

POSITION IN STATE GOVERNMENT

The CBCAP designated lead agency is the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH). The OSDH has four administrative areas one of which is Community and Family Health Services (CFHS). One service area within CFHS is Family Support and Prevention Services (FSPS). Within the FSPS, is the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), Children First (Oklahoma's Nurse Family Partnership program), and staff that directly administer the CBCAP grant.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Core Services:** In SFY 2010, the OSDH utilized CBCAP funds to continue their intergovernmental agreement with the Chickasaw Nation. Through this agreement, the (OCAP) Oklahoma Start Right Program services are provided to Chickasaw tribal members. The CBCAP grantee is part of a larger network of 22 statewide Start Right programs that provide home visitation and center-based services based on the Healthy Families America model. Programs enroll families from pregnancy up to one year after the birth of the baby, and who screen/assess positive for moderate to severe risk factors. The programs are voluntary and families are served for up to six years. In addition, a portion of CBCAP funds were used to provide respite care for families enrolled in the Start Right programs. CBCAP funds are also used to support Children First, Oklahoma's Nurse Family Partnership program. Children First serves families in all 77 Oklahoma counties through local health jurisdictions.
- Policy achievements:** House Bill 2920 passed legislation in 2010, which established a Shaken Baby Prevention Education Task Force. The purpose of the task force was to identify evidence-based models for reducing the incidence of abusive head trauma in infants in Oklahoma. Collaborating closely with the Oklahoma Hospital Association, the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, the Office of Perinatal Quality Improvement and Medical Center Trauma Unit, the group chose the Period of Purple Crying materials to distribute to Oklahoma birthing hospitals along with other resources. Materials were purchased to assure that all parents of newborns in this year receive a packet.
- Outreach to Special Populations/Cultural Competence:** The CBCAP grantee was funded specifically to provide services to a Native American population. The program provided culturally relevant services to Native American families. In addition to utilizing the Healthy Families approach and the Parents as Teachers curriculum, the Chickasaw Nation offered group sessions, teaching the Chickasaw language and hosting "Dream Catcher" parenting groups. These additional components reaffirm traditional customs while incorporating the best in parenting techniques. The Chickasaw Nation also implements specific efforts to engage fathers. During the reporting period, June was dedicated to fathers and positive male role models. Men attended, presented, and interacted with children at the center-based groups. Weekly drawings for the participating men were held; a special presentation for other males filling the father role was presented to tribal members; "Overcoming Obstacles" presentation on promoting male interaction with their families and children; a "Father Appreciation Picnic" was conducted during June, 2010 where children worked with fathers creating a Gorgette, a traditional Chickasaw chest piece and symbol of honor.
- Parent involvement/leadership:** The Circle of Parents® is a component of the (OCAP) Start Right Program. This program provides peer support in dealing with situations unique to at-risk families and resource poor communities. Circle of Parents facilitates parent involvement by focusing on a parent-led, parent-driven effort to provide immediate, local and personal support to families sharing similar experiences and challenges raising children and strengthening families.



- **Evaluation:** Outcomes from the SFY2010 (OCAP) Start Right Program Outcomes evaluation included:
 - 93% of Start Right children were up-to-date on immunizations
 - 2,890 service referrals were initiated
 - 4,012 child development screenings were performed
 - 344 lead assessments were performed

Outcome highlights from the SFY 2010 Children First Program included:

- 92.7% of babies were born at normal birth weight
- 89.5% of babies were born at full term
- 80% of mothers initiated breastfeeding
- 84% of mothers sought prenatal care during their first trimester

- **Support Training, Technical Assistance, and Evaluation Assistance:** OCAP provided training, technical assistance, evaluation and assessment to the Start Right Programs including the program funded by CBCAP dollars. Trainings often occur jointly with Children First. The mandatory Annual Start Right Contractors Meeting was offered twice via videoconference. Healthy Families America-related trainings held for Start Right Programs during the FY2010 included: training sessions on the HFA model, family assessment, family support and program supervision; ASQ training, and a Circle of Parents training session. In addition, presenters from Oklahoma State Department of Health service divisions and other agencies provided a range of required supplemental training including: Parent-Child Attachment, Postpartum Depression, Breastfeeding, Nutrition & Physical Activity, Home Safety and Home Visitor Safety. During FFY10, individual consultation and specialized training was provided as needed on the operation of the Oklahoma Child Abuse Prevention Program Application (OCAPPA) database. OCAPPA is the web-based application that is used to gather and report the evaluation data for the Start Right programs. In an effort to expand the number of network partners that could attend the Annual Child Abuse and Neglect and Healthy Families Oklahoma Conference, OCAP negotiated for a special registration rate and then utilized CBCAP funds to cover 48 registration scholarships. Professionals from the Start Right programs and others attended on the CBCAP scholarships. Children First nurses and supervisors also completed required training with the NFP National Service Office including core training for new nurses and annual continuing education training. In SFY10 all nurses received training in Motivational Interviewing. Children First nurses received technical assistance from State Nurse Consultants on a wide range of topics including documentation; caseload management and NFP visit guidelines.

