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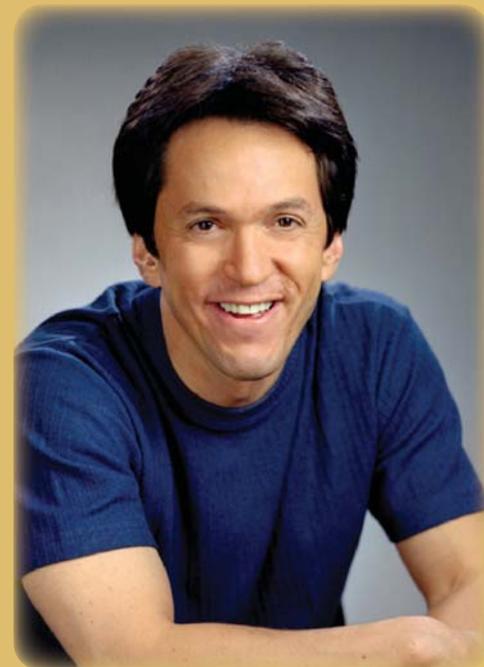
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Imagine A Summer Eve with Mitch Albom to Prevent Child Abuse June 12, 2009



Please purchase your tickets this week to the Children's Trust Fund's Spring Event on Friday, June 12, at the home of Paul Hodges in Orchard Lake Village. The event, hosted by Paul Hodges and Ron and Heather Boji, will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a brief program at 7:30 p.m. The evening will include an opportunity to meet and listen to our guest speaker, Mitch Albom, a renowned sports announcer and author of *Tuesdays with Morrie*. This presentation is in addition to seeing Mr. Hodges' very lovely home, while visiting with friends and state officials, and enjoying live and local jazz music and an exquisite hors d'oeuvres wine reception. This is truly a spectacular event – one not to be missed!

You can purchase tickets online at www.michigan.gov/ctf/springfundraisingevent or by visiting our website at www.michigan.gov/ctf and clicking on the Spring Event. You can also purchase your ticket at the event. Ticket price is \$150 for benefactors and \$100 for patrons. Sponsorship opportunities are available starting at \$500. Information regarding sponsorship opportunities is available on our website or by calling Tricia Headley, Event/Fund Development Coordinator, at 517-241-7226.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, June 12, for this very special evening!

What Would You Call the CTF News Briefs?

CTF is holding a contest to rename its monthly newsletter (AKA News Briefs). Please submit ideas in writing to Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov by July 31. If your name is selected you will receive a \$150 gift certificate for items from the CTF Kids Store as well as recognition for the idea.

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Local Council Programs

Application Renewals

- If applicable, please complete and submit your application renewal as soon as possible. The acceptance date was extended until June 30 at 3:00 p.m. However, if a council waits until then, we cannot guarantee that the initial payment will be sent out at the beginning of October. Emily is currently reviewing the applications. She will be sending notes to everyone about the results of the review. If corrections are needed, please complete and resubmit the application in a timely manner. A common reoccurring concern in the renewals is the satisfactory completion of the work plan. Please note that the logic model is the basis of the work plan. Outcomes in the FRIENDS logic model translate to Objectives in EGrAMS. Indicators in the logic model translate to Expected Outcomes in EGrAMS. The exercise of creating a logic model was done to enhance the process of creating a work plan and to develop stronger outcomes. Emily is available for TA as needed.

- If applicable, if you owe second quarter reports (including corrections), please complete and submit as soon as possible. Thank you.

Emily Schuster-Wachsberger
Local Council Coordinator

Upcoming Local Council Work Group Meetings

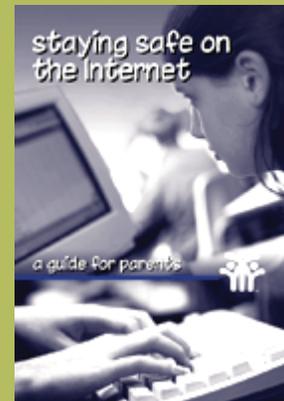
Please note that the meetings will continue to occur the first Thursday of each month, except there is no July meeting.

July - No meeting
August 6 @ 10:00 a.m.
September 3 @ 10:00 a.m.
October 1 @ 10:00 a.m.
November 5 @ 10:00 a.m.
December 3 @ 10:00 a.m.



Ross Park Girl Scout Troop #20445 helped the Child Abuse Council of Muskegon County with their "Blue Ribbon Tree" campaign in April.

