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Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention
2009 State Profile

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POSITION IN STATE GOVERNMENT

The Missouri Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is a quasi public/private agency. The public aspect is located in the state's Office of Administration for Fiscal Management. All budgetary and fiscal issues are handled through the state arm. The private arm, a 501(c) 3 agency is responsible for all non-fiscal duties and responsibilities and acts independently. CTF provides a coordinated service delivery model that provides wrap-around prevention services to families across the state.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Core Services:** During the past grant period, CTF funded three communities with CBCAP dollars to replicate Missouri's wrap-around model. This funding cycle was the *3rd Generation* of Missouri's model which requires communities to: coordinate the effort by working with a lead agency model; collaborate extensively with the community; develop and utilize standardized forms across all providers; provide a flex fund for emergency client needs; develop partnerships with and support the implementation of proven community prevention programs; review and update the community plan on a quarterly basis; and use a strength-based approach involving families in the process. Home visitation must be a component in the service array at CBCAP sites.

- **Policy achievements:** In partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the state's Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis, CTF was able to rescue *Kids Count for Missouri's Children Data Project* from termination, following the closure of the non-profit that previously led the effort.

- **Outreach to Special Populations/Cultural Competence:** CTF provides parenting materials in Spanish, Bosnian and Vietnamese which are available on their website.

  CTF recommends that funded communities target services for the following populations: young parents; families with parent of children who have special needs; and parents who score 200 or higher on the Child Abuse Prevention Inventory.

- **Parent involvement/leadership:** CBCAP funded community sites are required to have a parent council serve as a governing body. During the RFP process grantees are asked to describe their past experience with developing family involvement and to outline strategies for involving families in their community efforts. During year one of their funding cycle two of the three grantees have successfully engaged parents as an integral part of their collaboration.

- **Evaluation:** CTF implemented outcomes-based evaluation at both state and local levels. The evaluation is managed by the University of Missouri – Columbia Health Services Management Group. Providers utilize the Child Abuse Prevention Inventory (CAPI), the Parenting Stress Index (PSI) and a Consumer Satisfaction Questionnaire (CSQ) to measure protective factor outcomes and participant satisfaction. A Capacity Building, Operational Performance and Outcomes report was submitted demonstrating results including the following highlights: Two of the three funded sites made "considerable progress" in planning and implementing their lead agency model. One site developed a network of 26 providers and another included 25. The third site struggled but achieved 11 providers in their network. Because this was the first of a five year grant cycle, there is minimal outcome data to

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report. Early results show positive progress in indicators related to child abuse and neglect protective factors.

- **Support Training, Technical Assistance, and Evaluation Assistance:** CTF and its consultants, the University of Missouri and Behavioral Health Concepts, provide training, technical, and evaluation assistance to funded communities. Assistance is provided through quarterly meetings which include self-assessment and information sharing as part of the peer review structure; regular workshops; site visits; contract compliance reviews; conference calls and list serve information.

Participants receiving direct services	**# individuals**	**293**	**# families**	**83**
	# individuals with disabilities	**23**		
Reach	**# local grantees**	**3**		
Spread	**# training sessions on evidence-based and best practices**		**# professionals participating in training**	

ESSENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

Missouri Prevention Partners Coalition: Statewide group that functions as a prevention task force leading the effort to develop a comprehensive prevention plan.

Key partners:

Public Sector

- Child welfare
- Public health/ maternal and child health
- Early childhood
- Home visiting
- Mental health
- Head Start/ Early Head Start
- Law enforcement

Private Sector

- Advocacy organizations
- Foundations
- Faith community

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SYSTEM CHANGE EFFORTS

- **Early Childhood**: CTF funds several early childhood programs including Head Start / Early Head Start.
- **Child and Family Service Reviews/Program Improvement Plan (CFRS/PIP)**: CTF is a standing member on the Advisory Committee of the CFSR/PIP process as a child advocate.
- **Home Visiting:** CTF, in partnership with the Department of Social Services, the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Coordinating Board for Early Childhood is working to increase home visiting and safe sleep programs across the state. CTF and DSS provide funding to a home visiting program in St. Louis City and its environs for young parents and parents with special needs. CTF also requires that home visitation services be included in the service array of communities developing their CBCAP model.
- **Strengthening Families:** CTF is an active participant in the Strengthening Families Initiative Leadership team. The CTF Program Coordinator participated in the early learning community efforts led by the National Alliance of Children's Trust Funds on Strengthening Families. CTF has funded a project in the City of St. Louis that introduces early care providers to the Strengthening Families approach through a video presentation.
- **Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force**: The Missouri Prevention Partners Coalition serves this role and leads the statewide effort to develop a comprehensive plan which now calls for the integration of protective factors into prevention programs across all state systems. CTF plays a major role in this group by sitting on the executive committee. In addition to the plan, the group works on public awareness, increasing evidence-based prevention programming in the state, and increasing the availability of prevention funds.

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FUNDING AND FISCAL LEVERAGING

Fiscal Leveraging

Innovative funding mechanisms:

- Specialty license plates are marketed and sold by 39 community partners, generating over $150,000 annually for prevention.
- Missourians who receive an income tax refund are able to check off a box that designates all or a portion of their refund to CTF. This effort generated over $100,000 last year.

State Allowable Claims	**2,807,879**
Population-based Allocations	**481,057**
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations	**95,953**
Final FY 08 Federal Grant Amount	**586,437**

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	0
Promising Programs and Practices	0
Supported Programs and Practices	0
Well Supported Programs and Practices	$398,725

TRAINING TOPICS

Training topic information for the reporting period was not provided.

RESOURCES

- MO Kids Count: http://oseda.missouri.edu...
- Amber Alert: http://www.amberalert.com/
- ParentLink Warm Line – Resources & Support: http://education.missouri.edu/orgs/parentlink/
- Missing Kids TIpline: http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/...
- Annual State Profiles: www.friendsnrc.org/...