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CTF Grant Opportunity Available



Children's Trust Fund
Protecting Michigan's Children

The Michigan Children's Trust Fund announces the availability of funding for community-based secondary direct prevention programs and services designed to promote strong, nurturing families and prevent child abuse and neglect. Funding will begin April 1, 2016.

Funding is available to local or statewide public or private agencies, as well as nonprofit organizations which meet the requirements of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue code. Please follow the link below for further instruction and information on the grant opportunity.

<https://www.buy4michigan.com/bs0/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=043116B0005926&external=true&parentUrl=bid>

Children's Trust Fund Board to Meet on September 16

The Children's Trust Fund Board, which serves as the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, will meet on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

The meeting will be held at Jackson National Life Insurance, 3275 Okemos Road, Mason, MI 48854 in their 4th floor Board Room. For more information on attending this meeting or receiving copies of agendas contact Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov or call 517-373-4320 by September 11, 2015.



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2016 Pam Posthumus Signature
Auction Event

*Save the
Date!*

Wednesday,
May 18, 2016

Thank You!

We are thrilled to announce that this year's event raised \$490,000 for child abuse prevention programs in Michigan! We are deeply grateful for your support, generosity and commitment to this very important issue. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child!

Lansing Center,
Downtown Lansing

Michigan's Children's Trust Fund
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PO Box 30037
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1-517-373-4320
1-800-CHILDREN

www.michigan.gov/ctf

Please save the date for next year!
May 18, 2016

Please contact Tricia Headley at 517-241-7226
or headleytp@michigan.gov for more information.

34th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference Child Abuse & Neglect: Prevention, Assessment & Treatment

**November 2-3, 2015
The Inn at St. John's
Plymouth, MI 48170**



This year's two-day conference features noted national and Michigan experts who will address a range of topics in the field of child abuse prevention, assessment, and treatment. In addition to the keynote presentations and plenary session that feature Dr. Jordan Greenbaum, Dr. Sandeep Narang, and Dr. Randell Turner, attendees will have a choice of over 30 workshops focusing on recent advances and best practices in the areas of prevention, medical issues, child advocacy, and law enforcement.

The goal is for conference participants to gain knowledge about practice in the field of child abuse throughout the conference and be able to apply this knowledge in the field. Participants will also have opportunities to interact and network with other professionals in the field.

The conference is designed for prevention specialists; social workers; child welfare professionals (children's protective services, foster care, adoption); juvenile justice services; physicians; nurses; mental health and other medical professionals; attorneys; law enforcement; child advocacy professionals; and educators.

Information on the conference is located at www.canconferenceuofm.org. *Note that this is NOT the registration that CTF associated registrants use. This link is for general information only. Remember participation by at least one representative is a contractual requirement for all Direct Services Programs funded by CTF as well all Local Councils. Please contact your Grant Coordinator if you did not receive a special link for CTF associated registrations.*

Direct Service Grant of the Month

Great Start Baby Links Program

Welcome to Baby Links, a home visiting program for at-risk pregnant families and families with children up to 2 years of age. We aim to strengthen protective factors and utilize Parents as Teachers curriculum. Services focus on parent-child interaction, child development-centered parenting and family well-being. We currently serve 31 families in Van Buren County.

Here are services we have provided so far this 2014-2015 year:

- 200 home visits.
- 177 screenings; these include health questionnaire, developmental screenings using ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE, vision and hearing screenings.
- Edinburg Postnatal Depression Scale screenings with all mothers within the first year of delivery.
- Safe Sleep Survey with follow up education for all new families.
- Baby Steps group connections twice/month on the east and west sides of Van Buren County; 19 parent education meetings and 23 parent support meetings.
- Links to community resources with 23 community connections.
- Free newsletters mailed to all families; contents include early childhood development information and activity ideas, a list of community activities, a featured community service.

In conjunction with Early On, our Great Start Collaborative and its Parent Coalition, we co-sponsored “Kids-a-Great Start Family Carnival.” Highlights of the day were family fun with games and community resource information stations; safe sleep demo and free sleep sack; prizes; a giant inflatable play station; and making a healthy snack. Children also planted mini pinwheels in fairy gardens that were later distributed to local libraries to promote carefree childhood and to encourage that “reading together creates connections.”

Parents have shared our impact with responses to our June 2015 Parent Satisfaction Survey. Here is a sampling of what is most helpful about this program:

- Trying new strategies & games.
- Before the program, I had two step-kids and no kids of my own (my step kids are teenagers). Once I had my own son this program taught me things I would never thought about, like how kids develop, the stages they go through and how quick they catch onto things. The one big change in my life would be how I pay attention to all three of the kids better than I did before.
- All the help & guidance on steps to get me & my children settled in my own home.
- The activity’s help teach my daughter a lot of useful things she needs for school. Teaches transitions.
- Small activities to help strengthen my family as a whole.
- I love this program. Family educator helps remind me that early education is very important and helps me see my child’s perspective on things which helps me with patience. She also referred me to physical therapist from Early On because of my child’s bowing legs and her toes pointing in. My daughter’s doctor wouldn’t do anything for her. I found out she actually does have foot problems thanks to (my family educator).
- Milestones & his progress in reaching them.
- We got my daughters hearing screened. We also got to keep track of our son’s development.
- As a new parent, (my educator) has been so helpful and helped ease my stress levels exponentially. My husband travels for work a lot and is not home to help me figure this parenting thing out but (my educator) has been with me since my daughter was born and has really helped me find myself as a mother and she has taught me how to be a teacher.

