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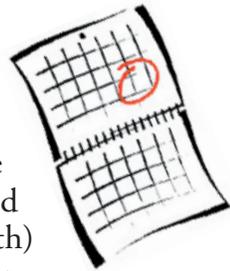
Welcome to CTF News Briefs! This monthly newsletter has been developed to better meet the needs of our local councils and direct service grantees. CTF will use this communication tool to share information on upcoming events, grant requirements and deadlines, capacity building tips, technical assistance concerns, and other prevention information. If you have announcements or events that you would like posted in the News Briefs, please submit them to Alan Stokes at StokesA@michigan.gov by the 10th of each month. We also welcome suggestions on content and ways to make this communication tool as useful and user-friendly as possible.

CTF Fall Training

The CTF Fall Training will take place on October 9-10, 2007, at the Henry Center in East Lansing. Day one, which focuses on local council needs, will examine evidence-based and evidence-informed practices and their implementation. Day two focuses on direct service grantees and will feature an intensive logic model and outcome accountability training. Each day of training will also include workshops on EGrAMS, data collection, and grant administration.

As a condition of the grant, all grantees are required to send one participant to at least one day of training. CTF will cover the costs (registration, lunch, and morning and afternoon snacks) of up to two attendees. **The registration deadline is Friday, September 7.** Registration information can be found on the CTF website at www.michigan.gov/ctf. Group room rates must be reserved by Saturday, September 8. To secure a hotel reservation at Candlewood Suites (which is adjacent to the Henry Center) call 517.351.8181. Please contact Tricia Headley at 517.241.7226 (for accommodation/logistical questions) or Sarah Davis at 517.335.7770 (for program questions). We look forward to seeing you in October!

Upcoming Events



August 28-30: The WTCM Cares for Kids Radio-a-Thon will take place at the Preferred Outlets (on US 31 South) in Traverse City. Money raised will benefit counties in Northern Michigan including Wexford, Manistee, Benzie, Antrim, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Charlevoix, and Emmet. For more information, visit www.tccpcan.org.

August 29: The Tri-County Coalition for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect is hosting Jeanne Fowler, author of Peter's Lullaby. The event will be held at the First Congregational Church in Traverse City from 1:00-3:00 p.m. To register, contact Linda Wood at 231.342.4641 or visit www.tccpcan.org.

September 21: The Tuscola Child Abuse & Neglect Council is holding the annual Teri Buhl Memorial Golf Scramble. The event will be held at the Arrowhead Golf and Country Club in Caro. To register, contact Amy Zeigler at 989.325.0815 or by email at tuscolacancouncil@yahoo.com.

Work Group Updates

Designation Agreement Work Group

This work group has met since mid-May to review and make revisions to the local council designation agreement template (that underwent significant changes in 2006). This group has met seven times over eleven weeks—including meeting with representatives from the Departments of Human Services and Management & Budget—to forge needed revisions. The final draft of the revised version is under review. An update concerning changes will be shared with local councils at the CTF Annual Training on October 9.

Designation agreement work group members include:

Cheryl Krapf-Haddock, Leader – Eaton County CAN Prevention Council
 Rich Bearup, Co-Leader – CTF
 Dawn Arwood – CTF
 Debra Cook – Northwest Council for the Prevention of CAN
 Suzanne Greenberg – Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Saginaw County
 Patricia Headley – CTF
 Mary Kreft – Iosco County Child Protection Council
 Taryn Mack – Region 1 Upper Peninsula
 Cindy McCann – Council for Children of Lapeer County
 Kim Musselman – Antrim County CAN Council
 Kim Ratulowski – Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center
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 Pat Rosen – CAN Council of Oakland County
 Robin Stechschulte – Shiawassee Council for CAN
 Alan Stokes – CTF
 Janell Thelen – CTF
 Annemarie Valdez – Child's Hope of Wayne County

Education Work Group

The education work group has been meeting since June 2007 to identify the communication and informational needs of CTF local councils. The group has discussed CTF governance and funding, local council tier requirements, communication and training needs, the CTF tax check-off, the local council orientation manual, and CAP Month.

Although initially formed as a temporary work group, members have found the discussions and action items to be useful and constructive. For example, the work group determined that monthly News Briefs would best meet the communication needs of local councils and direct service grantees. Therefore, the education work group will be ongoing at this point, with a focus on potential statewide awareness and CAP Month 2008 activities. If you are interested in participating in this work group, please contact Richard Bearup (CTF) or Ruth Rockwell (Clinton County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect).

