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Dear Partners in Prevention,

We know your inboxes and social media are flooded by communications related to the constantly evolving Coronavirus situation. The challenge that this outbreak represents to us all is likely not something we have seen before and we all have to process our way through uncertainty, understandable anxiety and heightened risk. At some point, hopefully sooner rather than later, we will return to normal. History tells us that people have always risen to meet whatever challenges are thrown our way, usually emerging **stronger and more connected** than ever.

The quickly evolving COVID-19 situation has us all making decisions about our offices' daily activities, upcoming events, and the wellbeing of our grantee programs. CTF is housed within the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) and will follow their lead to limit possible transmission, since as you know, our primary goal at the Children's Trust Fund is prevention in all forms. On Sunday, the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) released recommendations to cancel all events of 50 or more people for the next 8 weeks. As such, **we have canceled our April 21st Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Day Rally** at the State Capitol and are diligently working to bring to you other ways to celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month. We continue to be committed to child welfare and, over the course of the COVID-19 situation, plan to keep you updated on the status of these events while sharing relevant, beneficial resources with our online network.

Please be aware that CTF staff will be converting meetings to virtual/by phone, avoiding non-essential travel, transitioning to working remotely until further notice, so the best way to contact our office is by emailing ctfinfo@michigan.gov.

We leave you with a [message](#) from Dr. Melissa Merrick, the CEO of Prevent Child Abuse America, who reminds us what we can do to support families every day and in these uncertain times.

With children in mind,

Your Children's Trust Fund Team

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