Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention 2010 State Profile

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POSITION IN STATE GOVERNMENT

The Children's Trust Fund (CTF), Michigan's lead agency for CBCAP, serves as the state's sole source of permanent funding for the statewide prevention of child abuse and neglect. Established in 1982 by the Michigan Legislature as a public nonprofit organization, CTF does not receive state general funds for operations. Statutorily, CTF's purpose is to prevent child abuse and neglect and to raise awareness of prevention. To accomplish these goals, CTF collaborates with and funds an extensive network of community-based organizations that provide child abuse and neglect prevention programs and activities.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Core Services: CTF currently funds 96 community-based prevention programs across the state, including 21 direct service grants. During the past year, CTF has established two local councils (an increase from 70 to 72 councils) and is working to establish a third. By the close of FY2011, the CTF local council network will be active in every county in Michigan. Local councils develop prevention plans based on local needs assessments. They do not use CTF funds for direct services (except, according to statute, on a demonstration project basis or as a facilitator of interagency projects). Funding is typically used for primary prevention activities, including collaborative prevention initiatives; public awareness campaigns; parent education and youth mentoring programs; trainings and annual conferences; capacity building; and violence prevention programs. CTF direct service grants are awarded through a competitive-bid process. Currently- funded programs include home visiting, parent education and support groups, teen parenting programs, positive youth development, and respite care.
- Policy achievements: In 2010, CTF conducted an assessment of two organizational policies identified as potential areas for systemic improvement of the funding and delivery of child abuse and neglect prevention services in Michigan: 1) strategies to support rural local councils through incentives for consolidation and multicounty collaboration, and 2) ways to improve direct service grant-making so that CTF-funded initiatives are more sustainable and more strongly embedded within their communities. As a result, CTF created draft policy that would enable CTF local councils to voluntarily combine their council with another council(s), although the policy was tabled because of budget constraints. In addition, based significantly on feedback from direct service and local council grantees, CTF established new policies for direct services grants. Changes were made to the length and funding structure of the grants, so that starting in FY2011 grants will be awarded for four years (versus three years) and the funding formula will be consistent (versus declining) with a consistent local match. The intended outcome is that direct service grants will be better equipped to coordinate and sustain prevention programs at the community level.
- Outreach to Special Populations/Cultural Competence: In its direct service RFP, CTF emphasizes the importance of outreach to special populations. The RFP specifically instructs applicants to "Describe outreach to special populations—including racial and ethnic minorities, children and adults with disabilities, homeless families and those at risk for homelessness, and members of other underserved or underrepresented groups." Additionally, scoring criteria in the RFP has been utilized for the last three years to score applicants on the presence and clarity of this description. Examples of special populations served by direct service grants include Latino parents, low-income teen parents, and children with disabilities and their families.



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- Parent involvement/leadership: CTF supports parent leadership and involvement in numerous ways
 including: parent representation on the CTF Board of Directors; a parent leadership requirement for direct
 service programs; parent representation on the Citizen Review Panel for Prevention; funding for the "Parents
 Partnering for Change" leadership training for parents in CTF-funded programs; and involvement and staff
 representation on the interagency Parent Leadership in State Government Advisory Board.
- **Evaluation:** All local council and direct service grants submit work plans that identify objectives, activities, expected outcomes, and measurement tools. Grantees then report progress and actual outcomes and/or evaluation results on a quarterly basis (for direct services) or biannual basis (for local councils) via activity reports. Program register reports also include quantitative data on populations served and the types of services provided. Direct service grants are required to measure client satisfaction and report results on an annual basis. Use of the Protective Factors Survey (PFS) was built into the direct service RFP and six new grantees began using this required measurement tool in FY2010.
- Support Training, Technical Assistance, and Evaluation Assistance: During FY2010, CTF conducted or sponsored a number of training, technical assistance, and evaluation activities including: an annual training; regional meetings; EGrAMS trainings; a Protective Factors Survey training; an RFP technical assistance session; an annual satisfaction survey; and one-on-one technical assistance for EGrAMS, data collection, evaluation, sustainability, and other issues. In 2010, CTF created a CTF listserv and continued to use Survey Monkey and GoToMeeting to enhance training and needs assessment capacity. CTF also continued its monthly CTF News Briefs and enhanced its website. CTF also served as an official sponsor for the 28th Annual Michigan Statewide Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect: Prevention, Assessment and Treatment. This conference was designed for professionals working with children and families, including child advocates, law enforcement and medical personnel, mental health workers, protective services and foster care workers, prevention specialists, and others.

