

MONTANA CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND



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- Enabling federal legislation is The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, 42 USC 5116, Sec. 201. Title II, Sec. 201 provides for the Community-Based Grants for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.
- Purpose of grants are to support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, and enhance community-based, and prevention-focused programs designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and/or neglect. Programs are accessible, effective, voluntary, culturally appropriate, and may include:
 - ❖ Assistance to families;
 - ❖ Early, comprehensive support for parents;
 - ❖ Development of parenting skills, especially in young parents and parents of very young children;
 - ❖ Opportunities for an increase family stability;
 - ❖ Improvement for access to formal and informal resources within communities;
 - ❖ Support for the needs of families with children who have disabilities through respite care and other services;

The foundation for our programs based on the five protective factors:

- 1) Parental Resiliency
 - 2) Social Connections
 - 3) Concrete Support
 - 4) Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
 - 5) Social and Emotional Competence of Children.
- Montana receives approximately \$200,000 annually from the Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Grant allocated nationwide based upon the population of children under age 18 residing in the state. Approximately 223,563 children under the age of 18 reside in the state (MT KIDS COUNT 2011.)
 - The state must provide up to 20% matching funds. Montana provides approximately \$100,000 annually at the state level through a state special revenue account representing fees from divorce filings; donations; contributions from the state income tax check-off found on the annual tax form; and interest earnings from the MT Children's Endowment.
 - Montana's lead agency for child abuse and neglect prevention is the Montana Children's Trust Fund (MT CTF.) The MT CTF's Board is as a quasi-public entity. The MT CTF Board and the MT CTF Program is attached to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Division for administrative purposes.
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- During the 2007 MT Legislative Session, \$1,000,000 appropriated to the Children's Endowment Fund. The principle earns approximately \$40,000.00 annually in interest earnings.
- The MT CTF has a seven-member, volunteer Board appointed by the Governor; and it is autonomous in that it makes decisions regarding program selection, design, evaluation and other administrative matters.
- The MT CTF Board meets on a quarterly basis and is actively involved in selecting and funding local, non-profit agencies that include both Family Resource Centers, local, community-based programs that provide family support and prevention services; and Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS/AHT) Prevention with the Period of PURPLE Crying.
- Each year, the MT CTF Board issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) statewide to entities that can provide core services. Contracts issued by July 1st for each state fiscal year.
- In state fiscal year 2012, the MT CTF awarded \$249,505.00 in contracts to 15 community-based providers statewide. An additional \$50,000 allocated to SBS/AHT Prevention and the Period of Purple Crying.
- Technical Assistance provided through a private contractor to assist the MT CTF Board and programs in carrying out their duties. Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies The Montana Coalition, is administering a contract to provide the Technical Assistance during *SFY 2012*
- In addition to programming and technical assistance, the Board allocates funding to support training, evaluation, public awareness, and special projects as deemed necessary such as Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) Prevention.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/childrenstrustfund/childrenstrustfund>

Thank you for helping us to create strong families and safe kids.

