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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 Children's Trust Fund, lead agency for CBCAP programs, is administered by the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (CANP) Board, a public-private partnership. The partnership is represented in the Board's membership which includes representatives from the Department of Corrections and the Department of Workforce Development. The Governor appoints ten public members for 3-year terms. The remaining ten members serve unspecified terms and represent the Governor, several state departments, and the legislature. The bi-partisan Board members represent issues specific to urban and rural Wisconsin communities. • Three significant events occurred during the funding cycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Children's Trust Fund aligned its funding priorities based on the recommendations in <i>Wisconsin's State Plan to Prevent Child Maltreatment</i>, a major step in the State Call to Action to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect. • Recent legislation increased the Board's general purpose revenue, resulting in the Board receiving a permanent increase in program revenue. • A new Department of Children and Families was created. The Children's Trust Fund is working closely with the Department to coordinate prevention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Children's Trust Fund funded only those programs committed to using strength-based prevention approaches and upholding the principles of family support practice that set the highest standards for family support while ensuring child safety. In addition to providing direct services, all funded programs are required to demonstrate leadership in the training and implementation of cross-system approaches to prevention of child maltreatment. • Request for Proposals for Family Resource Centers included an array of programming from four direct service areas: Outreach and Family Visiting Services; Group-Based Parent Education and Family Support Services; Individual Center-Based Education and Support Services; and Resource and Referral and Follow-up Services. Comprehensive services within these areas included, but were not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respite care for children; • Programs for fathers; • Child sexual abuse prevention; • Crisis nursery programs; • Programs targeted toward families with children with disabilities; and • Support programs for homeless families. • Based on research of promising models in several states the Children's Trust Fund developed a Community Response Program model in Wisconsin. Sometimes referred to as "differential response" or "community partnerships," this approach is based on the belief that no single factor is responsible for child maltreatment, and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Children's Trust Fund continued to use a standing committee of the Board entitled "State Systems Coordination Committee" to identify existing and potential child maltreatment prevention initiatives within all state agencies; identify barriers to collaboration, gaps, inconsistencies and conflicts between state systems; put forward ideas to better coordinate services; recommend flexible, compatible and complimentary policies and procedures between agencies; and propose solutions to enhance prevention services in Wisconsin. • A strategic planning process driven by a desire to acknowledge and support the leadership role taken by the Children's Trust Fund led to cross-systems initiatives to improve services for children and families in Wisconsin. As one of seven pilot states participating in the Strengthening Families Initiative of the Center for the Study of Social Policy, Wisconsin is at the forefront of a new movement to engage child care providers and early childhood educators in preventing child maltreatment through intentional relationships with families. This project entails greater cooperation and collaboration between childcare, family support, and child welfare systems. The new strategic plan positions the Children's Trust Fund to continue its leadership of this initiative.

efforts.	no one agency can protect children. Children's safety depends on strong families, and strong families depend on connections with a broad range of people, organizations, and community institutions. The initial six Community Response projects began the third of a five year funding cycle during FFY08.	
Description of Number of Families Served	Outreach to Special Populations	Parent Leadership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals receiving direct services through Family Resource Centers included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1291 participants; 655 families; 29 parents with disabilities; 2 children with disabilities. Individuals receiving direct services through Community Response Programs included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 659 participants; 194 families; 33 parents with disabilities; and 65 children with disabilities. Demographic information on ethnicity and income data show that family resource centers continue to serve a diverse range of families, especially compared with statewide demographics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Children's Trust Fund requires all funded programs to develop marketing and outreach material, as well as to partners with other community-based organizations with the program's target area, to assure effective outreach efforts to special populations, including fathers, racial and ethnic populations, and families experiencing mental and physical disabilities. The Children's Trust Fund, through the Respite Care Association, provided funding to counties throughout Wisconsin to provide respite to families experiencing difficult life circumstances. In addition, they began the development of materials to provide respite care workers with the special skills needed to work with children experiencing behavioral challenges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Children's Trust Fund requires that funded programs implement a plan that ensures the leadership of parents in the on-going development, implementation, and evaluation of their community-based family resource and support program. Each Lead agency or Board (of a family resource center) must establish a Parent Advisory Committee. This advisory committee must be independent from any other boards or committees of the lead agency. The advisory committee must be comprised of a majority (at least 51%) of parents who are participating in family resource center activities. The program must seek significant input from a Parent Advisory Committee and clearly define the role of the group. The lead agency must provide a management structure that allows family resource center staff and Parent Advisory Committee significant involvement in the development, operation, and governance of family resource center services.
Training and Technical Assistance	Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities	Innovative Funding Mechanisms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of Wisconsin's Strengthening Families steering committee developed a new training, <i>Building Protective Factors with Families</i> in 2007. The training provides an overview of each of the five protective factors, strategies for use in child care programs in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the last six years, the Children's Trust Fund has promoted a Celebrate Children Day in April as part of the Blue Ribbons for Kids initiative. The governor designated April 30 as this day when he proclaimed April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. Local communities planned celebrations and used the day to highlight some 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the state level, the Children's Trust Fund has an active, bi-partisan Legislative Committee that meets regularly to monitor federal and state legislation and recommend Board positions. The Board again requested, as part of the Governor's SFY07-09 budget, to increase its funding base.

