

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND OF MICHIGAN PROGRAMMING

CTF's mission is to champion child abuse and neglect prevention services throughout the State of Michigan. CTF's focus is the support of primary and secondary child abuse and prevention programs.

Primary prevention consists of activities targeted toward the community at large which are supportive or educationally based. Secondary prevention consists of activities targeted to families which have one or more risk factors related to child abuse and neglect.

Whether primary or secondary prevention supported endeavors, CTF's aim is to reduce confirmed risk factors of child maltreatment, including but not limited to child behavior problems, chronic or serious illness, attention deficit disorder, stressful life events, unemployment, substance abuse and domestic violence; and to strengthen protective factors, including but not limited to enhancing nurturing and attachment, parental resilience, parenting skills, and support systems.

CTF's strategic initiatives include Local Council and Direct Service grants which serve 82 of 83 Michigan counties. CTF serves as the administrative partner in the Zero to Three Secondary Prevention Initiative in partnership with the Department of Human Services, Department of Community Health, and Michigan Department of Education.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

LOCAL COUNCILS

- CTF funds 72 local child abuse and neglect prevention councils that serve 82 of Michigan's 83 counties.
- Councils develop and facilitate collaborative prevention programs in their communities.
- Activities include public awareness campaigns, trainings for professionals in the child

welfare field, information and referrals, local resource directories, and educational workshops for parents and youth.

DIRECT SERVICES

- CTF also funds over 30 community-based direct service grants across the state.
- Grant services are designed to promote strong, nurturing families.
- Priorities include parent/guardian skills training and support in the areas of child development, child care skills, and stress management.
- Services also include respite care, parent support groups, responsible fatherhood, home visitation, family resource and support centers, positive youth development, and other community-based prevention programs.

ZERO TO THREE

- The Zero to Three Program provides services to 56 counties across the state.
- Michigan's Zero to Three Prevention Initiative is a statewide interagency collaborative child abuse and neglect prevention project charged with integrating a system of services for expectant families and those with children age birth through three years who have been identified to be at risk for child abuse and neglect.
- The grants given throughout the state support community-based collaborative prevention programs designed to foster positive parenting skills, improve parent-child interactions, promote access to needed community services, increase local capacity to serve families at risk, improve school readiness, and support healthy environments that discourage alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use.