For more information on the Baby Links Program at Van Buren ISD contact:

Van Buren Intermediate School District Early Care and Education--Baby Links
490 South Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, MI 49064
www.vbisd.org

Teresa Klan, Program Supervisor Email: tklan@vbisd.org Phone: 269-539-5222



Van Buren ISD Pinwheel Garden at Paw Paw District Library

Local Council Regional Meetings

Seven planned CTF summer Local Council regional meetings have taken place thus far. Since the 1st session in June in Ann Arbor, we've also had meetings in; Centreville, Holland, Saginaw, Gaylord, Newberry and Marquette. Each meeting has been enjoyably spent with a spirit of collaboration and comradery. At the beginning of each session I ask each group member to express his/her expectations. One common theme is that councils wish to reenergize, renew and share. The participants have reported that this expectation has been met and then some. This year a number of participating Local Councils (LCs) once more had board and other council members attend the meetings in addition to the LC Coordinators, which significantly enhanced the perspectives and shared conversations. Approximately 96 individuals have participated in these regional meetings CTF is appreciative of those LCs that have already hosted including; Jyoti Gupta (Washtenaw), Myra Brimmer (St. Joseph), Leigh Moerdyke (Ottawa), Suzanne Greenberg, Vera Harrison and Catherine Martinez (Saginaw), Teresa Cherry and Brandy McVannel (Otsego) and, Mandy Miskovich and Jayne Letts (Marquette). These gracious hosts went above and beyond to provide a great atmosphere and delicious food for the days' meetings. At Gaylord's meeting Teresa prepared the lunch herself. We were served an array of delicious homemade salads and breads.

The Regional Meeting agenda included an all-morning discussion about Parent Leadership. After lunch a 'peer sharing' discussion about council sustainability and capacity building took place. This consists of individuals pairing with another from a different council, providing each other support and feedback using a list of questions (as the basis of their conversation) related to council programming and administration. The final learning unit was a discussion about fundraising. One outcome from the fundraising topic was two councils at the western regional meeting are now in a friendly competition to see which council will raise more money from the social media fundraiser they created during the planning exercise for the fundraising unit. At the East UP meeting two councils will collaborate for a corn hole fundraiser this winter. Each topic throughout the day has included opportunities for councils to brainstorm and plan strategies to take back to their own respective councils.

Each year I look forward to and enjoy the CTF regional meetings. These opportunities afford me a chance to meet and personally interact with individuals throughout the state. The experiences reenergize me! The commitment demonstrated by the Local Councils to improving the lives of Michigan's children and families is laudable. It is an honor to work with each and every council across our great state. *Emily S. Wachsberger, Local Council Coordinator*

An Easy and Impactful Way to Show your Support – Purchase a CTF Specialty License Plate



Show your support of Michigan's children with a Children's Trust Fund (CTF) specialty license plate. You will help further the important work of preventing child abuse in Michigan while at the same time sharing this message with your friends, family and neighbors. With a CTF specialty license plate, you can easily show your support for Michigan's children and families!

Since its creation, CTF has raised over \$70 million and provided child abuse prevention support to over 6 million children and families in Michigan. Part of that money came from the sale of our specialty license plates. You can order a Children's Trust Fund plate from the Secretary of State, at www.michigan.gov/sos ~ any time of the year. The Children's License Plate sells for \$35; \$25 of which goes directly to CTF to help fund prevention services. Once you have a plate, each year there is an additional \$10 fee which goes to ongoing support of the work of the Children's Trust Fund. All of these contributions are tax deductible.

For more information about the Children's Trust Fund, please visit www.michigan.gov/ctf or call 1-800-CHILDREN.

SAVE the DATE

Cheers for Children
Signature Fundraising Event

Friday October 9, 2015
6:30 pm-9:00 pm
Lake Forest Golf Club

A fun-filled evening with delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, silent auction and a celebration of our Partners in Prevention for taking a stand against child abuse and neglect!

washtenaw area
council for children
safe kids, sound community

BIG TAILGATE

Community Roof-Sit 2015 in St. Clair County to Benefit Child Abuse Prevention

The St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council, Inc. will hold its 21st Community Roof-Sit from September 13-18, 2015. This is a fabulous fundraiser at the Birchwood Mall featuring Chuck Santoni's week long roof-top living. For more information on events surrounding the Community Roof-Sit read their Summer 2015 Newsletter at www.sccstopchildabuse.org/documents/2015RoofSitNewsletter_000.pdf.



Kid Store

September is a great month for exploring your local markets or going to an orchard! What better way to hold all of your fruit and vegetables than a sturdy canvas tote? You will realize that this tote will come in handy in many ways and is very convenient to keep in your trunk. Our large grocery tote is eco-friendly and reusable. It is larger than most normal bags, and can hold all of your groceries and other household items. We have the totes available in green and tan. You



can show your support and buy this grocery tote for only \$5.00 each or stock up just in case in you need more @ 3 for \$13.00. All proceeds go back to Children's Trust Fund in helping prevent child abuse & neglect.

To purchase this item and/or to check out other CTF great items in our kids store please go to the Kid Store Website at <https://goo.gl/FuOmbj>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anne Stokes at 517-373-4320.

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