Education work group members include:

Ruth Rockwell, Leader – Clinton County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect
 Rich Bearup, Co-Leader – CTF
 Julie Allen – Ingham County Child Abuse Prevention Services
 Debra Cook – Northwest Council for the Prevention of CAN
 Sarah Davis – CTF
 Stephanie Dorey – CTF
 Suzanne Greenberg – CAN Council of Saginaw County
 Patricia Headley – CTF
 Nancy Skula – Care House/Macomb County Child Advocacy Center
 Alan Stokes – CTF
 Janell Thelen – CTF
 Annemarie Valdez – Child's Hope of Wayne County
 Chris Zenti – CAN Council of Marquette/Alger



Work Group Updates, continued

Capacity Building Work Group

This work group was convened in January 2007 and issued recommendations in June 2007. Recommendations to CTF included: increasing aggregate and individual funding to local councils over the next three years; designating a funding stream separate from designation agreements against which councils seeking to build capacity could apply and compete for funds; intentionally funding local councils at a proportionately higher level than direct service grants for a five-year period; and planning and implementing a mechanism that will move ten Tier I councils to Tier II status by September 30, 2008. These recommendations will be presented by the Executive Director to the Finance, Program, and Fund Development Committees of the CTF Board of Directors this fall.

Capacity building work group members include:

Annemarie Valdez, Chair – Child’s Hope of Wayne County
 Rich Bearup, Co-Chair – CTF
 Suzanne Greenberg – Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Saginaw County
 Patrick McLean – Washtenaw Council for Children
 Pam Morrison – Genesee Consortium on CAN
 Kim Norton – Sanilac County Child Abuse Prevention Council
 Pat Rosen – CAN Council of Oak-

land County
 Sally Straffon – St. Clair County CAN Council, Inc.
 Alan Stokes – CTF

Standards Work Group

The standards work group convened in January 2007 and submitted its recommendations in May 2007. The work group issued a report identifying prevention standards for each local council tier. These recommendations, as listed below, have been presented by the Executive Director to the CTF Board of Directors Program Committee for review and adoption this fall.

Standards for effective prevention programs to be provided by all local councils are:

- Family-centered
- Culturally sensitive and culturally competent
- Offer an early start
- Developmentally appropriate
- Empowerment and strength-based approach
- Flexible and responsive
- Universally available and voluntary
- Comprehensive and integrated
- Easily accessible
- Long-term and adequate intensity

Tier I

- Are community-based
- Link with informal and formal supports
- Build on sound program structure, design, and practices

- Provide data collection and documentation
- Establish outcomes and conduct evaluations
- Have a committed Board of Directors
- Work collaboratively with the community

Tier II:

Meet all Tier I standards, plus:

- Provide adequate funding and long-range planning
- Developed through a partnership approach
- Committed, caring staff (optional)

Tier III:

Meet all Tier I and II standards, plus:

- Committed, caring staff (required)

Standards work group members include:

Dee Obrecht, Chair – Child & Family Enrichment Council
 Patricia Headley, Co-Chair – CTF
 Dawn Arwood – CTF
 Suzanne Greenberg – Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Saginaw County
 Kim Ratulowski – Safe Harbor Children’s Advocacy Center
 Taryn Mack – Region 1 Upper Peninsula
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Important Grantee Deadlines

September 5, 2007: Contact your CTF grant monitor if you have any unspent FY 2007 CTF grant funds. Possible reasons for unspent funds could be late program start ups or staffing issues. Any unspent funds should include only CTF funds—do not include other funding sources in this total.

October 3, 2007: All local councils and direct service grantees (except direct service grantees that started their grant cycle prior to October 1, 2006) must submit their 4th Quarter Statement of Expenditures (for local councils) or EGrAMS Financial Status Report (for direct services) no later than October 3 to avoid a delayed payment. Reports submitted after this day may delay your payment until after January 2008.

New CTF Logo

CTF is pleased to unveil our new logo! The logo portrays the Upper and Lower Peninsulas as green imprints of a child's hands, framed against blue water and a yellow sun. If you are a CTF local council or direct service grantee, please replace the former CTF logo wherever feasible. The new logo is attached to this News Briefs email as a gif file (for website usage), a tiff file (for commercial printing and high resolution usage), and a jpg file (for use with Microsoft Word and Excel). When you use the logo, please do not change or distort the image. In most software applications, holding down the shift key while resizing will prevent distortion.

NEW:



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OLD:



To comply with grant agreements, the CTF logo should be placed on any new materials (such as newsletters or brochures) and included on program websites. When inserting the logo on your website, please provide a hyperlink to the CTF website at www.michigan.gov/ctf. If you need assistance, please contact Alan Stokes.



CTF Website Continues to Grow

To better meet the needs of our prevention partners, three new features have been added to the CTF website.

Interactive Map: An interactive map enables web visitors to click on any county in Michigan and find information on all CTF funded programs in the area. Visitors can access the map at any time by clicking on the green "Children's Trust Fund Programs" icon located in the right margin of each webpage.



New Content Category: A new "Training" category (located in the left margin) has been added to highlight CTF and partner-sponsored trainings. To post information on relevant prevention or CAN trainings, please send training announcements (in electronic formats only) to CTF Webmaster Alan Stokes at StokesA@michigan.gov. Information will be automatically removed 48 hours after an event.

Literature Request Web Form: Prevention partners can request CTF resources by clicking on the Quick Link to the "Literature Request Form" in the right margin. Orders are automatically sent to Alan Stokes, CTF Community Awareness Coordinator. A new feature allows users to view materials before ordering and/or print them internally for time sensitive occasions.

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