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New Direct Service Grants

The Children's Trust Fund Board of Directors has approved six (6) direct services grant applications for funding beginning October 1, 2009. Before a definite award can be made, several processes within the Department of Human Services must be completed. Once awarded, these grants will be for a three-year grant cycle. The cycle will begin in fiscal year 2010, totaling \$278,432, with total of \$626,497 being awarded for the three-year cycle. These six new grants will join 15 current grants that are continuing in the new fiscal year, totaling \$788,821.00 in direct services funding for FY 2010.

Berrien County Health Department

Serving Berrien County
Website: <http://www.bchdmi.org/>
Total: \$100,000

Program: The Nurse Family Partnership Home Visitation Program will serve first-time pregnant women.

West Midland Family Center

Serving Midland County
Website: <http://www.wmfc.org/>
Total: \$60,000

Program: The Parents and Teens Together (PATT) program will enhance family strengths for parents and youth, and provide services that help parents cope with family stress.

Keweenaw Family Resource Center

Serving Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw Counties
Website: <http://www.kfrckids.org/>
Total: \$37,572

Program: The Parents as Teachers program will provide home and hospital visits, child development assessments, playgroups, and parenting materials to rural families and new parents.

Student Advocacy Center of Michigan

Serving Washtenaw County
Website:
<http://www.studentadvocacycenter.org/>
Total: \$36,000

Program: The Parents as Teachers program will provide expanded services to enable home-based family education and support programs to families with children ages birth to five.

Power, Inc.

Serving Washtenaw County
Website: <http://www.powerclf.org/>
Total: \$26,860

Program: Ex-offenders as well as spouses or significant others who are parenting/co-parenting minor children will participate in the "Parent's Night Out" parent education series as part of the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative.

Women's Resource Center

Serving Livingston County
Website: <http://www.wrc-livingston.org/>
Total: \$18,000

Program: The program will provide the Bavolek Nurturing Parenting Program to families with children from birth to 11 years.

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Local Council Programs

Three-Year Application Renewal

Emily is now in the process of reviewing submitted three-year application renewals. Once the reports are approved by CTF, they will then be sent to DHS for processing. Thanks to all the councils for their hard work in this process.

Emily Schuster-Wachsberger
Local Council Coordinator

Third Quarter Reporting

Third quarter Expense, Program Register, and Activity Reports are due on July 20. A reminder that the Program Register Report provides the “numbers” data to mirror what is reported in a narrative form in the Activity Report. Make sure that those two reports contain parallel and comparable information. Also, be sure to include all cash and in-kind donation dollar amounts on the Expense Report which contribute toward the 50% match requirement. Please note that all three reports must be submitted and approved prior to submitting any expenses to DHS.

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.

2009 Annual Training

CTF is excited to bring you details of the 2009 annual training! The training will be held on November 12 and 13 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. This year’s training will coincide with the innovative MSU conference “Consumer Culture and the Ethical Treatment of Children: Theory, Research and Practice.” This conference will present sessions on the latest research being conducted by acclaimed U.S. and international specialists and academics. Topics being considered include the effects of television violence on behavior and food advertising’s impact on childhood obesity. The CTF training will also feature workshops on fundraising, sustainability, protective factors, program models, evaluation, and more.

CTF encourages grantees to attend both days of training (at a minimum all CTF grantees are required to attend on November 12). The wide variety of speakers and workshops will provide excellent learning opportunities for program coordinators, staff, board members, and parents. CTF will cover registration and food costs for up to two attendees per direct service and local council grant. Information on a per day fee for additional attendees will be provided in the upcoming registration materials. In addition, CTF will cover a portion of mileage costs for grantees traveling from distances of over 200 miles one-way. If you have conflicts with the training date, please contact your grant monitor as soon as possible.

Online registration for the training will be available in late summer. However, we encourage you to make your room reservation at the Kellogg Center soon, as rooms available at the state rate are limited. To make reservations, call (800) 875-5090 and note that you are with the CTF training. Visit www.kelloggcenter.com for more information about the training site. If you have questions about the training, please contact your grant monitor. More details will follow in late summer!

Direct Service Programs

Ongoing thanks and appreciation for your commitment to Michigan's communities!
Sylvia Brown Jones, Direct Services Coordinator

New Direct Services Grants

Thank you to all of the community partners that submitted an application for a direct services grant from the Children's Trust Fund (CTF). As always, most of the proposals were exceptional, making the review and scoring done by our external raters very competitive. We regret that funds are not available to fund all of the prevention programs that requested support from CTF.

