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Development, Operation & Expansion of Community-based & Prevention-focused Programs	Services Provided to Families by Local Programs	Unmet Needs Identified by the Inventory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), CBCAP lead agency, is the state code agency responsible for a full range of child welfare services including child protection, prevention, family maintenance, substitute care, adoption, family-centered services, youth services for DCFS state wards, day care services for DCFS clients, licensing of foster homes, day care homes and centers, and child welfare agencies. DCFS is also legislatively empowered with the administration of the Illinois Child Abuse Prevention Fund that is supported from private donations, the statewide tax check-off program, and a portion of the proceeds from the sale of commemorative birth certificates. • DCFS strives to ensure that all regions have access to needed services and that resources are allocated to address unmet needs. Thirteen years ago, DCFS, the Illinois State Board of Education, the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, and the Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse established 62 geographically located networks to provide a framework for family support services. The goal of these 62 Local Area Networks (LANs)—consistent with the DCFS priority to support safe and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs supported through CBCAP or matching funds provided core and adjunct services designed to prevent child abuse and neglect, were reflective of the purpose, values and spirit of CBCAP legislation, and played key roles in assuring that a continuum of services, including prevention; intervention and treatment were available in our Illinois communities. • CBCAP funds supported services and activities in six key areas, in accordance with a logic model: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting education, hard-to-reach and minority children; • Responsible fatherhood, Intact family preservation, family support through flexible funding; • HIV/AIDs affected families, trauma affection children, respite; • Parent leadership development; • Statewide prevention activities and public awareness; and • Systemic change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Statewide Survey of Illinois Child and Adolescent Local Area Networks (LANs) identifying the following five categories of goods and services requested and provided to children and their families was published during the fiscal year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household Supports; • Healthcare Supports; • Educational Supports; • Supportive Services and, • Social Enrichment Services.

<p>stable families—is to maintain families safely in their homes, schools and communities and to keep families from entering the child protection system.</p>		
<p>Description of Number of Families Served</p>	<p>Outreach to Special Populations</p>	<p>Parent Leadership</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBCAP-funded programs provided direct service to 1,000 families and 337 children. Of those, 265 were parents or children with disabilities. • Public awareness and education activities reached 10,622 families, and 84 families received training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBCAP-supported programs conducted outreach, prevention and intervention services to specifically benefit special population including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCFS referred and involved families • HIV affected/infected families in need of respite, education and family support • Latino immigrants needing parenting classes, family support, educational intervention and resource assistance in their native language • Teen parents needing parent education classes • Residents of a community public housing project needing GED preparation, college credit course work, and age-appropriate children’s activities • Dads needing responsible parenting classes and mutual support groups • Court involved and court mandated clients • Victims of domestic violence needing shelter • Refugees and immigrants (South Asian, Arab, Middle Eastern and Bosnian) needing prevention, intervention and shelter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBCAP, CAPTA, FCS, CJS and Tax Check-Off funded programs are encouraged to involve parents, especially fathers, foster parents and grandparents in the development, operation, and quality assurance aspects of their programs. Parents are also encouraged to build close connections with other parents so they are able to learn and share with others and work together to build a healthier community. • A primary intent of the CBCAP program and the Family Centered Services Initiative (FCS), funded through PSSF dollars, is to involve parents in planning and evaluating. The Statewide FCS Steering Committee, of which the lead agency is a member, continues to oversee, advise and provide technical assistance to the FCS Initiative. Two co-chairs, one representing the DCFS Division of Child Protection and one representing community-based service providers, provide overall leadership and continuity to the committee. • CBCAP grantees are strongly encouraged to foster meaningful parent leadership within their organizations through parental involvement in the development and evaluation of community programs. This important aspect of service provision is periodically reviewed and is used to make funding decisions.

Training and Technical Assistance	Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities	Innovative Funding Mechanisms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent Child Abuse Illinois sponsored an Annual Statewide Child Abuse Prevention Conference, and provided staff support to seven downstate Child Death Review Teams. The organization supports and assists the development of the Healthy Families Illinois home visitor program in communities across the state, and maintains a literature distribution program and Speakers Bureau. • Training topics that were conducted in the previous year by CBCAP grantees or the lead agency included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention programs and family support • Promoting protective factors and reducing risk factors • Marketing, messaging and child abuse prevention public awareness • Collaboration and partnership for prevention • Evidence-based and evidence-informed programs and practices • Grant reporting requirements • Contract Monitoring • Ethics • Effects of Trauma (ACE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To launch Child Abuse Prevention Month, three Program Excellence Awards were presented to regional programs throughout the state. Program recipients were selected in recognition of their child abuse prevention efforts using the following criteria: the program must serve Illinois children; exemplify family-focused and community-based ideals; include collaboration with other family service organizations; be in existence for three or more years; and be a not-for-profit organization. • Three Child Abuse Prevention Community awards were also presented to regional programs throughout the state. Criteria for this award stated that the selected campaign must: serve an Illinois community; involve partners; have been held in the previous year and is being held in the current year; involve distribution of blue ribbons, pinwheels and/or other child abuse prevention material; and include one or more special features or events (e.g., health fair, poster contest, media events, vigils). • A special emphasis was placed again this year on providing information about Child Abuse Prevention Month to legislators. Launch invitation post cards were sent to legislators and, media packets were delivered to legislators after the events to provide additional information on the issue. • Outreach to the media to increase participation at the three launch events was part of the month's activities. DCFS Communications Department distributed a media alert and press release for Chicago and Bloomington launch events. PCA Illinois distributed media alerts and press releases for the Southern Illinois launch event. • Newly revised Child Abuse Prevention Month Community Resource Packets specific to Illinois were posted on the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, through the FCS (PSSF) lead, governs Flexible Funding for the Wraparound Plans Program, originally designed to provide seed money to support communities in their efforts to support local systems of care. Currently, this program expands community-based service capacity that allows children and adolescents at risk of poor school attendance, and/or being expelled, suspended or truant from school to be maintained in their school through flexible funding for supplemental prevention activities to keep children and families from formal introduction to the child welfare system.

