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

### Save the Date

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.

Registration for this event will be online and notification will be sent out when registration opens in August. Check the website for information as it becomes available, to view archives of previous conferences and to sign up for email notifications at [www.canconferenceuofm.org](http://www.canconferenceuofm.org).

We look forward to seeing you in November! *Remember participation by at least one representative is a contractual requirement for all Direct Services Programs funded by CTF as well all local Councils.*



# Local Council News

## Regional Meetings

CTF regional meetings are now in full swing. The state's Local Councils are divided into 7 regions. On June 30, 2015, we started in Ann Arbor with the southeast regional meeting. These high energy meetings are always enjoyable and fun, affording Local Councils as well as CTF a great opportunity to learn from each other, as well as to reaffirm our dedication to the children and families of Michigan.

Each regional meeting's morning session is being devoted to Parent Leadership. We know that engaging parents in leadership roles within the Local Councils can help sustain strengthen and build organizational capacity. Further, their increased involvement within the greater community can be a significant instrument for positive societal change. This unit includes giving participants an opportunity to evaluate the degree to which parents are engaged in leadership roles within their respective organizations. Councils then complete an exercise to explore and plan for advancing their parent leadership efforts. During the afternoon session topics include council sustainability and capacity building, and fundraising. Throughout the day, priority is given to having attendees collaborate and learn from each other. Attendees leave the session with practical ideas, tools and work plans which they may then take back to share with their council leadership and peers.

Local Councils are welcome and encouraged to bring others from their councils to the regional meetings. CTF provides a continental breakfast and full lunch. Emily makes sure that there is lots of chocolate on-hand for the afternoon. CTF is appreciative of and thanks the following hosting councils for their hard work and efforts in helping to assure a successful day. They include; the Washtenaw, St. Joseph, Ottawa, Saginaw, Otsego, Luce and, Marquette/Alger Counties.

Please contact Emily ([wachsbergere@michigan.gov](mailto:wachsbergere@michigan.gov)) with any questions about the 4 remaining meetings. The meetings take place from 9am – 4pm ET (except in the Western Upper Peninsula when they'll start at 10am ET/9am CT).

See below for further information about the remaining meetings:

- East: Tuesday, July 28th at either 1311 N. Michigan or Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, 315 W. Genesee Ave, both in Saginaw, MI.
- Northern Lower Peninsula: Thursday, August 8th at St. Mary's Catholic Church 606 N. Ohio Ave.
- Eastern UP Regional Meeting: Tuesday, August 25th at the Village Inn of Newberry, 7552 M 123 Newberry.
- Western UP Regional Meeting: Thursday, August 27th at RESA, 321 East Ohio Street.

## Youth Thrive Mini-Grants Now Available

The Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP) is delighted to announce a new opportunity for our 15 Youth Thrive Exemplary Initiatives and two Youth Thrive jurisdictions. The Youth Thrive initiative is offering mini-grants of up to \$2,000 to support learning activities that will help your organization build protective/promotive factors and advance well-being for young people.

Funds can be used to support: a peer-to-peer match or site visit with another organization, training, consultation, participation at a conference or event or some other opportunity that your organization is eager to pursue. For more information, and to complete the short, online application, visit our Youth Thrive Mini-Grant Application.

Applications can be submitted at any time up to December 31, 2015. Applicants will receive a response within 6-8 weeks of sending in their application.

## Kid Store

July is known for being the hottest month of the year. You want to make sure you stay hydrated when you go for that bike ride or spend a day at the beach. What better way to stay cool and refreshed other than by having a cold beverage on hand? You can keep your drink staying cold with this 26oz water bottle made from recycled plastic and ideal for the people on the go! The water bottle is equipped with a convenient push pull lid and comes in three different colors. You can show your support and buy this water bottle for only \$2.00 each or stock up for the whole family and get 3 for \$5.00. 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 website <https://goo.gl/FuOmbj>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anne Stokes at 517-373-4320.



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