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## Statewide Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect: Prevention, Assessment and Treatment—Coming Soon!

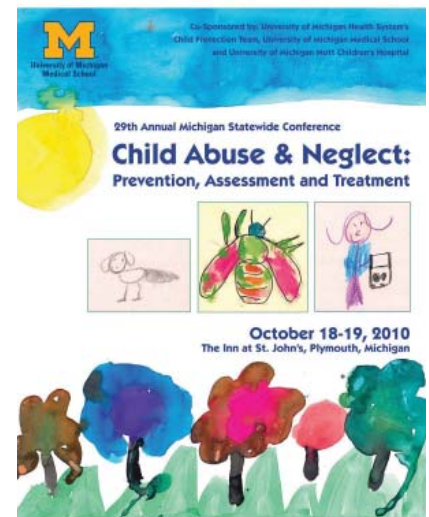
On October 18 and 19, CTF will hold its annual training in conjunction with the 29th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect: Prevention, Assessment and Treatment. The conference will take place at the St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth. Over 30 workshops will be offered, including:

- ◇ The Maternal-Infant Health Program and Community Collaboration: How It Works
- ◇ Strategies to Identify and Engage At-Risk Families
- ◇ Sexting, Texting, and Cyber-bullying: The Michigan Internet Crimes against Children Task Force
- ◇ Putting the Strengthening Families Five Protective Factors Model into Practice
- ◇ Circle of Parents
- ◇ The Mom Power Group: Supporting At-Risk Mothers in their Parenting Practice
- ◇ And much more!

CTF is partnering with the University of Michigan to bring this conference to CTF grantees. Details about the conference, including workshop descriptions and registration forms, are available at <http://cme.med.umich.edu/childconference/>. Thank you to everyone who has registered; if you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible.

Although the deadline to reserve accommodations at the CTF conference rate has passed, a few rooms at the government rate may still be available at the Hilton Garden Inn-Plymouth. Reservations can be made by calling the Hilton at 734-354-0001. Rooms are also available at the Inn at St. John's at a reduced conference rate of \$129. Information can be found at <http://www.theinnatstjohns.com>. Hotel and travel costs are the responsibility of individual grantees.

Please contact CTF with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!



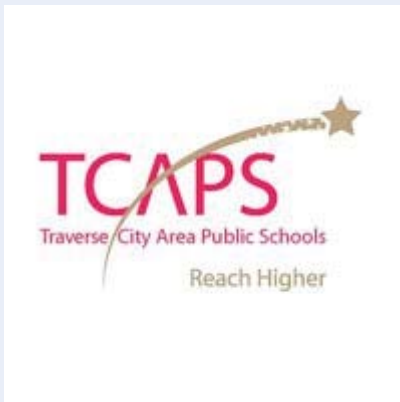
## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

President Obama has declared October 2010 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and, as part of the Proclamation, said, "Children exposed to domestic violence, whether victims or witnesses, also need our help. Without intervention, they are at higher risk for failure in school, emotional disorders, substance abuse, and perpetrating violent behavior later in life." The complete Presidential Proclamation can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2010/10/01/presidential-proclamation-national-domestic-violence-awareness-month>. For more information on Domestic Violence Awareness Month history and resources, please visit <http://dvam.vawnet.org/index.php>.

## Direct Services Grant of the Month

### Traverse City Area Public Schools Teen Parent Training

*Teen Parent Training* provides for a full-time Parenting Education Coordinator to work with young families and coordinate a full range of services including Parents as Teachers personal visits, playgroups, parent group meetings, WIC services, childbirth education, breast feeding support, parenting education, infant mental health, and parent mentoring. Additionally, there have been expanded services for pregnant and parenting teens to the parent education component currently provided at Traverse City High School Teen Parent Program. Parenting education, including education for Early Literacy, and Teen Parent Mentoring will be integrated into the existing services at Traverse City High School.



