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Prevention Awareness Day CAP Month Kick-Off Event - April 12



Each April, CTF supports Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month. This year, CTF will celebrate CAP Month on Tuesday, April 12, at 11:00 a.m. on the State Capitol steps. Prevention Awareness Day will include a rally, procession, and planting of a pinwheel garden (the national symbol of child abuse prevention). *Continued on page 6.*

The Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event - May 18

This year, the Children's Trust Fund 2011 Signature Auction Event is named to honor the late Pam Posthumus. Please join us on Wednesday, May 18, as we honor and celebrate Pam's dedication to Michigan's children, families and her many contributions to CTF as a member of the Board of Directors from 1997 to 2003. *Continued on page 5.*



Tax Campaign



Michigan citizens can support the Children's Trust Fund by making a donation through their Michigan state income tax return. The Children's Trust Fund is on Line 5 of the Voluntary Contribution Schedule (Form 4642) which is located at www.michigan.gov/documents/taxes/4642_341134_7.pdf.

Direct Services Grant of the Month

Circle of Parents at Pathways, MI

The Circle of Parents program is a source of strength and support for parents, by parents. These programs are a time-tested child abuse prevention approach that promotes positive parenting by:

- Helping parents become more competent and confident in parenting roles.
- Offering bi-weekly groups at no cost to participants, including a light dinner and childcare.
- Helping reduce isolation, build self-esteem and reinforce positive parenting.
- Linking parents to resources within the group and throughout the community.

“Since participating in Circle of Parents, my confidence has improved knowing that I was not the only one going through problems. I like the opportunity of talking with other parents that are going through the same things or that have already been there and can help me through it.”

--Program Participant



For more information contact:

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Holland, MI 49423
Phone: (616) 396-2301, Ext. 145.

Web: <http://www.pathwaysmi.org/>



Parenting Awareness Month

March is Parenting Awareness Month. Information on the history of the initiative and activities and resources may be found at <http://www.preventionnetwork.org/pam/2010Pkt/Left/PAMHistory.pdf>.

Direct Services

Ongoing thanks and appreciation for your commitment to Michigan's communities!

Tip for this month

Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation. – C. Everet Koop, M.D.

FY 2012 Funding Status

The CTF Board of Directors is currently in the process of filling Board vacancies. Once the Board appointments are in place, a finance meeting will occur to discuss FY 2012 funding.

Announcements:

The Children's Trust Fund was given the Child Advocacy Award by the Michigan Fatherhood Coalition at its 9th Annual Fatherhood Conference in Howell on February 18, 2011. The photo to the right shows Michael Foley, Executive Director, receiving the award on behalf of CTF.

Direct Service Workgroup

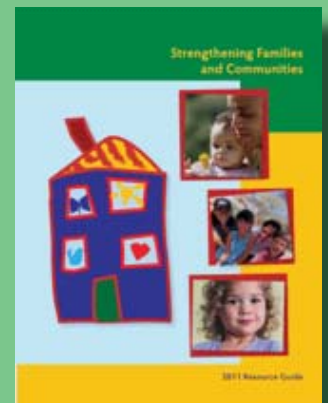
The DS Workgroup met on February 4, and minutes will be sent out in mid-March. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, at 1:00 p.m. Please use CTF Conference Call Number: 877-336-1828 and Access Code: 8088351.



Strengthening Families and Communities

The 2011 Strengthening Families and Communities Resource Guide is now available. It may be downloaded at the Child Welfare website at <http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/guide2011/guide.pdf>. A limited number of copies are available from the Children's Trust Fund office by calling 517-373-4320.

As the guide explains, "This Resource Guide was developed to support service providers in their work with parents, caregivers, and their children to prevent child abuse and neglect. It was created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, its Child Welfare Information Gateway, and the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention and the Center for the Study of Social Policy—Strengthening Families. The resources featured represent the work of a broad-based partnership of national organizations, Federal partners, and parents committed to strengthening families and communities" (pg. 5).



Circle of Parents



Greetings to Michigan's Circle of Parents network, and ongoing THANKS for a job well done! Our goal is to continue to build statewide capacity. Please send in your success stories. Collaborative partners are always welcome.

"If I had my child to raise all over again, I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later. I'd finger-paint more, and point the finger less. I would do less correcting and more connecting. I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes. I'd take more hikes and fly more kites. I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play. I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars. I'd do more hugging and less tugging."
--Diane Loomans, from "If I Had My Child To Raise Over Again"

Updates

- Derrick Hartwell. See page 9 for a special announcement regarding Derrick Hartwell.
- CTF's Circle of Parents Advisory Committee (COPAC) meeting was held on January 6. The committee remains open to all interested persons. The committee reviewed and completed the National Circle of Parents Best Practices Self-Assessment Tool. There was also a local Circle Assessment Survey that was sent out in January 2011, and closed on February 11. There will be a discussion on the assessment of both of these surveys at the next COPAC Meeting, which is yet to be determined.