There is always an appeal process available for applicants who were not funded. If you decide on this course of action, please refer to the procedure enclosed in your denial letter, and submit your appeal within fourteen (14) days of the date on the letter.

We commend your commitment to the prevention of child abuse and neglect and encourage your continued efforts in supporting children and families. We also encourage you to consider CTF next year for your prevention program needs.

Please join CTF in congratulating the six agencies listed on page 1 that were selected for possible funding based on receiving the highest ratings from the review process.

There was a 98% completion rate on 2nd quarter Direct Service reports in EGrAMS. A special thank you to the administrators of the grants for your diligence.

Direct Service Success Stories

CTF will spotlight one of our grantee's success stories each month. For July, MSU Extension – Leelanau County Family Coordinating Council's Parenting Communities program has the spotlight.

Maggie Sprattmoran, the program's executive director, shares:

"Parenting Communities is founded on the bedrock of the Five Protective Factors:

- 1) social connections
- 2) concrete supports in times of need
- 3) knowledge of child development and parenting
- 4) parental resilience
- 5) social emotional competence of children

These factors help us work toward our vision of a day when all children live in stable, nurturing families, supported by strong and welcoming communities that provide comprehensive, supportive, universal services.

In the winter of 2009, representatives from physical health, behavioral health, K-12 education, law enforcement/juvenile justice, philanthropy, faith, environmental stewardship, business, child abuse and neglect prevention, parents, and human services gathered to discuss the impact of early childhood services on each of the sectors.

The global statement was that the successes in outcomes in our community—successes such as 66% reduction in out of home placements, 50% reduction in juvenile crime, 33% reduction in teen pregnancy—seem to be grounded in the amazing early childhood infrastructure in place. The final analysis is that our community depends on strong early childhood services and we must build a sustainable structure to support such endeavors."

Direct Service Program
Parenting Communities program,
MSU Extension-Leelanau County
Family Coordinating Council

Picture courtesy of Maggie Sprattmoran



Fund Development

CTF Spring Event – June 12, 2009

The Children's Trust Fund and our Board would like to thank our gracious hosts, Paul Hodges and Ron & Heather Boji, sponsors and guests for your generous contribution to our Spring Event on June 12, 2009. It is because of caring individuals like you, that the Children's Trust Fund continues to have the ability to do the very important work of child abuse prevention.

The Spring Event was a huge success, achieving net proceeds of \$24,000 for child abuse prevention programming, and hosting approximately 200 guests in the beautiful home of Paul Hodges in Orchard Lake. The stars were all aligned and the evening was perfect in every way, including the event program featuring guest speaker Mitch Albom.

As we stop to reflect on all that we are grateful for, we count among our blessings that the Children's Trust Fund is an organization that so many care about and so generously give their time and energy to. You truly make a difference in the life of a child!

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State Treasurer Robert Kleine
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Board Chair Nancy Moody
Guest Speaker Mitch Albom

Fund Development

Amp Up Awareness

The Children's Trust Fund was fortunate to have been selected as the benefactor of a Charity Concert on Wednesday, June 24, at Dublin Square in East Lansing. Through donations at the door and sales throughout the evening, the event netted approximately \$900 and was attended by 300 guests. The Charity Concert was the final project of a group of Michigan State University students in Mr. Bowman's Communications 399 class called "Promoting and Managing Popular Music Groups: The (Real) Business of Rock." The class teaches communication students how to plan an event, and then requires them to organize a charity concert as their final exam.

The Children's Trust Fund would like to extend a huge thank you to the MSU students for their time, energy, and thoughtfulness!

Funding Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Justice will award competitive grants of up to \$150,000 to Weed and Seed Communities to support efforts to fight crime, drugs and gangs. Application deadline is December 1. For more details, see the full funding announcement online at

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/funding/appl_kit.html.

CareSource Foundation out of Ohio has a grant opportunity for organizations "that will help significantly move the needle on issues around children's health." The eligible counties are: Alcona, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Benzie, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Genesee, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Ionia, Iosco, Kalamazoo, Kalkaska, Kent, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, St. Joseph, Van Buren. For more information visit their website at www.CareSourceFoundation.com.