Internet Safety



Channing-Bete offers the book "Staying Safe on the Internet: A Guide for Parents." This publication helps parents prevent online abuse in ways that do not interfere with their children being able to use the Internet safely for healthy fun. To order or request a sample, call 1-800-835-2671. Or visit <http://pcaamerica.channing-bete.com/samples/?src=em>

Direct Service Programs

*Your commitment to Michigan's communities
does not go unnoticed.
Thank you!
Sylvia Brown Jones
Direct Services Grant Coordinator*

CTF direct service grantees continue to provide invaluable prevention services to families under the most challenging of times in Michigan. We must all find innovative ways to work with our community partners toward shared leadership and resources.

Sixteen of the 30 current direct services grants will be completing their three-year funding cycle on September 30, 2009. CTF will have approximately \$300,000 to support new, enhanced, or expanded FY 2010 – FY 2012 prevention services. The CTF Direct Services RFP process involved six volunteer rating teams that reviewed 32 applications between May 4 and May 6. Each rating team reviewed at least five applications, and one team reviewed seven applications. Each team had a chairperson from the Department of Human Services Division of Contracts and Rate Setting (DCRS). The 32 applications were rated and ranked. I will present this information to the CTF Board Program Committee for review and recommendations on June 11, 2009. The Program Committee will then present their recommendations to the full CTF Board on June 22, 2009. Notification will go out on June 23, 2009. There is a 10 business-day appeal time after notice is sent out. DHS/CTF reserves the right to assign scoring and evaluation factors in its final award recommendations based on the following special needs of community/family/child: to address geographic dispersion and to provide prevention services to special populations, hard-to-reach populations, or populations of greatest needs.

Important Dates to Remember:

April 20 – 2nd Qtr EGrAMS Progress Reports were due. For those grantees with outstanding reports, please contact me.

June 30 – Amendment requests due for any changes to your direct services grants.



Meeting identified community needs through these direct service grant agreements, as identified through local council prevention plans. Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Involvement.



Zero to Three Program

*Paul N. Shaheen
Interim Executive Director*



In the midst of the state's worst financial crisis in decades, the Zero to Three program, in the recently passed Executive Order, was cut by \$1 million and existing contracts were scheduled to be terminated on July 1, 2009.

CTF, working with the administration, was able to avoid that shutdown, at least through the end of September 2009. A 16% cut to the original grant amount was worked out by Jeff Sadler and DHS, and the contracts have been amended as of this writing. Grantees have 30 days to accept the changes. Jeff is holding a mandatory conference call on Monday, June 8, to field questions.

The governor's 2010 proposed budget does not contain revenues for this program. While initial work in the House and Senate appropriations committees have restored the program cuts, given the further reductions in state revenues it is highly questionable that the state will have adequate funding to pay for the proposed budget restorations. The future of the program, like numerous others funded by the state, is in serious question.

Efforts are underway to determine if the federal budget, which contains funding for home visitation programs, will be a source for the continuation of the Zero to Three program as well as other early childhood programs.



Research and Resources

Importance of Fathers

Father's Day is June 21, 2009. Growing research shows the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. CTF encourages fatherhood involvement through the Circle of Parents Responsible Fatherhood Initiative.

Jeffrey Rosenberg and W. Bradford Wilcox wrote *The Importance of Fathers in the Healthy Development of Children*. This is part of the Child Abuse and Neglect User Manual series published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is an excellent resource with practical ways to strengthen fathers in Michigan communities. The entire publication is available online at no charge at the federal HHS website:
<http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/fatherhood/fatherhood.pdf>.

A book by the National Fatherhood Initiative called *The Father Factor: How Father Absence Affects Our Youth*, also discusses the importance of fathers. The resource concludes, "The presence of a responsible father prevents child abuse and neglect: Research results show that the presence of a father in the home lowers the likelihood that a child will be physically and/or emotionally abused and neglected. Other results show that compared to living with both parents, living in a single parent home doubles the risk that a child will suffer physical, emotional or educational neglect."

For more information on the importance of fathers, consult the National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse at
<http://www.fatherhood.gov/faq/importance.cfm>.

The National Fatherhood Initiative recently conducted a study on the annual public costs of absent fathers and published it in a study called *The One Hundred Billion Dollar Man*. The results of this study are available online at
http://www.fatherhood.org/downloadable_files/FatherAbsenceCost.pdf.

Research Webinar on June 26

There will be an engaging, interactive webinar on "Prevention: A Dialogue About Research and Practice." The webinar date is Friday, June 26 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. EST.

Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/399040218>. Please join the webinar 5-10 minutes early to address any technical difficulties you might be experiencing. Please allot 90 minutes for the webinar.

The QIC-EC, established by the Children's Bureau, is dedicated to increasing understanding and knowledge about preventing maltreatment of very young children and converting that knowledge to practice.

Presenters will include Brenda Jones Harden, Richard Puddy, Sandra Alexander, and Deborah Daro. They will discuss the state of research in preventing child abuse and neglect and the key information that surfaced in the literature review. You will have the opportunity to share your knowledge, experiences, and questions related to this issue.



*A father carries pictures where his money used to be.
~Author Unknown*

Dates

June 11: The Program Committee of the Children's Trust Fund will meet at 2:00 p.m. on June 11 at the CTF office. The public is welcome to attend. For more information on attending, contact the CTF office at 517-373-4320.

June 12: The CTF Spring Fundraiser with Mitch Albom will be held at the home of Paul Hodges in Oakland County on June 12 at 6:00 p.m. (see information on page 1).

June 13: The Alpena/Presque Isle CA/N team is holding its first annual Hospice of Michigan – Exchange Club – CA/N Team Golf Outing Fundraiser on June 13 at the River's Edge Golf Course on Werth Road near Alpena. The event will feature a four-person scramble, 18 holes of golf with cart, and lunch. Cost is \$75 per person (\$300 per team) with registrations limited to 34 teams. River's Edge Golf Club members can register for \$60 per person.

The event will feature door prizes and prizes for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. There will also be 50-50's, a Skins Game and a Hole-In-One Contest to win a new car! Mark the date on your calendar, get a foursome together, and come out to have some fun. All CA/N Team proceeds will be used to fund child abuse prevention efforts in Alpena and Presque Isle counties.

June 13: The Women of Bloomfield will hold their annual juried "Arts and Crafts Show" on Saturday, June 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Birmingham Masonic Temple, 37537 Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Proceeds support CARE House services (CTF's Oakland County Local Council).

June 19: The Children's Advocacy Center of Saginaw County (Saginaw CAN Council) will hold its 11th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 19, at the Swan Valley Golf Club. For more information please contact Bonnie Skornia at (989) 752-7226.

June 22: The Children's Trust Fund Board will meet on June 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the DTE Energy Office, 101 S. Washington Square, Ste. 700, Lansing, MI. The public is welcome to attend. For more information on attending, contact the CTF office at 517-373-4320.

June 26: In honor of the 100th Anniversary of Father's Day, United Methodist Community House of Grand Rapids is hosting a *Dad's Legal Clinic* on June 26 at 6:00 p.m. (pizza begins at 5:30 p.m.) at 904 Sheldon SE, Grand Rapids, MI. Child care is provided. The clinic will provide free legal advice from experts on the topics of child custody, child support, parenting time and paternity establishment.

June 29: The Exchange Club of Troy, a service club that works to prevent child abuse and neglect, is holding its annual "Charity Golf Outing" on Monday, June 29, at the Devil's Ridge Golf Club in Oxford. For event tickets or sponsorship information, contact Tim Wolber (timothy.wolber@communitycentralbank.com) or call 248-321-4062.

August 14: The 11th Annual Giving Hope Golf Scramble to benefit Child & Family Services (CTF's Ingham County Local Council) and their various programs is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 14, at Walnut Hills Country Club. Teams of four, individual players, sponsors, and volunteers are being sought. For more information call 517-882-4000.

September 14: The Children's Trust Fund Board will meet on September 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the DTE Energy Office, 101 S. Washington Square, Ste. 700, Lansing, MI. The public is welcome to attend. For more information on attending, contact the CTF office at 517-373-4320.

September 30: The Children's Trust Fund's 7th Annual "Cherish the Children" Signature Event Auction will be held on the evening of September 30, 2009, at the Lansing Center. For more information visit the Signature Event page of the CTF website.

October 19-20: The University of Michigan Medical School will hold its 28th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect on October 19-20, 2009, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, MI.

November 12-13: CTF's Annual Training Conference will be held at the Kellogg Center on the campus of Michigan State University on November 12-13, 2009. All CTF grantees are required to attend on Nov. 12. More information to follow in the July News Briefs.

Please let Alan Stokes (stokesa@michigan.gov) know if you have key dates that you would like shared with others through the CTF News Briefs.