<p>order to build that protective factor, and an interactive activity to illustrate the protective factor and engage participants in the training. The Children's Trust Fund made training materials available on a CD and encouraged trainers around the state to use it. A training of trainers held in October 2007 has been made available as an archived video on the Children's Trust Fund website. In early 2008, a foster parent trainer adapted the training to use with foster parents to encourage working with birth parents; that training has been offered to foster parents in several counties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2005-2010 State Plan to Prevent Child Maltreatment emphasized mental health for caregivers and healthy social/ emotional development for children. Two ongoing projects supported those goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health (WI-AIMH) provided training and technical assistance for social emotional well-being of young children and their families and support for professional development opportunities for practitioners serving young children; and • Mental Health America (MHA) of Wisconsin established a resource center devoted to parents with mental illness. • In October of 2007 the Children's Trust Fund hosted a two-day statewide meeting of family resource centers, including those not currently funded by our grants, for a dialogue regarding evidence-informed and evidence-based practice in the family resource center model. As a result of this meeting and feedback from these stakeholders, the Children's Trust Fund supported a statewide training initiative in Parents as Teachers. In collaboration with Parents Plus, a Wisconsin-based parent education and resource center, 	<p>of the activities that they have done during April.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Wisconsin organizations whose missions focus on preventing child abuse and neglect— Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund, Child Abuse Prevention Fund of Children's Hospital and Health System, and Children's Service Society of Wisconsin's Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin—present a minimum of three \$1,000 cash awards annually to agencies in Wisconsin for the purpose of educating community members about child abuse prevention and strengthening families through the Blue Ribbons for Kids awareness initiative. In addition, winners receive a certificate for \$50 in Blue Ribbons for Kids materials. 	<p>This request was successful and the Board has an increase in general purpose revenue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strong partnership with the Child Abuse Prevention Fund (CAP Fund) of Children's Hospital and Health System continued to result in new funding collaborations. The CAP Fund and the Children's Trust Fund agreed to support a child sexual abuse prevention public education and social marketing campaign.
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<p>and the Parents as Teachers National Center, the Children's Trust Fund provided training to approximately 40 supervisors and home visitors from currently funded family resource centers.</p>		
<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 Department of Children and Families is currently reorganizing the existing Child Welfare Steering Committee. The committee includes multi-disciplinary experts who advise on issues related to child welfare program, policy, and practice issues, and who offer recommendations on how to address those issues. Issues include: strategies for strengthening and advancing a cross-system response to improving the safety, health, and well being of children in Wisconsin; and providing child maltreatment prevention training for social workers and to involve childcare providers in the county quality assessment focus groups that Wisconsin will conduct annually. The Executive Director of the Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund is a member of this steering committee. • The Children's Trust Fund has been participating as a member of the Early Childhood Collaborating Partners (WECCP) since 1994. WECCP offers opportunities for dialogue, information sharing, and action planning related to enhancing services, resources, and outcomes for young children and their families through system and community change. • The Children's Trust Fund staff are actively involved in numerous additional committees and partnerships to provide expertise and 	<p>Not included in this report.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across all funded family resource centers, program participants continue to report positive change on all retrospective questions in the Program Feedback Survey, with significant change on several questions correlating to reduced risk of child maltreatment. For example, the greatest average change was reported in response to the statement, "I know who to contact and where to go in the community when I need help." Across all programs, 68% of participants reported positive change in their agreement with this item, with an average increase of 1.39 points (on a 7-point scale), averaging 4.79 looking back at before they participated in the program and 6.19 after participating. Two other items also showed 68% reporting an increase: "I understand and use effective communication skills," and "I use parenting techniques that are appropriate for my child's level of development."