Name 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.

Patricia Headley
Fund Development Coordinator

Signature Event September 30, 2009

Mark Your Calendars! This year's CTF Signature Event, i.e., Cherish the Children Auction, will be held on September 30, 2009, at the Lansing Center, located in downtown Lansing, beginning at 5:00 p.m. We are currently accepting auction items, soliciting donors (cash & in-kind), and recruiting volunteers. Tickets will be available in early August at \$100 for a fun-filled evening! Please visit our signature event website at www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature for additional information on this year's event.

CAP Month & Fundraising Work Groups

CTF is seeking volunteers for two work groups. One will help with Child Abuse Prevention Month planning and the other will address fundraising efforts and opportunities. Local council and direct service grantees are welcome to participate. Please contact Emily if you are interested in joining either group.

Best Practices Work Group

CTF is forming a Best Practices/Program Standards Work Group. The vision for this group is to help local councils and direct service grantees develop and evolve their evidence-based and evidence-informed practices and programs (EBP/EIP). The group will review and build upon the work of the Standards Work Group that was active in 2006. Other areas to explore will include peer review, outcomes, and measurement tools. Please notify either Emily or Sarah if you are interested in participating in this group.

Key Dates

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 11-12: "It Takes a Team: Healing the Broken Hearts of Children" will be held on September 11-12 at Grand Valley State University. Nancy Thomas of Families by Design will be the featured speaker. For more information contact the Adoptive Family Support Network at 616-458-7945 or send an email inquiry to registration@afsn.org.

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 on how to get involved, visit the Signature Event section of the CTF website at <http://www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature>.

October 8: Child's Hope and Neiman Marcus are pleased to announce the fifth annual "Hopes & Dreams - A Girls' Night Out" fall fashion show and dinner, a benefit for child abuse prevention programs in Wayne County. This year's event is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, at the Ford CEC in Dearborn. For more information on this event visit the Child's Hope website at <http://www.childshope.org/HopesandDreams.htm>.

October 16: The Washtenaw Area Council for Children will hold their annual fundraiser "Autumn Delights - A Chocolate and Wine Tasting" on Friday, October 16, at 6:00 p.m. at Lake Forest Golf Club in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information call the office at 734-434-4215 or visit their website at <http://www.washtenawchildren.org/events/index.htm>.

October 16: CARE House, the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council of Oakland County, will hold their signature event "Merry-Go-Round" on October 16, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Michigan. Tickets are \$150-\$250 per guest and include a black tie gala with an auction, dinner, and dancing. For more information visit their website at <http://www.carehouse.org/events.asp> or call 248-332-7173.

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 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. Please see page 2 for details.

December 14: The Children's Trust Fund Board will meet 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 call 517-373-4320.

May 17-19, 2010: The next Prevent Child Abuse America National Conference will be held May 17-19, 2010, in Jacksonville, Florida. For more information visit the PCA website at www.preventchildabuse.org/2010NC/.

CTF Office Closure Days

July 3 - Independence Day Holiday
July 6 - Staff Furlough
July 24 - Staff Furlough
August 7 - Staff Furlough
August 21 - Staff Furlough
September 4 - Staff Furlough
September 7 - Labor Day Holiday
November 11 - Veterans Day Holiday
November 26-27 - Thanksgiving Holiday

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

<http://www.childrenscentral.msu.edu>



Announcement of MSU-CTF partnership featured in the MSU College of Communication Arts & Sciences magazine *Communicator*: The partnership between MSU and CTF is featured in the upcoming issue of *Communicator* alumni magazine, which is distributed to 40,000 College of Communication Arts & Sciences alumni, donors, and faculty/staff. The article, written by Tom Oswald, details the unique research, education, and outreach relationship being developed between MSU and CTF. It also provides an overview of the work being done at MSU, including the work by 40 MSU students at CTF local councils and other nonprofit organizations across Michigan.

Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wrigglesworth talks child abuse prevention and health care reform

From *Lansing State Journal* (6/19/09): Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wrigglesworth says national health care reform and preventing child abuse are intertwined. "The ongoing effort to reform our nation's health care can help law enforcement keep our communities safe if we focus on improving care for at-risk kids. Preventing child abuse and neglect not only ensures that kids get a healthy start to life; it also helps keep our communities safe. Child abuse and neglect has a dramatic effect on a child's life; we also know that experiencing abuse or neglect during childhood increases the odds that a person will commit crimes in adulthood or abuse their own kids," said Wrigglesworth.

