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Direct Service Program of the Month Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan

See page 3 for information on The Pailalen (to be in peace) program that Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan provides with CTF grant funds.



Volunteer Reviewers Needed

The Children's Trust Fund is recruiting grant reviewers to evaluate upcoming direct service proposals for a 4-year grant (FY2012–FY2015) funding cycle. We are seeking at least 30 review volunteers, who are willing and available to be reviewers. Reviewers will be assigned 3-4 applications each, depending on the number of proposals received. The intent of this funding is to expand secondary prevention services and/or fund new services throughout Michigan.

Prospective reviewers must be able to commit to the following:

- Attend the orientation instructional rater session to be announced, at the Lansing OPD Training Center, 7109 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917.
 - o Either the morning (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.) or afternoon (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) for raters who know the EGrAMS system, and only need the instructional rater session.
 - o Both morning and afternoon sessions are required for raters who will also need EGrAMS technical assistance.
- Individually rate the assigned proposal applications in EGrAMS, from August 3 – 21st.
- Attend a one day team face-to-face rating on one of the three dates of August 23rd, 24th or 25th. In some rare cases (an extremely difficult application), a second day may be needed.

It is also preferable to have some rating experience with direct services prevention proposals. To avoid conflict of interest, please do not agree to review if you are involved with a grant proposal.

The team face-to-face rating will take place in Lansing at a location to be determined. A complimentary lunch will be served and mileage will be reimbursed at the standard state rate (\$0.365/mile). Please contact CTF at 517-373-4320 to receive an application.

Direct Services

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

Tip for this month:

The best inheritance a parent can give his children is a few minutes of his time each day.

--O. A. Battista

Year-end Grant Payments Schedule Notification

Watch your email for this Year-End Letter. The Department of Human Services Contract Payments Unit has issued the following timelines for Prior and Current Year Bills to meet their FY 2011 year-end deadlines.

- a) Submit FY11 current year bills (October thru June quarters) by July 20, 2011
- b) Submit July - September 2011 bill estimates by September 16, 2011 for establishing their year-End Accounts Payable.

We anticipate that timely submission of bills will also help reduce overestimation and/or underestimation of September bills, as previously experienced.

A follow-up memo addressing Year-End Close directions will be sent in July as soon as a firm Year-End Close Out schedule is identified.

If you have any questions, please call Sylvia Brown Jones, Direct Services Coordinator, at (517) 241-7792.

Progress Reports

The third quarterly reports (Financial Status Report, Program Register, and Work Plan) will be due on July 20, 2011. Please stay mindful of the Year-End Grant Payment Schedule listed above, and contact Sylvia Brown Jones (brown-jones@michigan.gov , 517-241-7792) for assistance, or if there are questions.

Direct Service Workgroup

The next DS Workgroup teleconference will be scheduled for August 18th, from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (On vacation from Aug 4th – 15th). A reminder will go out at the beginning of August, before I go on vacation.

Minor League Baseball Tickets Available



The Michigan Children's Trust Fund has been working with ECIC on their efforts to protect children through the Michigan Sandbox Party and we have access to tickets to some future Sandbox in the Sandlot events!

We have tickets to either the Lansing Lugnuts on Sunday, July 24 @ 2:05 p.m. and/or the West Michigan Whitecaps on Monday, July 25 @ 7:00 p.m. Please contact the CTF office as soon as possible at 517-373-4320 if you are interested in any tickets.

Direct Service Program of the Month

Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan



The Pailalen (to be in peace) program began as a dream in 2007 to offer parents information to better understand their children's needs, skills to manage children's behavior, and opportunity to develop community support and enhance the family's well-being and interaction/access with community resources/services. Lutheran Child & Family Service had a particular desire to bring culturally competent programming to the rapidly growing Latino population in Kent County. The CTF Direct Services grant in 2008, along with a number of other individual gifts, allowed the realization of this dream. The stability of the CTF funding allowed the time for LCFS staff to develop additional funding sources, and the program has been very well received in the community.

The program curriculum is held within the community over twelve to thirteen weeks (including Orientation and Graduation). Each class is three hours in length, and includes childcare and a meal/snack. Coordination occurs within the community to resolve transportation challenges, and to develop incentives for participation to encourage strong engagement in the program.

In the last year, 264 adults participated in the parenting program. These adults represent 609 children. Pailalen staff track a number of outcomes primarily through a pre and post test parents complete at the beginning and end of the program. Pailalen staff is pleased to share several highlights from the past year.

Parents pre-post test results reveal:

- 20% decrease in use of physical discipline.
- 23% increase in involvement in community activity.
- 10% increase in ability to manage parental anger.
- 13% increase in confidence handling child fighting/destructive behavior.
- 16% increase in parental ability to make plans and achieve personal goals.
- 24% increase in helping children avoid violence and stay out of gangs.
- 15% increase in helping children avoid using or dealing drugs.

