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CTF NEWS BRIEFS ~ March 2016

Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting on April 13

The Children's Trust Fund Board, which serves as the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, will meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. The meeting will be held at Jackson National Life Insurance, 8 Corporate Way, Lansing, Michigan 48951. For more information on attending this meeting or receiving copies of agendas contact Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov or call 517-373-4320. Other meetings this year will be held on June 8, 2016; September 28, 2016; and December 14, 2016.

Hurry



April 15 is quickly approaching and the opportunity to help protect Michigan's littlest citizen's residing in your local community, is as easy as checking a box on your state income tax form. The Michigan Children's Trust Fund (CTF) unveiled a plan in 2014, to reinvest all increases in tax check-off contributions to the communities of origin.

Taxpayers can take advantage of the opportunity to increase child abuse prevention funding in their communities by making a tax deductible contribution when filing the Michigan tax return. When you do your Michigan taxes, look for Michigan Tax Form 4642, which is the Voluntary Contribution Schedule. CTF is listed as "Children's Trust Fund – Preventing Child Abuse in Michigan" along with other charities.

For more information about CTF, how to contribute, and how to participate in local fundraising activities, please visit www.michigan.gov/ctf.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

Prevention Awareness Day

We are just about a month away from CTF's 8th annual Prevention Awareness Day (PrAD) a day to recognize Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month and to honor all the children and families in our state. This year it will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 11AM at the Lansing State Capitol steps. This year's PrAD will be once more structured as: a rally, procession, and the "planting" of a pinwheel garden. The theme for this year's CAP Month is once more The Power of One. This statewide initiative under the leadership of the CTF asserts that the power of one person, one community, one dollar and one action can make a significant effect on the prevention of child abuse.

Currently, confirmed speakers include MDHHS Director Nick Lyon, MI Senators Arlan Meekhof and Jim Ananich; Detroit Medical Center infant head trauma physician specialist Dr. Dena Nazer; National Exchange Club representative Dr. Stanley Chase; and other invitees that are yet to be confirmed. Media will be invited and if like past years, will be a supportive presence. This year we are working to achieve no less than 500 attendees coming to the event. A Legislative Education Day (LED) Component will once more be added to Prevention Awareness Day which will afford CTF grantees and other child advocates an opportunity to educate legislators about prevention needs and current programming across the state.

The Averill Elementary School All-Stars Chorus, Lansing Community College Jazz Ensemble and MSU Community Music School Band will be performing.

The procession portion of the event will be a walk down Michigan Avenue toward the traffic circle at Michigan and Washington Avenue, where the 'planting' of a pinwheel garden will take place. The pinwheel is the nationally recognized symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. The pinwheel is a happy and whimsical symbol of childhood with the message that all children deserve great childhoods because they are our future.

There are a number of benefits from coming to this momentous occasion, including:

1. You and/or your organization stand with and gain support from other like-minded entities;
2. You have an opportunity to listen to knowledgeable individuals which we believe will be minimally be informative and perhaps illuminating;
3. You become a collective prevention voice, take responsibility for and asserting its vital importance in the evolution of a healthy and prosperous society;

4. You have an opportunity to make appointments to speak to legislators (or their office staff) to educate them about prevention concerns in your respective local regions; and
5. You will have a great time!

As April is also recognized as *The Month of the Young Child*, CTF is partnering with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to collect new or slightly used children's books which will be distributed at the end of April. Please bring a children's book to donate on Prevention Awareness Day.

Help us make this year's April 19th Prevention Awareness Day a huge event which affirms that Michigan is the best place for children to live, grow and thrive.

Please contact Emily Schuster-Wachsberger (wachsbergere@michigan.gov, 517-335-0671) with any Prevention Awareness Day, including Legislative Education Day questions.

Statewide Local Council Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month Activities

In past years, I've shared with this reader audience about the 50 Local Councils that sponsor pinwheel gardens across the state during April. This year we anticipate that the councils will once more be planting their pinwheel gardens throughout Michigan. While that alone is a wonderful way to raise awareness about child maltreatment prevention, there will also be other numerous events and programming in which the Local Councils will be engaged during CAP Month. Several examples of that wonderful work include:

- The Ottawa County Local Council, Pathways, will be hosting a professional conference. Its theme is 'Understanding and Mitigating Trauma for Youth and Families' and, 'The Strengthening Families Protective Factors and Youth Thrive Frameworks'. Also, on April 22nd our Local Council coordinator, Leigh Moerdyke will lead "Yogahour", a yoga class fundraiser with proceeds going to the council.
- The East Wayne County Local Council, The Guidance Center-Kids Talk Program, will be hosting on April 20th a free poetry slam at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Detroit. The poetry presented will be about coping and surviving childhood trauma from a strengths-based approach.
- The Child Abuse Council of Charlevoix/Emmett Counties will sponsor their annual spring professional conference on April 22nd. The title is Supporting Children, Building Community. The main presenter is noted psychologist Dr. Larry Bendtro.

Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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Keweenaw Family Resource Center

Each month we feature the amazing work of a Direct Services Grantee or a Local Council. Our Direct Services Grant in Houghton/Keweenaw/Baraga Counties uses the evidenced based Ready, Set Grow! Program for home visiting and parent education.

Keweenaw Family Resource Center's Ready, Set, Grow! program helps nurture attachment, create social connections, provide parents with education and resources, and support the social/emotional development of young children. This program model promotes family protective factors and helps foster resilience in a natural environment.

Ready, Set, Grow! offers home visiting, parent education and socialization experiences targeting high risk families and those families whose young children are experiencing multiple risk factors and/or behavior or sensory integration issues. Ready, Set, Grow! provides families with programs that support the physical and social/emotional development of young children.

These activities include home base programming using the Parents as Teachers Model (PAT). Other components of the program include targeted parent/child group experiences for high risk children using research based sensory interaction skill building and parent education, open developmental playgroups targeting new teen and new parents, and universal recruitment.

Through Ready Set Grow! KFRC currently offers weekly Tummy Time playgroups for parents of infants less than one year. Not only does tummy time provide social connections, but each Tummy Time session provides information on topics related to infant development, including safe sleep, vision/hearing and oral health care. During the past year Keweenaw Family Resource Center (KFRC) has provided 26 Tummy Times. Over 17 families participated during 2014-2015.

Structured and open play experiences are also offered to help reduce parental stress, provide resources and promote healthy activities that meet the needs of preschoolers with a range of special needs and abilities. High risk families and those who are currently enrolled in Early On, Early Head Start or Head Start will have the opportunity to increase family function as they participate in a variety of structured program experiences that enhances wellbeing.

During 2014-2015 seven children and their families were enrolled in the PAT Home visiting Program. 100% of the children received ASQ's. The average number of risk factors for families in home visiting for abuse and neglect for each family was 3 with the highest number being 7.

Also, during 2014-2015 nine children received supplemental programming through the TRAINS Program. These children were all referred from physicians and completed a Peabody Developmental Assessment.

Parent response to this program has been positive 91% of parents indicated that they strongly agreed or agreed that as a result of home visiting they have learned how to encourage their child development. 100% of the program participants indicated they feel more confident advocating for their child. 100% of program respondents indicated they had a better understanding of their child's development.

During this past year KFRC Watch Me Grow! staff collaborated with Early On, Infant Mental Health, Head Start and Early Head start to help create a seamless system of services. They also participated in a community wide needs assessment spearheaded by the Copper Country Great Start Collaborative to assess early childhood needs and resources.



Active Play at the KFRC Tree House Developmental Playgroup

**For more information on Keweenaw Family Resource Center and Ready, Set, Grow!
Contact Cathy Benda, Director Email: cbenda@kfrckids.org, Website: www.kfrckids.org**

New Kids Count Data Book in Michigan Released

The release of the Kids Count in Michigan Data Book 2016 marks the 25th year of production of this important research on child & family well-being in Michigan. A press release on this publication is available at this link (<http://www.mlpp.org/child-poverty-increases-in-80-of-83-michigan-counties-hurts-child-well-being>). The Data Book includes statewide information but one can research data from any specific county level on the Michigan League for Public Policy website at <http://www.mlpp.org/kids-count/michigan-2/mi-data-book-2016>.

The Kids Count in Michigan project is part of a broad national effort to improve conditions for children and their families. Funding for the project is provided by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Skillman Foundation, Steelcase Foundation, Frey Foundation, Michigan Education Association, American Federation of Teachers Michigan, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Battle Creek Community Foundation, Fetzer Institute and Kalamazoo Community Foundation. More state and local data are available at the Kids Count Data Center, www.datacenter.kidscount.org. - See more at: <http://www.mlpp.org/child-poverty-increases-in-80-of-83-michigan-counties-hurts-child-well-being#sthash>.



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