Sherriff Wrigglesworth cites programs such as home visits as "tools at our disposal that not only reduce child abuse, but also improve health outcomes for mothers and their kids." One study found that mothers who received visits from nurses were half as likely to abuse or neglect their children compared to similar families not in the program. Bottom line: "We face many major challenges in promoting a more affordable and effective health care system, but focusing on these strategies that also prevent crime will contain costs, save lives and make our communities safer in the future," said Wrigglesworth.

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20090619/OPINION02/906190310/1087/OPINION02>

How a law firm in the Miami area raised \$22,000 toward the prevention of child abuse

From *The Miami Herald* (6/20/09): A local law firm brought together law partners and other professionals for the annual Lawyers Strike Against Child Abuse Bowling Tournament. "The tournament is put on by the Family Resource Center (FRC) of South Florida as a fundraiser to help them in their mission to strengthen families and preventing child abuse and neglect." According to FRC, there were 240 bowlers in teams of four. Between the bowling, raffle tickets and silent auction, the FRC raised more than \$22,000. A local child abuse prevention program can do two things toget stated in making an event like this happen. First, find a local law firm willing to organize the local bar to take up the game, and then find a bowling alley.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/miami-dade/east-kendall/story/1106086.html>

Los Angeles County supervisors propose a data-sharing system to curb child abuse

From the *Los Angeles Times* (6/27/09): Los Angeles County supervisors are considering an inter-linked computer system that "would expand child abuse investigators' ability to access records showing a family's criminal, educational and medical histories, including critical clues about dangers faced by children." The proposal came just two weeks after the *Los Angeles Times* released an article on how communication breakdowns among various agencies played a key role in deaths investigated by California child welfare officials.

"The story depicted several cases dating as far back as 1991 in which agencies failed to talk to one another about clear warning signs such as domestic violence, criminal convictions, mental illness and parents who themselves were abused as children."

"Protecting kids from harm and neglect must be our top priority," Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said, "and our ability to do that absolutely depends on full participation by all our departments to ensure that decision-makers can always access the most accurate information available."

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-child-death27-2009jun27,0,4140306.story>

Research and Evaluation

Protective Factors Survey Webinar

CTF will offer a webinar training on the use of the FRIENDS Protective Factors Survey (PFS) in September. The PFS is a pre-post evaluation tool for use with caregivers receiving child maltreatment prevention services. Visit <http://www.friendsnrc.org/outcome/pfs.htm> for information on the survey. Details about the training date will follow in the August *News Briefs*.

HHS Releases Study of National Child Abuse Registry

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has released a congressionally mandated study reviewing the feasibility of a national child abuse registry. The study and the directive to create a national child abuse registry were included in the 2006 Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (P.L. 109-248) which dealt with a number of issues involving child sex offenders. The Interim Report to Congress on the Feasibility of a National Registry will be available online soon.

Now Available: User Manual on Child Abuse and Neglect

The Role of Professional Child Care Providers in Preventing and Responding to Child Abuse and Neglect is the latest release in the Child Abuse and Neglect User Manual Series and is now available for download from the Child Welfare Information Gateway website at www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/childcare.

The manual explores the responsibilities that are essential to child care providers and is part of the third edition of the User Manual Series, developed to reflect increased knowledge and the evolving state of practice. The User Manual Series, from the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect within the Children's Bureau of the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides a foundation for understanding child maltreatment and the roles and responsibilities of child welfare practitioners in prevention, identification, investigation, assessment, and treatment.

Maternal Wellness Tools Now Online

The HRSA Office of Women's Health and the MCHB Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services are pleased to share their new Bright Futures for Women's Health and Wellness (BFWHW), Taking Care of Mom—Nurturing Self as Well as Baby (Maternal Wellness) Tools. This family of tools includes a consumer booklet, a provider pocket guide, and a poster. To access the HTML links, please go to www.hrsa.gov/women-health and scroll down to the Bright Futures for Women's Health and Wellness section.

Free print copies of these and other BFWHW tools are available through the HRSA Information Center at 1-888-ASK-HRSA or <http://ask.hrsa.gov/>.

Kids Count Shows New Data on Improvements for Michigan Kids

The Right Start in Michigan 2009 report, by the Kids Count in Michigan project, finds improvement in six of eight areas with some big reductions in the rates of teen births and mothers who smoke.