The following is one of many success stories LCFS has been privileged to hear:

During a recent class, one of the parents, a father, shared that he was enjoying the class. He shared that he was a parent who resorted to spanking as his first line of defense for discipline. Since enrolling in the class he has chosen to implement the other parenting tools that we have discussed, i.e. clear instructions, role modeling, special time. He noted that he has not felt the need to spank and that his daughter has noticed a difference as well. He feels that his relationship with his daughter is improving and stated that his daughter wants to be with him more and is more affectionate towards him since he has stopped spanking. His comments to the class were, "This curriculum works if you do the homework. It is not easy, but it is worth it."

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Local Councils

Tier III Project is Now an All-Tier Project

This year the Tier III Local Councils have been engaged in a project to create a social media toolkit, which when completed, will be placed in the CTF Local Council Library on the CTF website. At the June 6, 2011 meeting the group decided that this endeavor would be better served if all Local Councils had the opportunity to participate in this dynamic project. They believe that additional diverse perspectives will enhance the quality of the final results. The end products will add a plethora of knowledge related to social media. Documentation currently being developed includes:

- A list of social media outlets, including their strengths, limitations, related costs, tech assistance availability, accessibility, related websites and user commentary.
- A list of Evidence Informed/Evidence Based prevention programming.
- A document addressing approaches to take when interacting with mass media.

The next 90 minute meeting is scheduled for Monday August 1, 2011 at 1pm. To register for the Webinar portion of the meeting go to the following link, <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/249116046> . The audio portion of the meeting will be 877-336-1828, access code 8088351.

Regional Meetings

The second year of the new regional meeting format began with 2 sessions in June. The state's Local Councils are currently divided into 7 regions. The two June meetings were in the southeast region (hosted by the Oakland County Local Council) and the southwest region (hosted by the Kalamazoo County Local Council). Special thanks go to Miriana Milo (Care House of Oakland County) and Karen Hayter (Kalamazoo CAN Council) for hosting at their respective locations. The feedback from those meetings was very positive and councils stated that the information gained from CTF, and perhaps more importantly from each other, will be helpful to their respective Local Councils in the future.

Additional meetings are arranged throughout the summer in Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Gaylord, Newberry and Marquette. These engaging sessions are affording regional partners, to share and gain support from each other. This year's agenda topics include; a council sharing segment, the development of needs assessments, experiencing a mini peer sharing (review) pilot and advancing quality in programming.

Please contact Emily (wachsbergere@michigan.gov) with any questions about the remaining 5 meetings. The meetings take place from 9am – 4pm. Lunch and snacks are provided by CTF. See below for further information about the remaining 5 meetings.

- West – Thursday, July 14th, Kent County Local Council, 678 Front Ave. NW #210, Grand Rapids, MI, 49504
- East – Wednesday, August 3rd, Mid-Michigan Children's Museum 315 W. Genesee Ave Saginaw, MI 48602
- Northern Lower Peninsula, Wednesday, August 10th, BJ's Banquet Meeting Rooms, 990 N. Center St, Gaylord, MI, 49735
- Eastern Upper Peninsula – Tuesday, September 13th, Village Inn of Newberry, 7552 M-123, Newberry, MI, 49868
- Western Upper Peninsula, Wednesday, September 14th, Conference RESA, Rm. C, 321 East Ohio Street, Marquette, MI 49855



Mackinac County Honors

Local Council Board Member

Congratulations to Mary Swiderski for being named Mackinac County's Child Advocate of the Year! The recognition program was organized by Mackinac County prosecutor Fred Feleppa in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mary has worked over 25 years for Michigan State University Extension where she is currently a nutrition educator. She is also a board member of the Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable and held the position of Roundtable Coordinator for over 2 years. Mary is passionate about working with children and families and is actively involved in organizing community events and programs. She chose the Roundtable as the beneficiary of a charitable donation that came with the award.

Taken from The Roundtable Newsletter June/July/August, 2011 which is available online at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ctf/June_July_August2011_RT_Newsletter_356020_7.pdf

Communications/Team News

New Kid Pins Available

CTF has received an order of brand new girl and baby clay Kid Pins. The pins retail for \$12.00 each (or \$10.00 each for two or more) with proceeds to benefit the Michigan Children's Trust Fund. A discount is available for local councils and current direct service grantees who wish to use it for their agency fundraising program. Contact Christina Medina at 517-373-4320 for more information.



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CTF Board to Meet

The next Children's Trust Fund Board meeting has been set for July 28, 2011 at 1:30pm. The public is welcome to attend. The meeting will take place at Jackson National Life Building. Their address is 1 Corporate Way, Lansing, MI 48951. However, if using navigation, please use this address: 3275 Okemos Road, Mason, MI 48854. For more information contact the Children's Trust Fund office at 517-373-4320.

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