*The following story appeared in the CTF Grantee Success Booklet that was printed in May 2010.*

I met mom when her son was just an infant. She was visiting the local elementary school. I was the Way to Grow School Readiness Coordinator and after introductions, mom signed up for home visits.

It became clear after my first home visit that this mom was in much need of support. She explained to me that both she and her husband worked full-time, opposite shifts. When dad came home from work, mom put their little boy in a car seat in front of the TV while mom caught up on her sleep.

Mom never missed a home visit with me. She participated in many groups and seemed to enjoy all the information I offered. Soon their baby girl was born and she too became part of the Way to Grow program.

I periodically completed Ages and Stages questionnaires and it was apparent that their son had a language delay. I worked with the mother through assessments and eventual enrollment for her son in an Early Childhood Program in our area. Mother and son became very involved in school and loved his ECP classroom. I continually visited mom and her daughter while big brother was at school.

After separating from her husband, mom decided to return to college. One of the most memorable times of sharing was when mom had me read one of her research papers. I believe this is a true success story and she has agreed for me to share her paper with you.

Both children are doing well in school; the boy is in kindergarten now and the little girl attends Head Start.

For more information about the Teen Parenting program contact:

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News on the Ethical Treatment of Children from MSU-APRR Children's Central  
[www.childrenscentral.msu.edu](http://www.childrenscentral.msu.edu)

## Developing E-Health Literacy in Michigan Middle School Students



Navigating the colossal amount of health information on the web can be a daunting task for anyone, especially for children and youth. However, developing the ability to find, evaluate, and apply health-related information is a critical skill that can influence a lifetime of health decisions. Dr. Hye-Jin Peak and Dr. Thomas Hove, Children's Central fellows in the Department of Advertising, Public Relations, and Retailing at Michigan State University, are working to help adolescents in the upper peninsula of Michigan learn these much needed skills. After assessing the current skills and concerns of both students and parents, they are developing training modules that will be used to help middle school students develop eHealth literacy skills. More importantly, perhaps, they will use this knowledge to help children across the

state better understand the influences and consequences of unhealthy behavior. Understanding how to effectively find and evaluate online health information is one way to better understand how children can begin a lifetime of healthy decision making.

## Local Councils

### Tier III Project

The 2011 fiscal year has begun and CTF local councils are energetically embarking on a number of exciting new endeavors.

The tier III local councils are launching a new project to create a social media toolkit. Their objectives in this project are threefold:

- Create a list and include related information about social and mass media opportunities and outlets.
- Create uniform messaging and informational resources for media use.
- Create recommended protocols, policies and procedures around social media (including but not limited to: local council responses and dissemination of information, social media sustainability and related responsibilities, and communication protocols with mass media entities).

The products generated from this project will enable and promote local councils' abilities to speak with a uniform voice and to practice common communications processes. When this project is completed CTF will have a plethora of information that will be accessible in the newly established Local Council Resource Library, located on the CTF website.

### CAP Month 2011

The CAP Month Sub-workgroup met in September 2010 to begin planning for CAP Month 2011. While the group will continue to provide input into updating the CAP toolkit, members made a unanimous and enthusiastic decision to put their energies toward assisting with planning, coordinating and supporting the CAP Month Kick-off event which typically takes place at the end of March (date TBD). The previous two CAP Month kick-off events, while successful, can expand to bring increased awareness to the issues of child maltreatment and prevention; communicate the support and caring that Michigan has for its children and families; and educate the public about prevention work taking place across out state. CTF and the CAP Month Sub-workgroup look forward to the 2011 CAP Month Kick-off event being the preeminent March event to occur at the state capitol. A date is forthcoming. For further information, or to be involved with and/or support the CAP Month Kick-off event, please contact Emily Wachsberger.

# Key Dates/Events



**October 14-15:** *The 15th Annual Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice Summit* will be held October 14-15 at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Traverse City, Michigan. This year's theme is "A Snapshot of Internet Child Exploitation." For more information contact Erika Engel at 517-241-6131.