Participants receiving direct	# adults	3,623	# children	3,936
services	# parents with disabilities	30	# children with disabilities	201
Reach	# local grantees	21	# direct services	5,260
Spread	# training sessions on evidence-based and best practices	6	# professionals participating in training	165 estimated



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ESSENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

Michigan's statewide network of prevention partners included policymakers, state and local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, parents and providers, prevention advocates, businesses, and schools. In particular, CTF continued its partnership with Michigan State University and strengthened its relationship with the Parent Leadership in State Government initiative.

Key partners:

Public Sector

- Child welfare
- Citizen Review Panel for Prevention
- Early Childhood Investment Corporation
- Maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting program
- Parent Leadership in State Government Advisory Board
- Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board
- Parent Leadership in State Government Advisory Board
- Head Start
- Great Start Systems Team

Private Sector

- Circle of Parents™
- Michigan's Children
- Michigan Coalition for Children and Families
- Michigan Fatherhood Coalition
- National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds
- Parenting Awareness Michigan
- Prevent Child Abuse America
- United Way

SYSTEM CHANGE EFFORTS

- **Early Childhood**: CTF served on the Great Start Systems Team (GSST). The GSST has representation from all family-serving state agencies and is coordinated by the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC), which serves as the state's Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) grantee.
- Child and Family Service Reviews/Program Improvement Plan (CFRS/PIP): CTF contributed program
 information, as well as anticipated goals and objectives, to the 2010-2014 DHS Child and Family Services Plan.
 In March 2010, CTF staff met with staff from the DHS Federal Compliance Division to discuss the reporting
 information needed by DHS. CTF submitted a report to DHS that was included in the Annual Progress and
 Services Report.



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- Home Visiting: CTF served on the Home Visiting Work Group, an interdepartmental team responsible for coordinating Michigan's response to the federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.
 CTF provided extensive needs assessment information as required by the grant.
- **Strengthening Families:** CTF served as the acting state lead for Strengthening Families in Michigan. In this role, CTF provided Strengthening Families presentations and workshops; worked with state and local partners to explore ways to support and expand the initiative in Michigan; and identified the steps to become an official affiliate of the national Strengthening Families network.
- Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force: CTF served on approximately 15 committees or groups related to prevention and child welfare issues, including the University of Michigan Child Abuse and Neglect planning committee and the Parent Leadership in State Government Advisory Board.
- Other: CTF has responsibility for coordinating Michigan's Citizen Review Panel (CRP) for Prevention. The CRP
 for Prevention includes representation from parents, private nonprofit organizations, and DHS staff (including
 county-based CPS workers and the Office of Family Advocate).

FUNDING AND FISCAL LEVERAGING

Fiscal Leveraging

Innovative funding mechanisms:

- "Cherish the Children" auction
- · Revenue from tax check-off
- Revenue from specialty license plate

State Allowable Claims	\$1,470,931
Population-based Allocations	\$792,886
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations	\$50,993
Final FY 10 Federal Grant Amount	\$961,731

EVIDENCE-BASED AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICES

Level per Program Assessment Rating Tool	CBCAP Funding	
Programs Lacking Support or Positive	\$0	
Evidence/Undetermined/Harmful		
Emerging and Evidence-informed Programs and	\$95,462	
Practices		
Promising Programs and Practices	\$121,896	
Supported Programs and Practices		
Well Supported Programs and Practices	\$36,000	



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TRAINING

Administrative and Management Topics

- collaboration and partnerships for prevention
- fundraising in tough economic times
- evaluation and data management
- data collection using EGrAMS
- strategic board development
- grant reporting requirements
- program sustainability

Programmatic and Service Topics

- safe sleep
- promoting protective factors and reducing risk factors
- effective messaging and public awareness
- Great Start Collaboratives and Parent Coalitions: Strengthening Communities, Fostering Leaders
- Mandated Reporting: Educating Communities, Protecting Children

RESOURCES

 http://www.milhs.org/wpcontent/uploads/2010/08/DB09pressrelease.pdf • Annual State Profiles: www.friendsnrc.org/...

