

NORTH DAKOTA
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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 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Children and Family Services Division of the North Dakota Department of Human Services, as CBCAP lead agency, engaged in the following leadership activities as part of the prevention network: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • regional public stakeholder meetings held statewide by the Department's Executive Office; • continuous quality improvement; • providing input regarding the analysis, design and implementation of a comprehensive child welfare data system; • partnership with the court system to provide statewide training on child welfare issues for court personnel; • collaboration with the NDCTF and Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota to provide public awareness and parent support and education; • collaboration with NDSU Extension Service for the provision of prevention-focused parent education; and • participation on the multidisciplinary State Child Protection team for prevention of institutional child abuse and neglect. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBCAP funded seven Parent Resource Centers that provided parent support and education activities for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Resource Centers contracted to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parenting education; • <i>Circle of Parents'</i> parent support and self-help group; • processes for meaningful involvement of parents in the development, operation, evaluation, and oversight of the funded programs; • collaborative community activities specific to Child Abuse Prevention Month; • identification of community needs for parent education and support, and strategies to address identified needs; • parent education outreach activities; • referrals to social services and community supports; and • participation in the Parent Education Network. • CBCAP funds supported staff costs for preparing and distributing monthly mailings of the North Dakota Department of Health <i>Parenting the First Year</i> Newsletter. • CBCAP funds are combined with NDCTF monies and private funding to support the activities of Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota, especially CAP month activities. • North Dakota Nurturing Parent Programs are maintained through innovative funding provided in part by CBCAP. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parent Education Network identified the following barriers to the provision of consistent, quality services across their regions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation. North Dakota's rural nature and the restricted availability of public transportation, even in larger communities, limits parents' access to available services. • Cost. Although parenting programs are offered without charge to all interested parents, costs involved in traveling many miles to access the service are often prohibitive. • Family capacity. Demands on parents, particularly single parents, affect their willingness and availability to participate in services. • Community values. Communities may view families who seek services as "inadequate". • Limited resources. The need for additional services identified by communities cannot be supported through current available resources. |

| Description of Number of Families Served | Outreach to Special Populations | Parent Leadership |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBCAP funded programs and services reached 2,251 individuals and 174 families through direct services. Of those individuals, 50 parents and 32 children with disabilities received direct services. • CBCAP supported public awareness and outreach activities reaching 51,045 persons. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the fiscal year, CBCAP funded programs served persons with disabilities, incarcerated parents and teen parents and their families. • The Director of the Children and Family Services Division meets regularly with representatives of North Dakota's Native American Child Welfare Training Institute and Tribal Child Welfare Directors to enhance the linkage between the four emerging Tribal Systems of Care and the State System of Care, and the State Child & Family Service Review process. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to promote parent leadership, family resource center coordinators attended a parent leadership workshop organized by the Parent Education Network. Parent leadership is an agenda item at each meeting of the Network, and technical assistance is provided to the local Parent Resource Center coordinators for the development of parent leadership on the local level. • Parent resource centers are currently required to report on their activities to develop leadership roles for the meaningful involvement of parents in the development, operation, evaluation, and oversight of the programs and services funded through CBCAP. The lead agency encourages the resource centers to recruit parent leaders to attend the annual Network meeting. The lead agency offers stipends to reimburse expenses, lost wages, and childcare for parents who wish to attend. |
| Training and Technical Assistance | Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities | Innovative Funding Mechanisms |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lead agency contracts with Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota (PCAND) for coordination, training, technical assistance, and evaluation assistance for Nurturing Parent Programs and Circle of Parents support groups. • Parent leadership training was offered to Parent Resource Center coordinators and Circle of Parents facilitators. The PCAND program manager was available to provide ongoing technical and evaluation assistance as needed by the programs. • PCAND provided training and technical | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under a contract with the Lead Agency, Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota led Child Abuse Prevention Month activities around the state for the April 2008 awareness campaign. In preparation for CAP month, more than 500 informational resource packets were sent to local entities to encourage their participation in various individual and community prevention activities. • The lead agency, with coordination and technical assistance provided through Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota, sponsored community "mini-grants". Seventeen community groups received mini-grants to sponsor Child Abuse Prevention Month activities in their local communities and publicize them in local media. An interactive video network session was held in order for | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBCAP grantees are required to establish or maintain innovative funding mechanisms at the state or community level that blend Federal, State, local and private funds. Examples of combined funding include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBCAP funds are combined with NDCTF monies and private funding to support the activities of Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota, especially CAP month activities requiring local in-kind and financial contributions. • North Dakota Nurturing Parent Programs are maintained through innovative funding provided by the North Dakota Children's |

