

Carroll County

Children's Trust Fund Allocation

The Carroll County Family and Children First Council has \$6,045 in Children's Trust Funds available for SFY 12 (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012). These funds must be used in accordance with the guidelines of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (ORC 3109.13-18).

The Ohio Legislature established the Ohio Children's Trust Fund in 1984 to support efforts designed to prevent child abuse and neglect within the state. The mission of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) is to prevent child abuse and neglect through investing in strong communities, healthy families and safe children.

Governed by a board of 15 members, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund is the State of Ohio's only publicly funded child abuse prevention agency. Together with our county partners, the Trust Fund is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through funding, supporting, educating and promoting child abuse prevention awareness and services within communities statewide.

ORC 3109.17 states that the Ohio Children's Trust Fund shall allocate funds to each child abuse and child neglect prevention advisory board for the purpose of funding child abuse and child neglect prevention programs. Funds are allocated among advisory boards according to a formula based on the ratio of the number of children under age eighteen in the county or multicounty district to the number of children under age eighteen in the state, as shown in the most recent federal decennial census of population. Subject to the availability of funds and except as provided in section 3109.171 of the Revised Code, each advisory board shall receive a minimum of ten thousand dollars per fiscal year. In January of 2008, the OCTF Board voted to increase the minimum allocation to \$15,000.

The Ohio Children's Trust Fund seeks to fund programs that provide a framework for child abuse and neglect prevention by promoting an understanding of how building protective factors, in addition to reducing risk factors, can reduce maltreatment for young children and their families.

Research has demonstrated that the following five protective factors reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect by providing even stressed parents with what they need to parent effectively. By incorporating these protective factors into programming, programs build relationships with families. When these relationships are established, a program can learn to recognize the signs of stress and help build families' protective factors in their time of need.

As a result, each proposed program must include at least one of the five protective factors described below.

The five protective factors are:

- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Concrete support in times of need
- Children’s social and emotional development

Protective factors are the strengths and resources that families can draw upon when they encounter stressful situations and challenges. Taking those characteristics and building on them is a proven way to strengthen the entire family thereby decreasing the likelihood of maltreatment. Each of the protective factors is vital, but most important is what they do together to create stability in families.
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Parental resilience: The ability to cope and bounce back from all types of challenges
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Social connections: Friends, family members, neighbors and other members of a community who provide emotional support and concrete assistance to parents

Knowledge of parenting and child development: Accurate information about raising young children and appropriate expectations for their behavior
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Concrete support in times of need: Financial security to cover day-to-day expenses and unexpected costs that come up from time to time, access to formal supports like TANF and Medicaid, and informal support from social networks
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Children’s social and emotional development: A child’s ability to interact positively with others and communicate his or her emotions effectively
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Program Criteria

Please be sure to read all application information and the application carefully.

- All proposed programs and/or services must be designed *specifically* to prevent or reduce child abuse and neglect. The OCTF will fund only evidence based, evidence informed, promising practice programs and emerging programs and practices.

- Each proposed program should include strategies for preventing child abuse and neglect and each program must include at least one of the five protective factors.
- The OCTF cannot fund tertiary programs, including direct treatment or therapy programs for abused children. In addition, OCTF dollars cannot be used in any instance where the program participants have an open or substantiated case of abuse and/or neglect with a public children's services agency.
- Programs providing a direct service to parents and/or primary caregivers are required to administer the full protective factors survey. A copy of this survey is included.
- Programs, except those that are school-based, are required to collect demographic information by having participants complete the first two pages of the protective factors survey.
- Programs must collect, maintain and report outcome and evaluation data, as well as demographic data as a part of their program delivery.

The OCTF can fund *only* primary and secondary prevention programs as outlined in section 3109.13 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Primary prevention is defined as *“activities and services provided to the public designed to prevent or reduce the prevalence of child abuse and child neglect before signs of abuse or neglect can be observed.”*

Secondary prevention is defined as *“activities and services that are provided to a specific population identified as having risk factors for child abuse and child neglect and are designed to intervene at the earliest warning signs of child abuse or child neglect, or whenever a child can be identified as being at risk of abuse or neglect.”*

Program Narrative

Summary: Please provide a brief summary of all of your proposed programs. Please identify each proposed program as evidence based, evidence informed, promising practice or emerging program/practice and give a brief explanation for your identification(s). Please include at least one citation and/or reference for each of your proposed programs where additional information concerning the proposed program’s level of evidence can be easily obtained.