<p>advocacy in child maltreatment prevention, including the Wisconsin Child Fatality Review Team, Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Wisconsin Home Visitation Outcomes Steering Committee, the Infant Mental Health Initiative, Wisconsin Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS), Respite Care Association of Wisconsin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Children’s Trust fund reviewed national models to identify the programs designed to enhance caregiver skills and surveyed current family resource centers to identify the extent to which they had incorporated evidence based home visitation into their service options. • The Children’s Trust Fund and Parents Plus, the Parents As Teachers state agency, partnered to train approximately 40 additional home visitors and supervisors in the PAT curriculum. The two agencies continue to collaborate in providing ongoing support the PAT certified home visitors, along with other home visiting program, to support their challenging work. 		
<p>C. Results of Peer Review</p>	<p>D. Evaluation Data on Funded Programs, the Lead Agency & the Network</p>	<p>Other Elements:</p>
<p>Not included in this report.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In December 2008, aggregate statewide data were shared with program directors during a regular quarterly grantee meeting. Directors discussed how well the data collection, entry, and reporting system was working, and volunteers were recruited to participate in a workgroup to revisit all data collection instruments and processes. • The Children’s Trust Fund provided a suite of tools for data collection, entry and reporting for use by all funded community-based family resource and support programs. The system includes three participant surveys (Participant Information Survey, Program Feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Department of Children and Families was created and houses programs previously divided between the Department of Workforce Development and the old Department of Health and Family Services. As part of this reorganization, the Children’s Trust Fund has taken a leadership role and partnered with state and private agencies to define the critical elements needed in a comprehensive, community-based family support system that prevents child abuse and neglect. The CANP

	<p>Survey, Playgroup Feedback Survey) and a Direct Service Summary, corresponding Excel spreadsheets to tabulate the data collected, online reporting forms for quarterly summaries of results, and detailed instructions to ensure uniform use by all programs. The Excel spreadsheets provided programs with quarterly totals, averages, and percentages that they then report to the Children's Trust Fund. Excel sheets have also been modified over the years to provide information the programs can use for their own internal program improvement efforts and for reporting to other funders and community stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researchers from University of Wisconsin's Institute for Research on Poverty are evaluating the Community Response (CR) initiative. The evaluation design incorporates existing surveys and staff input across programs. Initial analysis of first year data continued, and protocols and surveys were adjusted accordingly. During fall 2008, an initial report on implementation findings was completed. The initial six Community Response grantees also began to mentor the newly funded group. During the summer grantee meeting, currently funded projects discussed training and technical assistance needs across sites. This information was incorporated into a series of technical assistance teleconferences held through out the fiscal year. 	<p>Board and the Children's Trust Fund will continue to reach as many Wisconsin communities as possible with training, technical assistance, and financial support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This biennium, the Children's Trust Fund began asking family resource center grantees to report on their participation in collaborative community groups, recognizing that family resource center staff devotes a significant portion of their time to these efforts. Family resource center personnel are often leaders in bringing together various service providers in a community and promoting the achievement of community-level goals that cannot be met through direct service alone. • The Children's Trust Fund awarded a grant to cover the cost of Parents as Teachers (PAT) certification for staff of the Milwaukee Comprehensive Home Visiting Program. This project provides a multidisciplinary team approach including a community social worker, community health worker, and a public health nurse in delivery of services to parents of newborns. The Children's Trust Fund also funded the development of a resource and equipment library. This project will serve as a best practice model and will inform the home visitation and family support fields statewide.
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State Allowable Claims:	\$2,641,438
Population-Based Allocations:	\$448,702
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations:	\$119,613
Final State Allocations:	\$568,315

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