**October 15:** The Jackson County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect will hold *A Murder Mystery Dinner* fundraiser on October 15 at the Cascades Manor House, 1970 Kibby Road in Jackson. To purchase tickets call 517-788-4239.

**October 15:** The Washtenaw Area Council for Children will hold its annual fundraiser *Autumn Delights – A Chocolate and Wine Tasting* on Friday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Lake Forest Golf Club in Ann Arbor. More information is available at <http://www.washtenawchildren.org/ACWTE.pdf> or call 734-434-4215.

**October 16:** The Child Abuse Council of Muskegon County will hold its *35th Anniversary Celebration* on October 16 at the Fricanos Event Center. For tickets please call Ellen or Vicki at 231-728-6410.

**October 16:** The Manistee County Child Advocacy Center's *Bare Bones Crop* will be held on October 16 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Manistee Catholic Central.

**October 18-19:** The University of Michigan Medical School will hold its *29th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect* on October 18-19 at the St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth, Michigan. The Children's Trust Fund will hold its annual training in conjunction with this conference. For more information see page 1.

**October 19:** The Dawn Farm Education Series will host *Alcoholics Anonymous: A Panel Discussion* on October 19 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center auditorium at 5305 Elliot Drive, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

**October 20:** *The 18th Annual Parenting Awareness Michigan Conference* will be held in Marquette, Michigan on October 20. Maggie Sprattmoran is the keynote speaker. For more information call 800-968-4968 or visit [www.preventionnetwork.org](http://www.preventionnetwork.org).

**October 21-22:** *The 2010 Early On Annual Conference & Faculty Colloquium* will be held on October 21-22 at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing, Michigan. For more information visit the website at <http://eotta.ccesa.org/Event.php?ID=1806>.

**October 26:** Child Advocacy-Gratiot County will host *Become an Advocacy Superhero for Kids* on October 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Alma Middle School, 1700 N. Pine Ave., Alma, Michigan. Wendy Shepherd is the presenter.

**October 26:** The Dawn Farm Education Series will host *Al-Anon: A Panel Discussion* on October 26 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center auditorium at 5305 Elliot Drive, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

**October 27-28:** The third annual *Systems of Care Conference* will be held October 27-28 at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing, Michigan. For more information visit [www.impactssystemofcare.org](http://www.impactssystemofcare.org).



**November 2:** The Children's Trust Fund office is closed for Election Day.

**November 5:** The Child Abuse Prevention Council of Livingston County, in partnership with the Livingston County Department of Public Health, will host *A Community "Call to Action" Conference* on the subject of Safe Sleep for Infants on November 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the L.E.S.A., 1425 Grand River in Howell, Michigan. For more information, contact the CAP Council at 517-548-2200 or email [cap@wrc-livingston.org](mailto:cap@wrc-livingston.org).

*Please submit dates for future events to Alan Stokes by November 1, 2010.*

# Communications/Team News

## Welcome Lena Shacks-Glover

CTF welcomes our newest Wayne State University Social Work intern, Lena Shacks-Glover. She is in the second year of her two-year MSW program. CTF is thrilled that she chose to spend her internship with our organization. She comes to us with a rich social work background, having previously worked at Citizens for Better Care as a local ombudsman for two years and Wolverine Human Services as a group leader for fifteen years. After graduation she would like to pursue an administration position at a nonprofit organization. She is currently assisting CTF with a variety of efforts including daily administration, projects and research efforts.

## Special Thanks



The Children's Trust Fund would like to thank the Department of Human Services Office of Child Support. They donated \$250 from the Lansing Employee Recognition Team's Silent Auction in September.

## Halley Buchan Completes Internship

Halley Buchan served as an intern with CTF this past Summer. She worked in the fund development area during her time at the Children's Trust Fund. Her work was very helpful in preparing for future fund development outreach. CTF wishes Halley the best in all her new endeavours.



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