	<p>PCA Illinois web site to be downloaded. These colorful, 21- page packets, developed by PCA Illinois, included information designed to help communities throughout Illinois to participate with Child Abuse Prevention month activities and to provide resource contacts for those agencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Winter and Spring issues of the PCA Illinois Email Newsletter Updates providing information about Child Abuse Prevention Month were distributed to nearly 3,500 email addresses. 	
<p>Linkages with Other Systems (Child Welfare, PSSF, Early Childhood, etc.)</p>	<p>A. PART Data Efficiency Measure that Supports EBP and EIP Practices</p>	<p>B. Demonstration of High Level of Satisfaction Among Families</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in cooperation with other human service providers the lead agency integrated services that provided support to families in order to reduce the types of stressors precipitating child abuse and neglect. A wide variety of community-based child abuse prevention programs are a part of a statewide network of local prevention efforts designed to modify, expand and strengthen a continuum of services leading to improved safety, permanency and well-being of children and families. Last year core prevention services funded through CBCAP, the Child Abuse Prevention Fund, CAPTA Title I, Children's Justice Services, Flexible Funding and the Family Centered Services Initiative continued to reflect a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach. • A successful collaboration based upon a Memorandum of Understanding among the lead agency, ACF, DHS, and the Illinois Head Start Association involved training and evaluation, and was implemented in conjunction with the Early Childhood 		

Education Initiative and the Strengthening Families Illinois Initiative.		
C. Results of Peer Review	D. Evaluation Data on Funded Programs, the Lead Agency & the Network	Other Elements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most CBCAP grantees use various forms of Peer Review and Performance Improvement activities that include program staff, program volunteers, like-agency personnel, and parent consumers. Typical for a majority of agencies, the Peer Review process involves an evaluation by referral sources after each series of classes and a quarterly Peer Review Committee meeting. Participants of each class and workshop are asked to complete a survey to provide insightful feedback about how helpful program services were, and to provide constructive criticism—negative or positive. Representatives from DHS, DCFS local offices, and program staff join parents familiar with the program for these meetings. Local agencies and LAN Committee representatives are also invited to attend. Notes are taken at each meeting and distributed to participants for consideration. Action items are assigned to a Committee member with follow up requested as needed. • Bi-monthly LAN and county Interagency meetings provide additional opportunity for peer interaction and informal review. Peer Review participants include parents who attend classes, representatives from DHS, DCFS local offices, program staff and parents familiar with the program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most CBCAP grantees continue to utilize the online logic model provided through the FRIENDS toolkit. Grantees are also encouraged to utilize the FRIENDS Strengthening Families Survey to evaluate whether program interventions engender Protective Factors. • Evaluation of program activities occurs through review of grantee logic models, required programmatic narratives and onsite visits to the agencies. A Contract Monitoring Summary Report is required for all CBCAP grantees, due to an assigned DCFS contract monitor seven calendar days before a scheduled Contract Monitoring Review. Information submitted by CBCAP grantees is utilized for conducting the site reviews. Review results are discussed at an exit conference with the grantees, and an action plan developed to address any issues identified during the review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established initiatives continue to be at the heart of the lead agency's systemic change activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing the Reunification and Concurrent Planning Model • Placing Children Whenever Possible in Their School Catchment Areas • Enhancement of Performance Contracting Strategies • Implementing Recommendations to Reduce the Occurrence of Repeat Maltreatment • Implementing and Improving the CAYIT Process to Improve Placement Stabilization • Implementing the Child Behavioral Health and Trauma Models • Ensuring Integrated Assessments are Completed in a Timely Manner • Statewide Birth Parent Advisory Councils • Implementation of the Fatherhood Initiative • Collaboration and Improved Relationships With the Illinois Juvenile Court Community • Despite difficult financial times the lead agency endeavors to blend funds to support some of the following systems change activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong Foundations Home Visiting Infrastructure Grant • Strong Foundations Home Visiting Infrastructure Grant Task Force & Committees • Illinois Government Interagency Team • Birth to Five Project • State Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems • PSSF Family Support Steering Committee

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois Respite Coalition • Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force • Department on Aging Statewide Caregiver Advisory Committee
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State Allowable Claims: **\$2,662,838**

Population-Based Allocations: **\$1,122,119**

Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations: **\$ 127,175**

Final State Allocations: **\$1,249,294**

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