Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP) Program Overview

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Children's Bureau/
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- The Children's Bureau (CB) is one of two bureaus within the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, of the Department of Health and Human Services.

- OCAN provides leadership and direction on the issues of child maltreatment and the prevention of abuse and neglect under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA).
  - Focal point for interagency collaborative efforts, national conferences, research projects and special initiatives related to child abuse and neglect, and coordinates activities related to the prevention of abuse and neglect and the protection of children at-risk.
  - Two formula grant programs: Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Program and the Children's Justice Act

For more information, visit: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb

OCAN Prevention Strategies

- Multi-level approach
  - State and local level: CBCAP
  - Research and demonstration projects
  - National level: Community Resource Packets and Prevention Website
  - Federal Interagency level: Workgroups
  - Improving data quality

CBCAP Legislation

- Title II of Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
- 3 primary purposes in legislation:
  - To support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, and where appropriate to network, initiatives aimed at the prevention of CAN;
  - To support coordinated resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the incidence of CAN; and
  - To foster the understanding, appreciation and knowledge of diverse populations to effectively prevent CAN.

CBCAP Overview

- Formula grant program. Every year a new PI is issued and a Lead Agency designated by the Governor applies for and administers the funds.
- In FY2008, $41.7 million is available
- 1% set aside for tribal/ migrant programs and FRIENDS National Resource Center for CBCAP

CBCAP CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK (revised 10-19-06)

The purposes of the CBCAP program are: (1) to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, and enhance, and where appropriate to network, initiatives aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect; (2) to support networks of coordinated resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect; and (3) to foster understanding, appreciation, and knowledge of diverse populations in order to effectively prevent and treat child abuse and neglect.

INPUTS

Underlying conditions:
All families have inherent strengths but they also experience circumstances that impact their ability to provide for children's basic physical and socioemotional needs. These risk factors increase for families experiencing geographic or social isolation, economic challenges, limited education or employment, inexperience with positive parenting, or physical or mental health issues.

Target Population:
All families, especially those at risk for abuse or neglect.

Resources:
CAPTA, Title II

Federal CBCAP funding, other Federal funds and State and local matching funds to support prevention efforts

ACTIVITIES

DIRECT
Provide support for parents

Promote the development of parenting skills

Improve access to formal/in formal resources

Support the needs of individuals with disabilities

Commit to parent leadership and engagement

INDIRECT
Support networks of coordinated resources

Maximize and leverage funding for prevention

Conduct public awareness and education

Advocate for systemic change

Ongoing assessment and evaluation

OUTPUTS

DIRECT
Numbers served through the continuum of preventive, family centered, culturally competent services (i.e. family resource and support, parent education, mutual support, home visiting, respite care, information and referral)

Number of parents involved with program planning and evaluation

INDIRECT
A public-private network of prevention and family support programs

Number of funding mechanisms that blend Federal, State, local and private funds

Numbers reached through public awareness and education

Number of advocacy activities

Number of self-assessment, peer review, evaluation and quality assurance efforts

SHORT-TERM & INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

Individual and Family/ Relationships Levels

- Increase in the number of families' needs assessed and connected to needed services within their own communities
- Increase in protective factors to prevent abuse or neglect by parents and caregivers related to:
  - bonding and attachment
  - parental resilience
  - knowledge of parenting and child development
  - social connections
  - concrete support in times of need
- Decrease in risk factors associated with reasons for service.

Community Level

- Increase in the availability of appropriate evidence-based and evidence-informed programs
- Increase in number of agencies developing and implementing action plans to address meaningful parent involvement
- Increase in coordination across prevention, child welfare and other child and family service systems (i.e. substance abuse, mental health, education, early childhood, disability)
- Increase and expansion of Statewide networks of family support and prevention programs
- Increase in the use of a continuum of evaluation approaches implemented

Societal level

- Increase in private, State and Federal funding for prevention and family support
- Increase in public understanding and engagement for the prevention of child abuse and neglect

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

SAFETY

- Children are protected from abuse and neglect.
- Children are maintained in their own homes.
- Decrease in rate of first time victims.
- Decrease in rate of first time perpetrators.

PERMANENCY

- Children have permanency and stability in their living situation.
- The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.

WELL-BEING

- Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.
- Children's educational, physical and mental health needs are met.
- Children have opportunities for healthy social and emotional development.
- Youth make a successful, self-sufficient transition to adulthood.
- Diversity of families is embraced and supported.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT
Development of a culture of continuous improvement in the strengthening of families and the prevention of abuse and neglect.

Vision for the CBCAP

- To support the development and expansion of evidence-based and evidence-informed community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to support and strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect;
- To support the meaningful involvement of all parents, including parents with disabilities, in the planning, implementation and evaluation of prevention programs;
- To enhance the States' evaluation capability to determine the effectiveness of funded prevention programs and activities;
- To promote greater linkages with other national and Statewide systems change efforts such as the Child and Family Service Reviews and other related activities;

Vision for CBCAP

- Individual prevention programs cannot stand alone --- they are part of a larger Statewide and national system of care for families and prevention is a key component.
- CBCAP Lead Agencies in a position of leadership in the States to promote this vision.

Target Populations

- Vulnerable families at risk of abuse or neglect
- Special focus on specific populations:
  - Parents (all, new, teens, etc)
  - Parents/ children with disabilities
  - Racial and ethnic minorities
  - Members of underserved or underrepresented groups
  - Fathers
- Some activities for the general population (public awareness and education)

Coordination with Prevention programs in the State

- Lead Agency charged with fostering the continuum of prevention services in the State and building public and private partnerships.
- Lead Agency to provide the leadership for the network of prevention resources and programs. Network to include representation from variety of disciplines and expertise.
- Encourage the development of strategic plan which links with other related efforts to improve outcomes for children and families in the State.

Coordination with Early Childhood efforts

- Thirteen States with linkages with Maternal and Child Health ECCS grants
- Twenty-two States are implementing the Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education initiative. This effort works with childcare providers to promote protective factors to prevent child maltreatment.
  - For more information, visit:

  http://www.cssp.org/doris_duke/index.html
- Nine States outline strong coordination with Head Start and Early Head Start
- Nine States highlight linkages with DV/ SA/ MH

Continuum of Evaluation approaches for CBCAP

- Self-assessment and peer reviews for qualitative reviews of the programs
- Assessing & evaluating the CBCAP network
- Evaluation plans for funded programs and activities
- Outcome-based evaluations
- OMB PART and Federal government review of effectiveness of the program – focus on promoting the increase in CBCAP funding used to support evidence-based and evidence-informed programs and practices

For more information

- For more information about the CBCAP program, visit the FRIENDS National Resource Center website at:

  www.friendsnrc.org
- For more information about child maltreatment prevention, visit the Child Welfare Information Gateway Prevention website at:

  http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/

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