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Honor Your Child's Birth Date in History



The Heirloom Birth Certificate legislation signed into law in May 2011 is referred to as the “Pam Posthumus Law” in recognition of the late Pam Posthumus. Pam served on the CTF Board and was a true champion for the health and welfare of Michigan’s children.

The Heirloom Birth Certificate is intended to be a permanent memento for anyone born in the State of Michigan. While not an official birth record, the keepsake will showcase the individual’s name, date of birth, place of birth and names of their parents. For only \$40 you will have a souvenir that can be passed from generation to generation as a cherished record of family births. The sale of each certificate will provide \$20 to the Children’s Trust Fund (CTF) to help prevent child abuse and neglect in Michigan.

To order a Heirloom Birth Certificate visit www.michigan.gov/heirloom to download an application OR access the online ordering service at www.vitalchek.com.

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Parent Leadership Ambassador Training

On September 29th and 30th, CTF hosted a Parent Leadership Ambassador Training (PLAT). The unique design of this training brings together an agency representative with at least one parent who has had direct experience with the services of the agency. The parents and practitioners spent two days in what proved to be an interactive, informative and enjoyable time together. The participants had candid conversations on a wide range of topics, all of which were geared toward assuring parents have a meaningful and authentic voice. Among the topics covered were agency myths about parents; parents' perceptions when trust and communication is lacking; agency fears; ways for agencies to support parent engagement; roles for parents; obstacles to parent leadership; the benefits of the parent voice; and what parents need to build their strengths. The two days ended with each parent/practitioner team developing an individualized plan to strengthen parent engagement back in their communities.



September PLAT Participants

FRIENDS, which is the national support organization for a CTF federal grant, provided planning assistance and offset the costs of the training team. Thank you to FRIENDS and to Denise McCaffery and Fatima Gonzalez-Galindo, our amazing training team for making this a productive and memorable event for everyone involved.

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

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.

Information on the conference is located at 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.*

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Prevention Awareness Day: Save the Date

Although Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month seems like a long way off, CTF is already planning for our 8th annual Prevention Awareness Day event, a day to recognize Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month and to honor all the children and families in our state. Please mark your calendar for Prevention Awareness Day which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 11AM at the Lansing State Capitol steps and help us to make this next Prevention Awareness Day event the biggest and best one ever! We have an exciting day planned that will include a rally, procession, and the “planting” of a pinwheel garden. We’ll have notable speakers and entertainment, all supporting the belief that child abuse and neglect can be prevented. Following the rally on the Capital steps all participants will walk two blocks down Michigan Avenue where the pinwheel garden portion of the event will take place. The pinwheel is the nationally recognized symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. Stand by for further details.



2016-2018 Application Process:

Congratulations and a big thank you goes out to the Local Councils for successfully completing their 2016-2018 application and contracting processes. This entire adventure actually began over a year ago when the new application was developed, in part, with valuable input from a cross section of council volunteers. CTF is most grateful to those individuals, including; Myra Brimmer, Leigh Moerdyke, Karen Jousma, Karen Staub, Ann Hepfer, Jyoti Gupta and Audra Stahl for their time and efforts. Once the application was finalized, all required administrative approvals given and web-testing completed, both logic model and application web-based trainings were developed and took place. These sessions provided vital information about how to successfully complete the application. I had the honor of reading and reviewing each application. For the next 3 years all councils will be engaged in a variety of meaningful programming efforts. These include but are certainly not limited to: providing parenting education to adults and teenagers; teaching children and adults about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it; supporting community baby pantries, promoting prevention awareness and; hosting positive parent-child interaction events. Additionally, all Michigan CTF Local Councils will continue their efforts to help eradicate Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths (SUID) by engaging in safe sleep programming. I am impressed and proud of the thoughtful hard work that went into each and every application. For the next 3 years I look forward to receiving progress updates about the important work they do.

2015 Parenting Awareness Michigan Conference East Lansing

There is still time to register to attend the 23rd Annual Parenting Awareness Michigan Conference at the East Lansing, Michigan site. The conference was held in Marquette, Michigan on October 15, 2015.

The Parenting Awareness Michigan Conference is November 16, 2015, at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, MI. The keynoter is Maureen Hollocker.

Online registration is available at <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1672592>. The PAM Conferences are geared for professionals and volunteers who work with parents, children, and families. Continuing education opportunities are offered.

Kid Store

October means that fall is officially here and the leaves are falling off the trees. When you think of fall colors you think of red, yellow, green, brown and orange. What better way to show your love for fall than ordering a kid pin which are all designed differently by a local artist. Each kid pin is wearing a fall outfit and looks absolutely adorable. Every kid pin features a story discussing the work that Children's Trust Fund does to help families around the state and how children have benefited from a CTF program. We have boys, girls, and babies to choose from. You can show your support and buy a kid pin for only \$12.00 each. 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 <http://tinyurl.com/CTFKidstore>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anne Stokes at 517-373-4320.



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