



Children's Trust Fund
Protecting Michigan's Children



CTF NEWS BRIEF

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Children's Trust Fund Board to Meet on December 14

The Children's Trust Fund Board, which serves as the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, will meet on Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

The meeting will be held at Jackson National Life Insurance's Campus. For more information on attending this meeting or receiving copies of agendas contact Alan Stokes at stokesa@michigan.gov or call 517-373-4320.

Children's Trust Fund Annual Training

On October 24th and 25th the State of Michigan CTF Local Councils convened in Plymouth, MI for the CTF annual training which it shares with the annual University of Michigan Child Abuse and Neglect Conference. During both days councils had opportunities to listen to notable speakers, attend a number of informative breakout sessions and share lunch in a dining room specially reserved for Local Councils and Direct Services grantees. Councils met at the last breakout session of the day and had animated discussions about what their successes and challenges were this past year. They were divided into 3 separate groups determined by their granting levels.

The tier I councils successes included the significant Safe Sleep work they are doing in their local communities, educating parents about how to put their babies to sleep safely so that baby doesn't die from accidental suffocation or strangulation. They also participated in a number of public fairs/events where they had a booth or table which enabled them to speak to attendees and distribute prevention information to the community. Tier II councils also did a lot of great work in the area of Safe Sleep, providing information as well as sleep sacks, pack and plays and other items to those in need. This past year Tier II councils increased community awareness and support for their councils. They also expanded their mandated reporting training efforts. Mandated reporters are those professionals that are required by law to report child abuse and neglect. Tier III councils noted that they were able to expand programming which included parenting, sexual abuse prevention, Safe Sleep, human trafficking, internet safety and others. They also increased community awareness about trauma-informed prevention approaches and practices.

Whether a council is a smaller Tier I or the larger Tier II and Tier III organizations, challenges continue to be financial support and, volunteer development. While these concerns remain all councils expressed hope and optimism about their future as voices for primary prevention within their respective communities.

These sessions are always motivating and re-energizing. These dedicated CTF Local Council individuals are truly committed to the belief that all children deserve a safe and nurturing environment in which to thrive. The work they are accomplishing within their respective communities is making a positive difference in the lives of all Michigan's families.

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