Children's Central

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

MSU department enlists 40 volunteer summer interns to support child abuse prevention and other non-profit causes

Forty undergraduate students in Michigan State University's Department of Advertising, Public Relations, and Retailing programs (APRR) have accepted volunteer internships working in CTF local affiliates and other non-profit agencies because of efforts stimulated by the department's relationship with the Children's Trust Fund (CTF). CTF and local councils across the state received 18 student interns. The MSU department and CTF jointly approached the Michigan Non-Profit Association (MNA), a statewide coalition of more than 1,100 Michigan-based non-profit organizations, and were able to place the remaining 22 students.

Catalog of fundraising opportunities in final edit before distribution to CTF local councils

The catalog of fundraising ideas, created by student projects in the Promotions and Sponsorships course at MSU, is in its final stages of editing. Thirty student projects have been condensed and summarized in this catalog. All proposals are adaptable to local councils. The catalog offers a variety of ideas ranging from golf outings to black-tie dinner auctions. Once councils have read the catalog of fundraising events, they can contact MSU (contact information is in the catalog) to receive the full student version of the proposal.

News anchor Katie Couric and CBS run weeklong series devoted to Children of the Recession

From CBS News: During the week of May 25, 2009, Katie Couric spearheaded a weeklong series on "Children of the Recession" featuring original reporting from multiple vantage points, including the Early Show and the Evening News. Segments cover foster care, the psychological impact of the recession on children, rising rates of child abuse and neglect, how to talk to kids about the economy, and homeless children. Prior to filming, Couric reached out to blogging mothers to seek input on angles to cover, personal anecdotes, and programs that are making a difference. To view or read all segments from the week visit <http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/business/childofrecession/main504103.shtml>.

Other Voices: Child abuse affects everyone

From TheUnion.com (4/18/09): A study sponsored by the PEW Charitable Trusts and conducted by Prevent Child Abuse America, found that our nation spends \$103.8 billion on child abuse and neglect. This breaks down to \$33 billion for the direct costs of hospitalization, mental health services for children and their families, operating the child welfare system, and costs for law enforcement related to reported child abuse. Another \$70.6 billion of indirect costs include: special education expenses, juvenile justice system costs, mental health care, adult criminal justice system costs, and an estimated loss of productivity. This is a staggering number. But there's good news. The Administration on Children, Youth, and Families reports that research points to five factors that protect families and children. These factors are:

- The development of a nurturing bond and early attachment between infant and caregiver — this is essential to healthy development of the child and the groundwork for all that follows.
- Knowledge of parenting and child development — this makes for realistic expectations of children, facilitates appropriate discipline, and makes it possible to recognize and apologize when a parent blows it.
- The resiliency of the parents — parents who are resilient tend to keep their cool in all types of challenges and circumstances.
- Social connections — are important for the health and wellbeing of families. Support, generational wisdom, and getting respite are made possible by one's social connections.
- Last, concrete support for parents — this basically translates to good jobs, adequate housing, and access to food and schools. Having one's basic needs met makes parenting easier.

What are the implications of these protective factors on developing prevention strategies? Solutions to prevent child maltreatment must make a nurturing connection with families as well as nurture and support the connection between parents and children. No longer is social services about fixing individual families or individuals. It is about fostering caring social connections. See <http://www.theunion.com/article/20090418/OPINION/904179973/1024/NONE> for more information.

Children's Central Website

Be sure to check out the website for Children's Central at <http://www.childrenscentral.msu.edu/>. It is packed with helpful resources and information on this program.

Team News

CTF Staff Member Chosen for Leadership Academy 2009



Emily Schuster-Wachsberger has been selected for the 2009 Leadership Academy. Emily was chosen out of a rigorous selection process due to her personal commitment to growth and development. The Academy assists in creating a pool of candidates to fill critical vacancies the Department of Human Services will be facing in the next few years. The two-year Academy will develop Emily's leadership competencies and prepare her to be a better leader. CTF congratulates Emily on her success and wishes her well in

this leadership development program.

“If you want to be successful, it’s just this simple.

Know what you are doing.

Love what you are doing.

And believe in what you are doing.”

--Will Rogers

Redesign of Front Banner

Special thanks to CTF Student Assistant Heather Reitsma for designing the new title banner for the front page of the News Briefs.



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State Furlough Day--June 19, 2009

The CTF Office will be closed on **Friday, June 19, 2009**, for the first of six furlough days scheduled for State of Michigan employees.

Executive Director Position Update

Applications received for the CTF Executive Director's position have been reviewed. Interviews will begin this week for selected candidates. Paul N. Shaheen continues to serve as Interim Executive Director for the Children's Trust Fund while the selection process continues.

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