



**Children's Trust Fund**  
Protecting Michigan's Children



## CTF NEWS BRIEF

August 2016

### 8 Local Councils Promoted to Next Tier

Recently, The Children's Trust Fund Board of Directors approved a competitive opportunity for tier I and tier II Local Councils to advance a tier. The tier level determines the grant amount for each council. A total of 13 Local Councils applied. An objective reviewing process was established. CTF utilized a weighted point system that looked at 7 elements. The CTF Board gave the final approvals based upon the reviewers' recommendations. Of the 13 applicants, 3 tier I to tier II, and 5 tier II to tier III councils were approved. The selection process was a difficult one as there were many worthy submissions. CTF appreciates all of the hard work and time it took all councils to complete the application process. CTF congratulates and is proud to announce that the following CTF Local Councils that will be promoted to the next tier October 1, 2016.

**Tier I to Tier II:**

- Delta: Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula/Delta County (Julie Moberg)
- Ogemaw: Ogemaw County Child Protection Council (Becky Yuncker)
- St. Joseph: St. Joseph Council for Prevention of CAN (Myra Brimmer)

**Tier II to Tier III:**

- Barry: Family Support Center of Barry County (Karen Jousma)
- Charlevoix/Emmett: Child Abuse Council of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties (Maggie Kromm)
- Gratiot: Gratiot County Child Protection Council (Audra Stahl)
- Livingston: LACASA (Holly Naylor)
- Ottawa: Pathways of Ottawa County (Leigh Moerdyke)

CTF was impressed with these awardees' applications and we are excited to see how their prevention programming will be enhanced along with the community impact it will most certainly have. Congratulations again!

### Children's Trust Fund Board Meeting on September 28

The Children's Trust Fund Board, which serves as the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, will meet on Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

The meeting will be held at Jackson National Life Insurance, 3275 Okemos Road, Mason, MI 48854. 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 26, 2016.

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# 35th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference Child Abuse & Neglect: Prevention, Assessment & Treatment

October 24-25, 2016  
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 Scott Becker, Sharon Cooper, and Carl M. Price, 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](http://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.



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Questions? Call Anne Stokes at 517-373-4320.

## Regional Meetings

Five of the seven planned CTF summer Local Council regional meetings have taken place thus far. Since the 1st session in Ann Arbor this past June, we've also had meetings in; White Cloud, Coldwater, Gaylord and Saginaw. Each meeting has been exciting, beaming with a spirit of collaboration, sharing, support and friendship. Thus far 76 individuals have participated with 21 additional people responding that they plan to attend the Eastern and Western Upper Peninsula meetings during the week of August 22nd.

CTF is appreciative of those Local Councils that hosted including; Jyoti Gupta (Washtenaw), Myra Brimmer (Branch), Denise Roesly (Newaygo), Suzanne Greenberg, et al (Saginaw), Teresa Cherry and Brandy McVannel (Otsego). These gracious hosts went above and beyond to provide a great atmosphere and delicious food for the days' meetings including: homemade banana, zucchini and other breads in Gaylord; never-ending energy snacks in Saginaw; breakfasts from all of the meetings which I'm sure went beyond the CTF budget including a granola bar, eggs, bagels, but were generously supplemented by the hosting councils; and delicious lunches. It must be noted that when Gobblers in Gaylord found out the CTF mission and the purpose of the regional meeting, they donated a generous portion of the lunch cost, and although they don't typically make deliveries, the managers came to the meeting to personally deliver lunch. Their good-will was deeply appreciated in addition to providing a delicious turkey lunch. Each hosting council greatly contributed to creating a warm and welcoming environment for the day. The hosting councils for the U.P. meetings are Luce and Marquette/Alger.

The Regional Meeting agenda always includes an introductions piece where we set the stage for the rest of the day including recording participant expectations. At the end of the day we revisit those expectations to see whether those gains were realized. The main agenda topics have included; use of the Protective Factors in an overall continuous quality improvement system, cultural competency, and board development. This year our Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA) chapter partner, Michigan's Children, has also joined us at the regional meetings, providing an overall picture of the work they do and seeking input from councils about what they perceive as being important child advocacy issues in their respective counties. Each regional meeting has included a 'peer sharing' (or peer review) discussion about board development. This gives an opportunity for councils to pair off with another council, and privately; share, support and give feedback using a list of questions (as the basis of their conversation). Each topic throughout the day includes opportunities for councils to brainstorm and create work plans to take back to their own respective councils.

Although survey results show a high satisfaction with the regional meetings, in looking ahead to next year's meetings, we are taking an opportunity to engage the councils to help direct meeting direction and curriculum. When asked for volunteers, 12 councils eagerly said 'yes'. I look forward to working with them to create another top-notch set of regional meetings in 2017.

On a personal note, I look forward to and enjoy the CTF regional meetings, each one with its own character and regional culture. I deeply appreciate the chance to meet and personally interact with folks from all over Michigan. The desire to advance child maltreatment prevention work is evident by the positive energy each attendee brings to these meetings. CTF is most fortunate to work with such a great group of men and women dedicated to strengthening the lives of our state's families and children.

### **St. Clair County Community Roof-Sit 2016**

The St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council will hold their 22nd Roof-Sit from September 18-23, 2016 at the Birchwood Mall. Chuck Santoni will be encouraging the community and all WSAQ listeners to participate in this event to raise awareness and funds for the CTF designated Local Council in St. Clair County. Those interested in volunteering to help with or donate to Roof-Sit 2016 can call (810) 966-9911 or email [info@sccstopchildabuse.org](mailto:info@sccstopchildabuse.org).

### **Duck Derby & Family Fun Fest**

The CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region will hold their Duck Derby & Family Fun Fest on Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 9-11am. There will be free family fun, including a bounce house and other inflatables, and many children's games and activities. For more information call (989) 752-7226 in Saginaw County or (989) 671-1345 in Bay County.

## An Easy and Impactful Way to Make a Difference – 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 you endorse supporting Michigan children and families!



Join MDHHS employee, Jessica Guthrie, in making a difference. Jessica is the new and happy owner of a CTF specialty license plate “HPPYNS” that she proudly displays on her yellow International Scout II ~ while making a difference in the lives of Michigan’s children and families. You can too!

Since its creation, CTF has raised over \$70 million and provided child abuse prevention support to over 7 million children and families in Michigan. Part of that money came from the sale of the specialty license plates. You can order a Children’s Trust Fund plate from the Secretary of State, at [Michigan.gov/sos](http://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 directly to CTF to support the ongoing work of the Children's Trust Fund. All contributions are tax deductible.

For more information about the Children’s Trust Fund, please visit [www.michigan.gov/ctf](http://www.michigan.gov/ctf) or call 1-800-CHILDREN.



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