

POSITION IN STATE GOVERNMENT

The State of Utah Department of Human Services (DHS), the CBCAP lead agency, is responsible for the administration of programs and services using funding provided through Titles IV-B, IV-E, and XX of the Social Security Act. The department has designated the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) as the agency responsible for implementing and providing direct oversight of Title IV-B and Title IV-E programs and services delivered to Utah's children and families. As such, DCFS administers the federal Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP).

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Core Services:** CBCAP funds were used to support the following core services during the fiscal year: a Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program; three Healthy Families/Parents as Teachers sites; an Hispanic infant home visiting program provided by Utah County public health nurses who use the evidence-based Parents as Teachers program; increased participation of parents, racial and ethnic minorities, children and adults with disabilities, and members of other underserved or underrepresented populations in child abuse prevention programs and activities; and support for CAPAC, the CAN Council, the Utah Association of Family Support Centers, and Prevent Child Abuse Utah, which work with community-based, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs that advocate for systemic change.
- Policy achievements:** A number of legislative changes were reviewed by those involved in the child abuse prevention system and passed during the 2011 Utah State General Legislative Session including: immunizations for teen mothers; Guardian Ad Litem responsibilities; Fatality Review Act amendments; Reunification Services amendments; Domestic Violence Services amendments; Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel Reporting Amendments; Leaving a Child Unattended in a Motor Vehicle amendments; and Grandparents Visitation Rights amendments.
- Outreach to Special Populations/Cultural Competence:** DCFS continues to lead in assuring that, as mandated in CAPTA and IDEA, children under age three with supported cases of abuse are referred to Utah's Part C Early Intervention Program (Baby Watch) for evaluation and services. In addition, children, from birth through 35 months of age who are investigated by DCFS continue to be screened for development by their CPS worker. For children whose screening indicates a need for referral for in-depth developmental assessment, parents are given information that helps them link with their local Baby Watch program. Child Abuse Prevention Program funds were used to provide services to children of families whose first language is Spanish through schools and home visiting programs.
- Parent involvement/leadership:** In addition to providing training to grantees on parent involvement and leadership, the CAP Program Administrator requested parent nominations from grantees. Potential parent leaders will not only sit on the CAN Council and CAPAC committee but will become parent leaders in Utah.
- Evaluation:** In FFY 2010, the Child Abuse Prevention Program Administrator reviewed program evaluation results completed by DCFS contract monitoring staff who determine whether providers' activities and progress are in compliance with their contracted scope of work. The CAP Program Administrator collects and reviews quarterly status reports, which programs use to detail activities that support the goals and objectives outlined in their scope of work. The CAP Program Administrator also collects quarterly statistical data regarding the numbers of adults, children, or families served including the number of adults or children served that have a disability.



- Support Training, Technical Assistance, and Evaluation Assistance:** FRIENDS provided technical assistance to DCFS during the federal fiscal year including a New State Lead Orientation for DCFS staff and an orientation on CBCAP legislation to the CAPAC and CAN Council. FRIENDS staff worked with DCFS staff on issues related to crisis nursery programs. They also provided a sample CBCAP RFP that will be used to guide the development of a similar RFP for Utah. They provided guidance on how to combine CTF and CBCAP funding so that those funds can better meet the needs of providers and clients. Finally, they linked the CAP Program Administrator with a “mentor”, the CBCAP lead in Colorado. In addition, this year DCFS incorporated all Child Abuse and Neglect training into its new CORE curriculum.

Participants receiving direct services	# children	1,129	# adults	1,443
	# children with disabilities	38	# adults with disabilities	57
Reach	# local grantees	6 contractors	# families served	1,234
Spread	# training sessions on evidence-based and best practices		# professionals participating in training	

ESSENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Utah Association of Family Support Centers (UAFSC) is the umbrella organization representing the directors of thirteen Family Support Centers located in Utah. Family Support Centers receive state funds to provide crisis and respite nursery care for children at risk for maltreatment. They blend public and private funds, including federal funds, to provide a wide range of parent education and support resources and activities.

Key partners:

Public Sector

- Child welfare
- Public health/ maternal and child health
- Early childhood
- Parent education and family support
- Substance abuse and mental health
- Head Start/ Early Head Start
- Strengthening Families
- Evidence-based Home Visiting Programs
- University of Utah Department of Pediatrics
- TANF
- Domestic Violence Program/Family Violence Prevention Services



Private Sector

- Utah Parents as Teachers
- Voices for Utah Children
- Utah Children's Service Society
- Nursing Family Partnership

SYSTEM CHANGE EFFORTS

- **Early Childhood:** The DCFS Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Program Administrator is also a member of the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Grant Workgroup sponsored by the Utah Department of Health/Maternal and Child Health.
- **Child and Family Service Reviews/Program Improvement Plan (CFRS/PIP):** Utah's second round of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) was conducted during the fiscal year. As a result of that review, DCFS wrote and submitted a Program Improvement Plan (PIP), which identifies activities that will enhance the quality of services provided to children and their families within the State of Utah.
- **Home Visiting:** CBCAP funds were used to support the Hispanic infant home visiting program provided by Utah County public health nurses who use the evidence-based Parents as Teachers program. In addition, The CAP Program Administrator is responsible for maintaining the strategic partnership with the Utah Department of Health's Office of Home Visiting (OHV) established in October of 2008, through a five-year cooperative agreement with the Administration for Children and Families.
- **State Interagency Coordinating Council for Part C:** The CAP Program Administrator sits on the Department of Health's Interagency Coordination Council, which concentrates on meeting funding needs of all early childhood programs; attempts to better coordinate services for families by increasing interagency collaboration, at the state and local level, between agencies serving young children and their families; conducts public awareness campaigns that promote the Medical Home Initiative; and attempts to strengthen parent-to-parent support in the state through use of the FUN (Families United Network) program model.
- **Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force:** The Child Abuse Prevention Action Committee (CAPAC) advises DCFS on matters and issues related to the development and implementation of the CBCAP grant. The CAPAC has balanced representation of public and private sector members, parents, and non-profit service providers. The Child Abuse and Neglect Council (CAN Council), which was established by statute in the late 1980's, advises DCFS on matters related to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. A key responsibility of the CAN Council is to oversee the Utah Children's Trust Account, funding which has been legislatively directed to DCFS from revenues received from the issuance of birth certificates.



FUNDING AND FISCAL LEVERAGING

Fiscal Leveraging

Innovative funding mechanisms:

- Funds used by the Lead Agency to leverage federal support include state general funds that support Crisis Respite Nurseries as well as Children’s Trust Funds, legislatively directed to DCFS from revenues received from the issuance of birth certificates, which support child abuse prevention services, family support services, and parenting education programs.

State Allowable Claims	\$3,559,473
Population-based Allocations	\$293,153
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations	\$123,397
Final FY 10 Federal Grant Amount	\$422,273

EVIDENCE-BASED AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICES

Level per Program Assessment Rating Tool	CBCAP Funding
Programs Lacking Support or Positive Evidence/Undetermined/Harmful	\$0
Emerging and Evidence-informed Programs and Practices	\$95,047
Promising Programs and Practices	\$300,822
Supported Programs and Practices	\$0
Well Supported Programs and Practices	\$100,000

TRAINING

Administrative and Management Topics

- New State Lead orientation
- fiscal leveraging
- CBCAP legislation
- RFP development

Programmatic and Service Topics

- collaboration and partnerships for prevention
- prevention programs and family support
- promoting protective factors and reducing risk factor

RESOURCES

- Annual State Profiles: www.friendsnrc.org/.

