

POSITION IN STATE GOVERNMENT

The New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund (NHCTF), the CBCAP lead agency, is a nonprofit organization established by legislative statute to support programs that work to prevent child abuse and neglect. NHCTF has a Board of Trustees of up to sixteen members with expertise in: child development, child health, child psychology, education, juvenile delinquency, organization and administration of volunteer community services, grant administration, and banking, finance, investments, tax law, business, or public relations.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Core Services:** New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund supports programs that emphasize primary and secondary prevention services and activities for children and families through family resource centers and family support programs. The NHCTF adheres to the principles of Family Support America and CBCAP federal guidelines for activities that provide early, comprehensive support for parents; promote the development of parenting skills, especially in young parents and parents with very young children; improve family access to other formal and informal resources and opportunities for assistance available within communities; demonstrate a commitment to meaningful parent leadership, including among parents of children with disabilities, parents with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities and members of underserved and underrepresented groups; provide referrals to early health and developmental services; and build at least one of the five key protective factors in families.
- **Policy achievements:** The NH Children's Trust Fund is in the process of repealing the statute that created the fund as a quasi-governmental entity and creating an independent non-profit which will be the successor. The successor, NH Children's Trust, Inc., will continue to have a singular mission: Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect.
- **Outreach to Special Populations/Cultural Competence:** NHCTF seeks and funds programs that address the special needs of immigrant and refugee families, children with disabilities, programs serving the homeless, teens and fathers, incarcerated parents, and women with substance abuse and mental health issues. NHCTF encourages grantees to participate in diversity training and to build cultural competence. NHCTF maintains strong relationships with Minority Health Coalition, Division of Developmental Services, Division of Public Health and others who work with special populations.
- **Parent involvement/leadership:** Parent involvement is a requirement for NHCTF grantees and is monitored closely through site visits and progress reports. All grantees involve families in the design, operation and evaluation of their programs. Parents assist in running parenting support and educational groups, volunteer at agencies, and some have become staff. Many grantees include parents as board members, setting policy and overseeing the organizations. Nearly all grantees include a parent or consumer advisory council. Family Support New Hampshire Bylaws require that two parents serve on the board of directors. During this year, one of the parents served as board treasurer.
- **Evaluation:** NHCTF is committed to rigorous evaluation and adherence to best practices. NHCTF grantees receive training and technical assistance in this area from NHCTF staff and are provided opportunities to develop competencies in evaluation, integrating the use of evidence based practices, and Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI). Evaluations conducted by grantee programs include the Family Support Program Outcome Survey.



- **Support Training, Technical Assistance, and Evaluation Assistance:** NHCTF has a full time staff person dedicated to Training, Technical and Evaluation Assistance. NHCTF provides financial support, technical assistance, training and evaluation to existing and developing community based family resource centers and family support programs statewide. We insure that programs working with families understand both the concept of resiliency and that all individuals, families, and communities mediate risk and promote protective factors.

Participants receiving direct services	# children	4,994	# families	3,853
	# children with disabilities	540	# parents with disabilities	264
Reach	# local grantees	13	# public awareness	93,082
Spread	# training sessions on evidence-based and best practices		# professionals participating in training	

ESSENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

NHCTF works closely with the Division for Children, Youth and Families, the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, the Attorney General’s Office, the Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, the NH Brain Injury Prevention Association, Family Support NH and the Child Advocacy Network, among others, to create a strategic, long-term, outcome-focused plan. NHCTF also gathers ideas from other states through three national networks they belong to: CBCAP/FRIENDS, National Alliance for Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds, Prevent Child Abuse America. NHCTF has many federal partners including Prevent Child Abuse America, The National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds, and the Center for the Study of Social Policy (Strengthening Families). NHCTF continues to serve on the Strengthening Families Leadership team and the Early Childhood Systems team.