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| <p>assistance to family resource centers and other community groups for their participation in Child Abuse Prevention Month activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lead agency sponsored training and provided technical assistance for the network of family resource centers through a contract with the North Dakota State University Extension Service. During this grant period, the network coordinator provided support and technical assistance to resource center coordinators on the use of The Family Support Program Outcome Survey developed by the FRIENDS National Resource Center. | <p>grantees to highlight their activities and share with other groups around the state the successes and "lessons learned" during these very successful awareness campaigns.</p> | <p>Trust Fund, the CBCAP grant, and Family Support dollars. Grantees are required to demonstrate local community contributions such as transportation, refreshments, and meeting rooms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An agreement with NDSU Extension Services for the Family Life Education Project is supported by CBCAP funds and local contributions along with state and federal dollars allocated to the NDSU Extension Services. |
| <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"> The lead agency engaged in a number of activities with prevention partners in the state including, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> collaborating with public health for promotion of infant health and prevention of child injuries; collaborating with programs within the CFS division, including Early Childhood, Head Start, PSSF, Foster Care and Adoption for improved coordination and dissemination of prevention services; leading the state CFSR self assessment and preparation for the CFSR onsite review; and collaborating with the Developmental Disabilities state programs for a more coordinated response to abuse and neglect for families living with a developmental disability. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five curricula or practices used in CBCAP funded programs were unsupported by evidence of their efficacy. Sixteen curricula or practices were emerging or evidence informed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With few exceptions, Family Resource Centers used the FRIENDS Family Support Outcomes Survey to demonstrate a high level of satisfaction among families who have used CBCAP funded services. |
| <p>C. Results of Peer Review</p> | <p>D. Evaluation Data on Funded Programs, the Lead Agency & the Network</p> | <p>Other Elements:</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Resource Centers funded by CBCAP participated in a formal peer review process that included site visits. Peer review also included an annual meeting. Each CBCAP funded program presented meeting attendees with details of their program operation, organization, activities and funding. Network members were afforded opportunities to ask questions of the grantee representatives and provide helpful feedback. Programmatic peer review meetings and onsite programmatic peer reviews occurred at the Region V Parenting Resource Center and the Region III Family Resource Center during the 2007-2008 Grant Year. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family resource centers participated in a Parent Education Network through the Family Life Education Program that provides site visits, a peer review process and an evaluation component for the individual centers as well as for the network. The Network Coordinator provided extensive training and technical assistance to the funded resource centers for the measurement of outcomes and completion of the mid-term and final grant reports through 1:1 calls with each site coordinator, conference calls, and during face to face meetings. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lead Agency is planning for significant systemic change through the state's CFSR/PIP process by convening a group of statewide system stakeholders to engage in planning the state's Program Improvement Plan. The Lead agency with the collaborative network participated in a "train-the-trainer" grant for <i>State Partnerships for Prevention: Reducing the Risk of Maltreatment of Very Young Children</i> sponsored by Zero to Three in order to build partnerships between child abuse prevention and early childhood systems. The lead agency actively participated in preparations for the 2009 state legislative session anticipating that legislation will be introduced to amend the state child protection statute. |
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| State Allowable Claims: | \$109,183 |
| Population-Based Allocations: | \$200,000 |
| Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations: | \$4,762 |
| Final State Allocations: | \$204,762 |

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