- A description of the population for your program. Please explain whether this a primary or secondary prevention program/service.
- A statement of how many families, adults and children are anticipated to participate in the program.
- A description of how program participants will be involved in your anticipated activities. This should include an explanation of any planning, advisory and/or oversight roles that parents and/or children play in the program and how this affects program activities.

Description of Need: Outline the need(s) or opportunities your proposal addresses, and how these were determined.

Program Description, Goals, Activities, and Timeline:

- A description of what the program will do as well as the activities that will take place as part of that program.
- An explanation of how the program strengthens families in order to prevent child abuse and neglect. When possible, be specific in terms of protective factors and your program strategies. Provide this description as a narrative. In addition to the program narrative, applicants should complete a logic model (**See logic model below*).
- The outcomes to be achieved with the program.
- A description of the level of parent engagement in the program. This should go beyond simply stating whether or not parents are actual participants in the program. It should involve explaining the role of parents (if any) in developing or evaluating the program and it should provide examples such as a parent advisory board. It should also explain the role of parents (if any) in providing feedback on the content of the program and its' operation.
- A timeline for implementation of your program that at a minimum includes: the program start and end date and the dates when evaluation of the program will take place
- Program providers must be willing to partner with parent participants and clients in order to increase participant involvement and leadership within the program.
- Program outcomes and outcome accountability must be identified. A logic model presenting program's strategies, outcomes and measurement must be included with the application.

Evaluation

When completing this section, please keep in mind that programs providing direct service to parents and/or primary caregivers will administer a protective factors survey as required by the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. A copy of this survey is included in this packet.

- Describe how you plan to evaluate the programs for which you are requesting funding, and what information you plan to collect.
- For each proposed program, please provide a sample copy of the evaluation tools that will be utilized.
- Describe how the success of each program will be measured (please be specific). Performance measures should be concrete and state how the success of an objective will be quantified.
- Who will be responsible for evaluation? Please explain who will be administering the evaluation and who will be evaluating program effectiveness.

Logic Model and Protective Factors

The OCTF Logic Model structure is part of an ongoing effort to integrate the five protective factors into the work and services of all grantees who touch the lives of Ohio's children and their parents and caregivers. Focusing prevention programs within the five protective factors forms the basis for moving away from risk based intervention and towards strength based prevention.

Protective Factors Survey

The FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention spearheaded a project to develop a Protective Factors Survey (PFS) for its network of federally -funded Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) programs in 2004. The project was initiated to help programs better assess changes in family protective factors.

The Protective Factors Survey is a product of the FRIENDS Network in collaboration with the University of Kansas Institute for Educational Research and Public Service. The instrument was developed with the advice and assistance of researchers, administrators, workers, and experts specializing in family support and maltreatment and psychological measurement. The survey has undergone three national field tests.

Purpose and Use

The PFS is designed for use with caregivers receiving child abuse and neglect prevention services. The instrument measures protective factors in five areas: family functioning and resiliency, social support, concrete support, nurturing and attachment and knowledge of parenting & child development. The primary purpose of the Protective Factors Survey is to provide feedback to agencies for continuous improvement and evaluation purposes. The survey results are designed to provide the following information:

- A snapshot of the families you serve
- Changes in protective factors
- Areas where workers can focus on increasing individual family protective factors

Description

The Protective Factors Survey is a pencil and paper survey. The survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. The instrument is divided into two sections: the first section is completed by a program staff member and the second section is completed by the program participant. The participant portion of the survey contains the core questions of the survey. In the demographic section, participants are asked to provide details about their family composition, income and involvement in services. This will assist you in gathering demographic data about the population that you serve. In the family protective factors section, participants are asked to respond to a series of statements about their family, using a seven-point frequency or agreement scale. The following table provides a brief summary of the multiple protective factors covered in the survey.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

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Or

Familyfirst@carrollcountyohio.net

DEADLINE: March 23, 2011 at 12:00pm

Attachments:

- A. Vendor Program Budget
- B. Logic Model Form
- C. Protective Factors Survey
- D. Allowable Expenditures
- E. Scoring tool