Key partners:

Public Sector

- Child welfare
- Differential or alternative response
- Public health/ maternal and child health
- Education and special education
- Early childhood
- Home visiting
- Substance abuse
- Mental health
- Head Start/ Early Head Start
- Child care



- TANF or cash assistance
- Fatherhood programs

Private Sector

- Advocacy organizations
- Parent organizations
- Strengthening Families

SYSTEM CHANGE EFFORTS

The NHCTF is uniquely positioned to advocate for and be part of systemic change. Because of the composition of the NHCTF board, half of which is appointed by the legislative and executive branches of state government, connections at many levels result in improved prevention and family support services.

- **Early Childhood:** NHCTF has actively served on the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems and Head Start committees and worked with ECCS on Project Launch.
- **Child and Family Service Reviews/Program Improvement Plan (CFRS/PIP):** The NHCTF participates in the Child and Family Services Review (CFRS) and the Program Improvement Plan (PIP). An administrator from the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) serves on the NHCTF Board.
- **Home Visiting:** NHCTF supported the Home Visiting NH programs by inviting them to apply for CBCAP dollars, offering training, technical assistance and evaluation services and more. Being the NH Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America added additional strength to the effort. NHCTF also participates in a cross-departmental review of needs and gaps concerning home visiting programs in the state. Part of the review focuses on the statewide adoption of an evidence-based home visiting model so that training, data collection and evaluation can be streamlined for consistency and efficiency.
- **State Interagency Coordinating Council for Part H:** NHCTF is also a member of the NH Interagency Coordinating Council assisting the Bureau of Developmental Services to improve outcomes for families and children by increasing the quality of supports and services to eligible children, birth through two years, and their families.
- **Strengthening Families:** NHCTF actively serves on the Strengthening Families Committee.
- **Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force:** NHCTF has an ongoing partnership with DCYF and frequently works on projects that relate to prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- **Other:** NHCTF staff, board, and other volunteers focused on the legislative, executive, regulatory, and community levels to advocate for and initiate improvements. NHCTF participates in numerous committees, task forces and advisory councils to help policy makers understand the importance of child abuse prevention and family support.



FUNDING AND FISCAL LEVERAGING

Fiscal Leveraging

Innovative funding mechanisms:

- NHCTF combines CBCAP federal dollars with the yield from the Trust Fund endowment and with annual donations and invests them in evidenced informed strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect and promote safety, permanency, and well being of children and their families.
- NHCTF has been working with the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules to direct the Incentive Funds through the Lead Agency in order to leverage CBCAP dollars. NHCTF has also been working to promote this opportunity by informing individual, corporate, and foundation donors as well as offering to be fiscal agent for child abuse prevention programs throughout the state.

State Allowable Claims	132,963
Population-based Allocations	200,000
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations	4,317
Final FY 08 Federal Grant Amount	207,203

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	\$158,935
Promising Programs and Practices	\$60,000
Supported Programs and Practices	0
Well Supported Programs and Practices	\$20,000



TRAINING TOPICS

NHCTF provides ongoing support through funding, technical assistance, training and evaluation to local and statewide community-based agencies that are engaged in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Many of these agencies are also the recipients of DCYF Comprehensive Family Support Services contracts, Public Health Home Visiting New Hampshire (HVNH) contracts and state incentive funds grants, creating mutually funded agencies with a focus on prevention.

Administrative and Management Topics

- collaboration and partnerships for prevention
- fiscal leveraging
- evaluation and data management
- program monitoring and continuous quality improvement
- grant reporting requirements
- strategic planning
- grant reporting requirements
- other (specify)

Programmatic and Service Topics

- cultural competence
- research on prevention and child maltreatment
- evidence-based and evidence-informed programs and practices
- home visiting
- prevention programs and family support
- promoting protective factors and reducing risk factors
- marketing, messaging and public awareness

RESOURCES

- <http://www.nhctf.org/>
- http://www.strengtheningfamilies.net/index.php/main_pages/protective_factors.
- Annual State Profiles: [www.friendsnrc.org/...](http://www.friendsnrc.org/)