Training

The January Statewide Circle Facilitator training in Genesee County had a successful turnout. As a result, four more Circle sites are scheduled to be implemented in the following counties: Genesee, Grand Traverse, Huron and Wayne.

Two additional Circle Trainings will be offered (25 slots available at each location - register early!)

1st Training Site:

- Where: Wayne County (Hosted by Detroit Mayor's Task Force, Kids-TALK, and Children's Aid Society)
Location: 40 E. Ferry St.
Detroit, MI 48202
- When: Thursday, March 24, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday, March 25, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

2nd Training Site

- o Where: Grand Traverse County (Hosted by Traverse Bay Children's Advocacy Center)
Location: Leelanau County Court House (Government Center)
8527 East Government Center Dr., Suite 103
Suttons Bay, MI 49682
- o When: Thursday & Friday, May 5 - 6, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Cost: Training and materials will be provided to participants at no charge. CTF will provide training materials, breakfast and lunch. Participants will be responsible for their lodging and evening meal.
- Contact: Sylvia Brown Jones, LMSW

The March registration form is accessible at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ctf/COP_training_brochure.Registration_Mar_24-25_2011-Wayne_347186_7.pdf

Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event

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The first CTF auction began under Pam's leadership as CTF Board Chair in 2003. The event has grown tremendously and is one of the premier events in the greater Lansing area. We have much gratitude toward Pam for her work and dedication. The event will be held at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing. Doors open and silent auction begins at 5:00 p.m. Please visit our website at www.michigan.gov/ctfsignature to donate an auction item, to become a sponsor or table host, or to volunteer. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in the event, please contact Tricia Headley, CTF Event/Fund Development Coordinator, at headleyp@michigan.gov. Below is a list of some of our event sponsors.



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Prevention Awareness Day - April 12

Prevention Awareness Day

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The kick-off will feature notable speakers and entertainment. We have co-sponsorships from WKAR and Dean Transportation. The Averill Elementary School "Allstars," a 5-piece brass band from Michigan State University's School of Music, and the Lansing Community College choir will also perform at the event. Current confirmed speakers include Sen. Randy Richardville, Rep. Lesia Liss, and DHS Director Maura Corrigan. Also confirmed is the Lansing Chapter president of the Exchange Club, Jim Paparella, and a recipient of CTF direct services. A Legislative Education Day (LED) component has been added to Prevention Awareness Day, which will provide CTF grantees and other child advocates with an opportunity to educate legislators about prevention needs and current programming across the state.

CTF invites individuals and/or organizations to participate in this event.

- Attend the rally and visibly represent your organization and/or come to educate legislators.
- Become a sponsor of Prevention Awareness Day or make a donation.

Your participation in prevention awareness will provide you with a number of benefits.

- The event will enable you and/or your organization to join with others in supporting the belief that child abuse and neglect can and must be prevented.
- Your support of the event reinforces taking responsibility for championing healthy child development and nurturing environments, key components to the foundation of a thriving society.
- Estimates show that implementing effective policies and strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect could save \$108 billion annually.

Legislative Education Day (LED)

Informing legislators about local concerns and sharing information about your prevention work can positively impact understanding about prevention work in Michigan. This year, CTF is partnering with Michigan's Children to assist in coordinating the Legislative Education Day (LED) portion of Prevention Awareness Day (April 12th). To register for LED, go to: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=mtluhtbab&oeidk=a07e3hx4shne4a955cc>. To find contact information for your legislators, visit http://michigan.gov/som/0,1607,7-192-29701_29704---,00.html. There are no fees to participate in LED.

Feel free to contact Emily Schuster-Wachsberger (wachsbergere@michigan.gov, 517-335-0671) with any Prevention Awareness Day questions. For specific LED and donation inquiries, please contact Chuck Calati (chuck@michiganschildren.org, 517-485-3500) at Michigan's Children.

Thank you for your support!

