect, is sponsoring an essay contest open to all children in grades 7 and 8 in Lucas County. 'Every Child Has a Right to be Safe' is in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month, recognized nationwide each April. The contest winner and runner-up will have the opportunity to read their essays aloud during the county's annual Child Memorial, scheduled for April 24 in downtown Toledo. The winner and runner-up will also receive \$50 and \$25 gift certificates." More information is available at www.toledofreepress.com/2009/02/04/lucas-county-children-services-sponsors-essay-contest/.

A Newspaper that Gets It: Advertising's Effects on Kids

From The Toronto Star, 2/16/09. "Shopping has become the most preferred activity of North Americans. Impulse shopping, Internet shopping, shopping to amuse oneself, shopping as a form of therapy—these have become the core values of a post-modernist culture. Even children are not immune from this consumption mania. 'Children are especially vulnerable,' laments Stuart Laidlaw, writer for the Toronto Star. One of the most distressing aspects is how marketers and advertisers have discovered that colonizing the imagination of the child is the most effective way of securing a life-long consumer." More information is available at www.thestar.com/comment/article/548703.

Is Sibling or Peer Bullying Child Abuse?

From Suite101.com, 01/12/09. "Victims of bullies may never understand the reasons for the tormenting behavior. Indeed bullying behavior often seems inexplicable, which may be why bullies get away with their poor behavior. Victims of bullies can carry the painful scars of the verbal, emotional and physical abuse for years, and maybe even a lifetime. A study has shown that girls are two and a half times more likely to remain victims of bullies than boys." More information is available at http://child-abuse.suite101.com/article.cfm/girls_more_likely_to_remain_victims_of_bullies.

Study Examines Relationship Between Breastfeeding and Child Abuse and Neglect

From Babygooroo.com, 01/31/09. "A team of researchers led by Dr. Lane Strathearn monitored the records of 7,223 Australian mother-infant pairs over 15 years. Based on earlier studies that showed some patterns of early parent-child interaction increase the risk of child neglect and abuse (e.g., few expressions of positive affection, less child-focused communication, more controlling, interfering or hostile interactions), the researchers looked at the possible effect of breastfeeding. After all, breastfeeding promotes maternal-child contact, stimulates the release of oxytocin (the 'feel good' or 'love' hormone), and may enhance maternal responsiveness while minimizing stress." More information is available at www.babygooroo.com/index.php/2009/01/31/.

Special Child Abuse Trainings

State Court Administrative Office: 5th Annual Child Welfare Issues Conference

On **April 1-2, 2009**, the State Court Administrative Office, Family Services Division-Child Welfare Services and the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice will sponsor a conference entitled "Addressing Invisible Injuries: Child Neglect, Exploitation, and Emotional Abuse." This free statewide conference will address "invisible injuries" of neglect, emotional abuse, and exploitation for children and families in the child welfare system. The conference will be held at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing. For more information please contact Deborah Jensen, Children's Charter, at (517) 482-7533, deborahjensen@childcrt.org or visit www.childcrt.org.

Special Child Welfare Training: Forensic Interviewing of Children April 13-14

This regional, cross-professional Specialized Child Abuse Training seminar will cover the topic of Forensic Interviewing of Children. This training will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, **April 13**, and will conclude on Tuesday, April 14, at 4:00 p.m. The training will be held at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office at 1200 North Telegraph Road, Building 38 East, Pontiac, MI 48341.

This seminar is designed for prosecuting attorneys, assistant prosecuting attorneys, DHS workers, victim's advocates, and police officers who are involved with child abuse investigations or prosecution. The training is designed to increase understanding of the primary features of forensic interviewing and provide information to enhance interviewing skills.

Please visit www.micats.org for registration information or contact Jennifer Doerr at doerrj@michigan.gov with any questions.



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March 5, 2009

To: Partners in Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
 From: Sylvia Brown Jones, Children's Trust Fund
 Re: Volunteer Reviewers Requested for the *CTF Direct Services Request For Proposals (RFP)*

The Children's Trust Fund is recruiting grant reviewers to evaluate upcoming direct service proposals for FY2010–FY2012 funding. We are seeking at least 30 review volunteers. Reviewers will be assigned 3-4 applications each, depending upon the number of proposals received. The intent of this funding is to expand primary and secondary prevention services and/or fund new services throughout Michigan.

Review and evaluation materials will be passed out on April 2, 2009, at the Pre-rating Reviewer Instructions session to be held at the Lansing OPD Training Center, 7109 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917. An in-person group review will be held on May 4, 2009 from 9:00am to 4:00pm (although the group scoring usually does not require the full day). This review will take place at the Lansing Community College West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Dr., Lansing, MI 48917. A complimentary Deluxe Deli Buffet Lunch will be served and mileage will be reimbursed at the standard state rate (\$0.0399/mile). **In order to participate in the review, you must be able to attend both sessions.**

The Children's Trust Fund uses the Electronic Grants Administration and Management system (EGrAMS) for the RFP application and review process. As a reviewer, you will be required to register and review your assigned applications online in EGrAMS at <http://egramms-mi.com/ctf>. The deadline for the bidders to submit their application is April 8, 2009 by 3:00 pm. Reviewers will be able to access their assigned applications by April 9th. *Please be sure to review and score the RFP before May 4th and bring all of the review materials with you.*

If interested, please complete the Rater Response Section below. **Completed forms should be faxed or mailed to the Children's Trust Fund, Attn: Sylvia Brown Jones, Michigan Department of Human Services, Children's Trust Fund, Grand Tower Suite 1411, PO Box 3007, Lansing, MI 48909-7537, (fax) 517-241-7038.** To avoid conflict of interest, please do not agree to review if you are involved with a grant proposal. For questions or further information, please contact me at 517-241-7792 or brown-jones@michigan.gov.

Thank you.

Rater Response Section Must be Completed		
What is Your Current Profession?		
Are You Familiar with EGrAMS?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have You Previously performed a CTF RFP Rating?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you familiar with CBCAP evaluations (Evidence Based/Evidence Informed)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> I will review the direct service proposals, and I can attend the April 2 nd & May 4 th sessions.		
No <input type="checkbox"/> I am not available to review at this time, but would like to be contacted for future grant reviews.		
No <input type="checkbox"/> I am not available to review, please delete me from your mailing list.		
Name:		
Organization (If applicable):		
Address:		
Phone: ()		
E-mail:		
Special Dietary or Accommodation Requests:		

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER ON THE EGrAMS SYSTEM

1. Go to the website at <http://egramsmi.com/ctf>
2. If you have not established an eGRAMS Login and Password please continue to step #3.

If you have already established an eGRAMS Login and Password please continue to step #4

3. Create your eGRAMS Login
 - a. On the left of the screen, click on “Create User Profile”
 - b. Complete the information requested. ****Note: Red dot fields are required fields.****
 - c. Click ‘OK’
 - d. Once activated, proceed to step #4.
4. At the CTF EGrAMS Application home page, click on “Register as a Review Volunteer” (located on the left of the screen)
5. On the “Review Volunteer Registration” page please do the following:
 - a. Click on “Register” (located in the upper left of the screen)
 - b. Complete the information on the form
 - c. Click “OK”, located at the bottom right of the screen

Once you have completed this process, the CTF Administrator will assign all reviewers to a team and assign all applications to a team of reviewers. You will then be notified, by email, of those applications you will be reviewing. Instructions on reviewing the applications on-line will be included in the reviewer packet that will be passed out on April 2nd.

Please contact Sylvia Brown Jones at 517-241-7792 if you have any questions with the on-line process. Thank you.