"We found some very big improvements," said Jane Zehnder-Merrell, Kids Count in Michigan director and a senior research associate at the Michigan League for Human Services. "Michigan has made a lot of progress when it comes to reducing smoking among pregnant women, reducing the rate of teen births and the rate of repeat teen births--those teen mothers who have another child before the age of 20."

Over the 15-year period, smoking by pregnant women dropped by more than one-third, while teen births and repeat teen births declined by more than a quarter.

Doug Paterson, interim executive director of the Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health, said he was heartened by improvements noted in the report.

"I think that this shows that when we have the will we find the way--and results will happen. Reducing prenatal smoking and teen pregnancy have both been a focus of public health prevention work for years, and it is paying off," he said.

For more information, see the report online at <http://www.milhs.org>.

Social Media



The Children's Trust Fund is in the early stages of using social media as a community awareness tool. Whenever you interact with any CTF social media, there is limitless potential for your friends and contacts to become engaged with us because of your recommendation. In an effort to help you connect with CTF through social media, we have generated a list of seven areas where you can find us online and join our efforts.

- 1. Social Networking:** Become a fan of the CTF business page on Facebook. The link to the page is at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Michigan-Childrens-Trust-Fund/94228660478?ref=ts>. CTF had 237 fans as of July 1.
- 2. Micro-Blogging:** Follow CTF on Twitter. The link to our Twitter page is http://twitter.com/CTF_Michigan. CTF had 56 followers as of July 1.
- 3. Video Channels:** Visit our YouTube channel to watch videos about the Children's Trust Fund and other related videos that we will be referencing in the future. CTF had 3 subscribers to our channel as of July 1. The direct link to our YouTube channel is <http://www.youtube.com/MichiganCTF>.
- 4. Social Bookmarking:** If you are on any social bookmarking sites such as StumbleUpon <http://www.stumbleupon.com/> or Delicious <http://delicious.com/>, please recommend the CTF website www.michigan.gov/ctf as well as others in our national and local network. This will indirectly increase our web presence.
- 5. Social News:** If you are on any of the social news sites such as Digg www.digg.com, please recommend CTF news stories as well as those from our national and local network.
- 6. Prevent Child Abuse America:** For information on how you can interact with social media at Prevent Child Abuse America's national office, please check out their blog on **10 Ways to Engage with Prevent Child Abuse America through Social Media** at <http://preventchildabuseamerica.blogspot.com/2009/05/10-ways-to-engage-with-prevent-child.html>.
- 7. CTF Website:** The above social media programs are the frosting on the cake. The primary Internet tool remains the CTF website at www.michigan.gov/ctf. Any substantial information that is available through these additional social media channels will also be available on our website. You can help promote the website by placing a link in the signature line of your outgoing email or by placing a link on your website.

We expect that in the future our social media marketing will evolve by engaging in new opportunities and expanding the use of the strategies mentioned above. Please bring any questions or recommendations on social media at CTF to Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov. We are especially interested in knowing any social media projects sponsored by our partners, so we can help with promotion.



Prevent Child Abuse
Michigan

Circle of Parents



Sylvia Brown Jones
Circle of Parents Coordinator

Greetings to Michigan's Circle of Parents network, and THANK YOU for a job well done! Our goal is to continue to build statewide capacity. Collaborative partners are welcome.

In our joint effort to assist parents in their tough job of parenting, we commit our resources and passion. You are providing invaluable parent leadership services to help strengthen Michigan's families. This page is a prelude to our state's Circle Newsletter that will publish its first issue in October 2009. I encourage Circle of Parents leaders to send in your comments, stories, and input. What parenting issues are surfacing for discussion? Do you have any parents/youth that you would like to spotlight? Current highlights include:

⌘ The Guidance Center announces a new Circle's Divorced Parents Group, which will meet in Southgate every other Tuesday night, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., beginning June 23. Call Susan Maxwell at 734-785-7705 ext. 7421 for more information. The entire COP site listing can be found at www.michigan.gov/ctf.

⌘ The Circle of Parents Advisory Committee will be reactivated in October 2009.