Local Councils

April 1st Statewide Pinwheel Gardens

CTF is calling upon all local councils across the state to participate in the annual planting of a pinwheel garden on April 1. The Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Pinwheels for Prevention™ campaign is an effort to change the way our state and nation think about prevention. It focuses on community activities and public policies that prioritize prevention right from the start to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur. It's simple, really. The actions we take to promote healthy child development are the very actions that help to prevent child abuse and neglect, like parent-child interaction, reading and constructive play. Healthy child development starts a chain of events that follow a child into adulthood—leading to a more educated and productive workforce. At a time when we all care about the economy, it just makes “cents” to spend more time learning how stable, nurturing relationships influence a child's developing brain and provide a foundation for all future development.



The campaign is based on two beliefs: that the public understands child abuse and neglect to be a serious problem but often doesn't understand how to prevent it before it occurs; and that issues the public cares about—including the economy, rising health care costs, and animal abuse—are related to child abuse and neglect. Abuse and neglect of children often have lifelong consequences, including a greater chance of delinquency, criminal involvement, drug addiction, chronic health problems, mental health issues and an overall drop-off in productivity as functioning members of our communities.

Programs and strategies like home visiting, parent education, mutual self-help support, mental health services for new mothers, expanding the availability of affordable daycare programming and substance abuse treatment all play a role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and we all play a role in ensuring these programs exist in our communities.

The Michigan Children's Trust Fund and the PCA Pinwheels for Prevention campaign are calling for everyone to join this grassroots movement. To learn more about the Michigan Children's Trust Fund and the PCA Pinwheels for Prevention campaign, call 1-800-CHILDREN

Local Councils Receive National Recognition from PCA

Prevent Child Abuse America (PCA) recently gave national recognition to the 2010 Local Council Tier Projects. Barb Schaffer from PCA had read about the local councils' work and met with CTF staff to learn about the board and volunteer development information created by the local councils (which had been placed in the Local Council Resource Library at <http://www.michigan.gov/ctf/0,1607,7-196-40188-241352--,00.html>). That phone meeting resulted with Barb being highly impressed with the work accomplished by Michigan's local councils, and she subsequently shared these accomplishments with the national PCA network. The CTF Local Council Resource Library will now be shared with PCA affiliates across the country. Congratulations local councils on a job well done!

Key Dates



March

March 15: The Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event Advisory Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Michigan Capitol Building, Room 402/403.

March 17: The Circle of Parents Advisory Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m.

March 24: The St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council will hold its 2011 Annual Awards at noon at Alexander's in Marysville, Michigan. For more information or to make a reservation, call 810.966.9911 or email info@sccstopchildabuse.org.

March 24-25: The Children's Trust Fund will hold a Circle of Parents Facilitator training in Wayne County. See page 4 for more information.

Save the Date! Annual Training

CTF is again partnering with the University of Michigan and its 30th Annual Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. The conference will take place on October 17-18, 2011, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. A number of exciting keynotes and workshops are already lined up. Stay tuned for more information!

April

April 7: The Direct Services Work Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. Participants for may call the CTF Conference line at 1-877-336-1828 and enter passcode 8088351.

April 12: The Children's Trust Fund will host Prevention Awareness Day at the State of Michigan Capitol steps, starting at 11:00 a.m. A Legislative Education Day will follow. See page 1 and 6 for more details.

April 25: The Child Abuse Council of Muskegon County will hold its 20th Annual Station Grill Party from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Station Grill.

April 29: The Washtenaw Area Council for Children presents its Annual Conference 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District. For more information call 734.434.4215 or email Marcia@washtenawchildren.org.

May

May 7: The Gratiot County Child Protection Council will hold a 5K Run/Walk. For more information call 989.463.1422.

May 13: The Calhoun Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention Council will hold its 8th Annual Blue Tie Event to prevent child abuse and neglect in Calhoun County at 6:00 p.m. at the Battle Creek Country Club, 318 Country Club Drive, Battle Creek, Michigan. For tickets, call 269.962.2562.

May 18: The Children's Trust Fund will hold the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event at 5:00 p.m. at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. See page 1 and 5 for more information.

Please submit dates for future events to Alan Stokes by April 5, 2011.

Communications/Team News

Derrick Hartwell Moves to Tennessee



Derrick Hartwell, Children's Trust Fund (CTF) Student Assistant, left CTF due to an unexpected illness and emergency operation that caused him to move to Murfreesboro, TN. He is under the care of his mother and is well on the road to recovery. In his two years at CTF, Derrick brought an invaluable fatherhood perspective to CTF and Circle of Parents. He was on the Parent Leadership in State Government Board; a parent leader on the Michigan Fatherhood Coalition Board; a participant in the Parents Partnering for Change training; and a part of PAL. He also provided invaluable support to the CTF staff. Derrick is wished much success in his future endeavors. He will be truly missed!



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