

## POSITION IN STATE GOVERNMENT

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is the CBCAP designated lead agency. Within the Department, the Prevention and Early Intervention Division (PEI), housed in Child Protective Services, is responsible for implementing the CBCAP program. PEI manages community-based programs that prevent child abuse and neglect and juvenile delinquency.

## KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Core Services:** PEI funds the Rural Family Support Program which provides the Parents as Teachers program to at-risk families in four rural Texas Counties, and a Relief Nursery and the Family Support Program (2 local entities) with CBCAP dollars. Services provided to families include home visitation, therapeutic early childhood services, respite services, case management, and parent education. All funded programs must meet criteria established by PEI to ensure the programs are evidence-based or evidence-informed. The four contracted agencies are part of a larger network that provides services in all counties across the state
- **Policy achievements:** Passage of House Bill 662 by the Texas Legislature in 2007 required DFPS to develop a statewide, long-range strategic plan for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services. PEI is a primary stakeholder for carrying out Goal 4, Strategies 4.1.1-4.1.2 which includes the development of a pilot program that will coordinate child abuse and neglect prevention along with mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence prevention services within a targeted community. In FY 2010, Texas CBCAP initiated work on development of the pilot program.
- **Outreach to Special Populations/Cultural Competence:** PEI emphasizes outreach to special populations with its CBCAP grantees. All grantees are expected to include special populations when planning prevention campaigns and activities. CBCAP programs are required to provide culturally competent services and address disproportionality when appropriate. Outreach activities to underserved populations included the following groups: teen parents, mono-lingual Spanish speakers, ethnic minorities, fathers, and children and parents with disabilities. In addition, PEI works with the DFPS Office of Communications and External Affairs to ensure translation of all public awareness materials into Spanish. The itsuptoyou.org website contains materials in both Spanish and English.
- **Parent involvement/leadership:** CBCAP grantees are required to include parent input in program services and report out on their efforts in quarterly reports. Qualitative and quantitative measures are used to assess the extent to which caregivers and parents receiving CBCAP funded services are satisfied with services. In FY 2010, 170 surveys from participants were collected with a total average satisfaction score of 6.45 on a 7 point scale. During development of the 2010 parent calendar, input was solicited through surveys of parents regarding past calendars and parent satisfaction.
- **Evaluation:** PEI emphasizes evaluation and quality assurance with its grantees. Evaluation related activities include embedding the evaluation strategy within the procurement process, providing training and technical assistance regarding evaluation to all grantees, and assessing outputs and outcomes via ongoing monitoring. PEI utilizes the Protective Factors Survey to perform outcome measurement with all CBCAP funded programs. Mean scores for four of the five protective factors



measured with the survey were reviewed. All areas, family functioning and resiliency, social support, concrete support, and nurturing and attachment showed increases with the largest increase, 13.93% occurring in the area of concrete support. PFS data and other demographic information are entered into a web-based database (PEIS). Through the PEIS, PEI downloads and reviews service dosage reports of individual contractors, which also helps ensure fidelity.

- Support Training, Technical Assistance, and Evaluation Assistance:** In coordination with the Annual statewide prevention conference, PEI implements a Fall Provider Meeting and Training Day. FY 2010 sessions included information on data systems, recruitment, and retention. Staff also conducts individual meetings with providers at this event. In addition, PEI hosts an annual spring provider meeting. This year focused on completion of the Core Capacity Assessment Tool (CCAT). The CCAT identifies strengths and areas for improvement related to program implementation and agency functions. PEI also provides ongoing individualized support to grantees through provider engagement calls, program staff trainings, and peer review. In FY 2010, PEI refined their peer review process by initiating on-site peer reviews. Over a two to three year period, all CBCAP programs will complete a peer review. The first one was completed this fiscal year. The new process includes developing a peer review team that will conduct one or two site reviews annually.

Participants receiving direct services	# individuals	596	# families	372
	# children with disabilities	8	# parents with disabilities	10
Reach	# local grantees	4		
Spread	# training sessions on evidence-based and best practices	25	# professionals participating in training	300



## ESSENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

Structure for partnership:

- Interagency Infant Health Workgroup/Keep Me Safe and Sound partnership with the Department of State Health Services and other DFPS units to work on reducing infant mortality
- State Child Fatality Review Committee evaluates cases of confirmed child maltreatment and child deaths
- State Child Fatality Review Team Training

Key partners:

### Public Sector

- Child welfare
- Public health/ maternal and child health
- Education and special education
- Early childhood
- Home visiting
- Substance abuse
- Mental health
- Child care

- Domestic Violence
- Texas Youth Commission
- Office of the Attorney General
- Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

### Private Sector

- Advocacy groups

## SYSTEM CHANGE EFFORTS

- **Child and Family Service Reviews/Program Improvement Plan (CFRS/PIP):** PEI was represented on the CFSP and PIP committee, which worked on the annual review.
- **Home Visiting:** PEI participated in an enterprise workgroup and provided information to the Department of State Health Services, the lead agency for the MIECHV Program. Efforts included compiling an inventory of home visiting programs funded by PEI.
- **Infant Health Workgroup and “Keep Me Safe and Sound” Campaign:** During FY 2010, the workgroup finalized its community training guide which was then implemented in three selected counties as a pilot project. Self-report evaluation results from the training demonstrate a 28% increase in overall knowledge of safe sleep concepts.
- **Statewide Prevention Plan:** The DFPS Strategic Plan for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services identifies specific agency strategies and measures to achieve effective prevention service delivery. PEI is a primary stakeholder for carrying out specific strategies, one of which is the pilot program that will coordinate child abuse and neglect prevention with mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence services in a targeted community.

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- Interagency Coordinating Council for Building Healthy Families:** PEI led this workgroup, which focused on making recommendations to the State Legislature regarding improving coordination of services and policies for child abuse and neglect prevention. During the reporting period, the legislatively authorized PEI leadership term ended and PEI led an effort to develop an MOU between the ICC agencies to continue ongoing collaboration on these efforts between state agencies.

## FUNDING AND FISCAL LEVERAGING

### *Fiscal Leveraging*

#### Innovative funding mechanisms:

- PEI requires all grantees to report on methods used to leverage additional resources. Grantees achieved this through a variety of means including: donation of in-kind services, collaborative fund seeking, and revenue generation through events.

State Allowable Claims	\$922,809
Population-based Allocations	\$2,326,795
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations	\$31,991
<b>Final FY 10 Federal Grant Amount</b>	<b>\$2,302,238</b>

## EVIDENCE-BASED AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICES

Level per Program Assessment Rating Tool	CBCAP Funding
Programs Lacking Support or Positive Evidence/Undetermined/Harmful	\$315,884
Emerging and Evidence-informed Programs and Practices	\$393,724
Promising Programs and Practices	\$0
Supported Programs and Practices	\$354,698
Well Supported Programs and Practices	\$0



## TRAINING

PEI provides support for the Annual Partners in Prevention conference, which provides information to professionals, service contractors and interested community members on prevention of child abuse and related problem behaviors such as substance abuse and juvenile delinquency. The FY 2010 conference theme was *Working in Harmony* and provided over 25 workshop sessions to approximately 300 participants.

### 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

### Programmatic and Service Topics

- cultural competence, disproportionality
- 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

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