Participants receiving direct services	# individuals		# families	1,393*
	# children with disabilities		# parents with disabilities	
Reach	# local grantees	1		
Spread	# training sessions on evidence-based and best practices		# professionals participating in training	

* Families served across all 22 Start Right Programs. This figure represents programs funded in addition to the CBCAP program.



ESSENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

Structure for partnership:

Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force: Partnership between a wide range of public and private entities charged with reviewing and evaluating all prevention program proposals submitted to the OCAP for funding through the CAP Fund and assisting OCAP in the development of the Statewide Prevention Plan.

Community Partnership Boards: OCAP collaborates with these local boards that develop plans to improve services for children and youth.

Key partners:

Public Sector

- Child welfare
- 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

- Tribal programs
- Fatherhood programs
- State Universities
- Office of the Attorney General

Private Sector

- Advocacy organizations
- Parent organizations
- Other

SYSTEM CHANGE EFFORTS

- **Early Childhood:** The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Project works collaboratively with the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness (OPSR) Board and Smart Start Oklahoma (SSO) to implement the Early Childhood Comprehensive State Plan. The mission of OPSR and ECCS is to lead Oklahoma in coordinating an early childhood system focused on strengthening families and school readiness for all children. No specific activities were reported.
- **Child and Family Service Reviews/Program Improvement Plan (CFRS/PIP):** During the reporting period, FSPS Child Abuse and Training Coordination (CATC) Program staff met with representatives from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS), Child Welfare Division to discuss items on their Child and Family Service Reviews (CFSR) and Program Improvement Plans (PIP).
- **Home Visiting:** The Family Support and Prevention Service (FSPS) leads the Home Visitation Leadership Advisory Coalition (HVLAC). This group coordinated efforts throughout the year on various activities related to child abuse prevention and identified best use of funds for those involved in home visitation for child abuse prevention, school-readiness, child abuse intervention and early intervention. During FY2010, this group was instrumental in guiding the efforts and making recommendations on the Oklahoma Affordable Care Act (ACA)



Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) Grant. There were seven meetings attended by over a hundred participants from across the state during FY10. Another 2010 accomplishment was creation of the “Oklahoma Home Visitation Services Directory”. This new publication was created to accompany the distribution of the “Period of Purple Crying” DVD’s to all birthing hospitals in the state.

- **Strengthening Families:** The Oklahoma Strengthening Families Initiative pilot sites continued their collaboration with their local child-care centers. Examples of achievements this year include:
 - Child Care Centers were awarded mini grants to make some type of change in their center that would enhance family involvement in their program.
 - Pilot sites implemented parent involvement projects of their choosing such as parent resource libraries.
 - Ongoing “Caregiver Café’s”
 - Provided two mini-grants and one provider scholarship to promote seeking advance STAR levels for facilities.
 - Oklahoma embedded the Strengthening Families Protective Factors framework in the state’s Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant, the Smart Start Initiative and the State Plan for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

- **Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force:** OCAP staffs the State’s Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force (ITF). Members from numerous agencies as well as three parent participants come together to create the State’s Child Abuse Prevention Plan, to distribute the Oklahoma Child Abuse Prevention Funds, and to guide current child abuse prevention efforts across the state. Specific 2010 activities included: Reviewed, discussed, and provided directional input related to the Federal MIECHV Home Visitation Grant, the comprehensive Oklahoma State Plan for Child Abuse and Neglect was also reviewed, edited, reworked, and finally completed.

FUNDING AND FISCAL LEVERAGING

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Innovative funding mechanisms:

- The State’s CAP Act created the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Fund to provide for statewide child abuse prevention services. This fund is predominantly supported with state appropriated dollars but also allows deposits and thus blending of federal and private funds as well.
- The Family Support and Prevention Service staff and various partners continued to seek creative ways to promote Oklahoma’s Specialty License tag which generates revenue for the CAP Fund. Media releases, dissemination of the license plate application form, and focused efforts during CAP Month were implemented this year.

State Allowable Claims	\$15,585,903
Population-based Allocations	\$310,032
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations	\$540,318
Final FY 10 Federal Grant Amount	\$922,308

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	\$136,500
Supported Programs and Practices	\$0
Well Supported Programs and Practices	\$430,235

TRAINING

FSPS utilized CBCAP funds to invest in The Front Porch Project (FP) during FY2010. The American Humane Association's Front Porch Project is a national, research- supported, community-based initiative built upon the belief that all people who are concerned about the safety and well-being of children in their communities need to be encouraged and taught to make a difference. Evaluation results show 95% of those who participated in the Front Porch Project Community Training agree that they feel more comfortable intervening with struggling parents or families and are more likely to intervene than before the training. Twenty-three people completed the two-day Front Porch Community Training as well as the two-day Front Porch Train-the-Trainer Training.

Administrative and Management Topics

- collaboration and partnerships for prevention
- evaluation and data management
- program monitoring and continuous quality improvement
- grant reporting requirements
- policy Advocacy

Programmatic and Service Topics

- cultural competence
- evidence-based and evidence-informed programs and practices
- home visiting
- promoting protective factors and reducing risk factors
- marketing, messaging and public awareness

RESOURCES

- Annual State Profiles: [www.friendsnrc.org/...](http://www.friendsnrc.org/)