⌘ July 23 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., the FRIENDS National Resource Center will partner with Circle of Parents to offer a teleconference on "Successful Models of Parent Leadership" and "Recruiting and Retaining Parents." Please email your registration to Kristen Rector at Kristen.Rector@pcat.org or fax to 615-383-6089. If you have any questions, contact Kristen at 615-383-0994.

⌘ There will be a two-day statewide facilitator/parent leadership training in Lansing (Holiday Inn West) for new facilitators and parent leaders in September 2009. The training will accommodate a maximum of 24 attendees. CTF can pay for mileage and meals. Complete details will be provided in early August.

⌘ The Father Times educational newsletter is a valuable educational resource for fathers and father figures of young children. It is also appropriate for mothers and other caregivers of young children. To view promotional materials, sample newsletters, and other in-depth information about the Father Times educational newsletter for parents, please visit their website at <http://www.ndsu.edu/family/fathertimes.htm>.

Brenda's Inspirational Corner

Brenda Jenkins, Oakland County's Circle of Parents facilitator, gave permission to share her current health challenge with Circles. Thank you for the following inspirational messages. All are welcome. I know Brenda will enjoy reading these. Jeannie Drummond and Minister Lesha Williams will be substituting for Brenda during her absence.

Lansing School District – Parent Resource Center

A Wish and a Prayer: "May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

The Guidance Center Quote

Feed your faith and your fears will starve to death.
~Author Unknown

CTF Quote

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune—without the words,
And never stops at all. ~Emily Dickinson

Team News

From the CTF Executive Director



Michael D. Foley

On Tuesday, July 7, I will become the fourth Executive Director of the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan. I can't begin to tell you what an honor it is to have been selected for this position. Over the years, I have worked with many of you to strengthen child abuse prevention services in Michigan. I look forward to continuing those relationships and building new ones so, together, we can work toward

a stronger consensus on the importance and value of our work. The Trust Fund has a critical role—one which we must continually promote with state and local policymakers. We know that when communities have reasonably predictable and sustainable sources of support, we can provide family-centered and evidence-based supports for children and families that truly make a difference.

While I have been involved with the work of the Trust Fund for many years, there is a big learning curve for me as I come on board. It is already clear to me, though, that the CTF staff and the Board will make this transition easier. We have a knowledgeable and dedicated staff. I have already learned much from them about our operations and the CTF programs. Paul Shaheen, our Interim Executive Director, has agreed to stay and work with me for a couple of weeks. We all owe Paul a big thank you for his leadership during this transitional period. The CTF Board is a dedicated group that is willing to give of their time and considerable expertise to support us as we move forward.

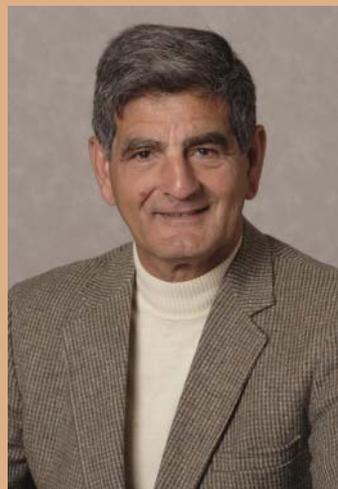
In the coming weeks, I plan to visit many of your local programs to hear about the great work you are doing and to learn how we can best support your efforts. The Trust Fund's efforts are ultimately focused on assuring that our local councils and direct service programs have the knowledge and resources to build strong prevention services and supports. I look forward to these visits as a first step in my learning and as part of CTF's broader goal to improve our capacity to support your prevention efforts.

Again, I am honored to be part of this team, and I look forward to working with all of you as we strengthen our ability to serve children and families throughout this great state.

Note: For more information on the appointment of Michael Foley see the Special Edition News Briefs dated 6/22/2009.

Interim Executive Director

"A person who cares deeply about what people need in their lives is someone I'll never forget." -- Kent McCord



Paul N. Shaheen

Paul N. Shaheen will conclude his term as the Interim Executive Director of the Children's Trust Fund in July. CTF was fortunate to have an exceptional leader in Paul during this transition period. Some of his accomplishments included working on solutions for program budget concerns brought on by unprecedented economic challenges facing charities today, completing CTF's biennial report, guiding Prevention Month activities, overseeing a successful

fundraising event in Oakland County with Mitch Albom, and filling the research analyst position on the Lansing-based CTF team. CTF thanks Paul for his excellent leadership and looks forward to continuing to work with him in the future to protect Michigan's children.

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