

# ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION

*The Children's Trust Fund*



# ANNUAL REPORT 2019



*Preventing Child Abuse & Neglect Since 1983*



# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings All,

We are proud to present our 2019 Annual Report of the Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention. This report highlights our revenue sources, expenditures, grantees and program evaluation. The 2019 report also features our annual grantee training and public awareness events.



Our agency, also known as The Children's Trust Fund, works diligently to secure the resources to award grant funding to community-based programs across Alabama that work to prevent child maltreatment. Our grantees incorporate the protective factors work in their service models and delivery. These community-based programs focus on providing resources and training to ensure that children are raised in safe, stable and nurturing environments. ADCANP/CTF provides on-going training and technical assistance, as well as other resources, to each of the programs funded by our agency to ensure accountability and transparency. We are proud to partner with Auburn University's College of Human Development and Family Studies to evaluate the progress and success of each grantee. We are equally proud to collaborate closely with the Department of Human Resources in providing needed Fatherhood programs. The Fatherhood Initiative received national recognition based upon a separate study conducted by our Auburn University's team of evaluators. One year after exiting the fatherhood programs, the dads were still maintaining gains in 14 out of 15 indicators of success. This research is highlighted in this year's report. We also partner with other state agencies and organizations to work together in investing in programs that provide children and families with opportunities to thrive.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sallye R. Longshore".

Sallye R. Longshore, Director

## Our Mission:

Secure resources to fund evidence-based community programs committed to the prevention of child maltreatment. We advocate for children & the strengthening of families.

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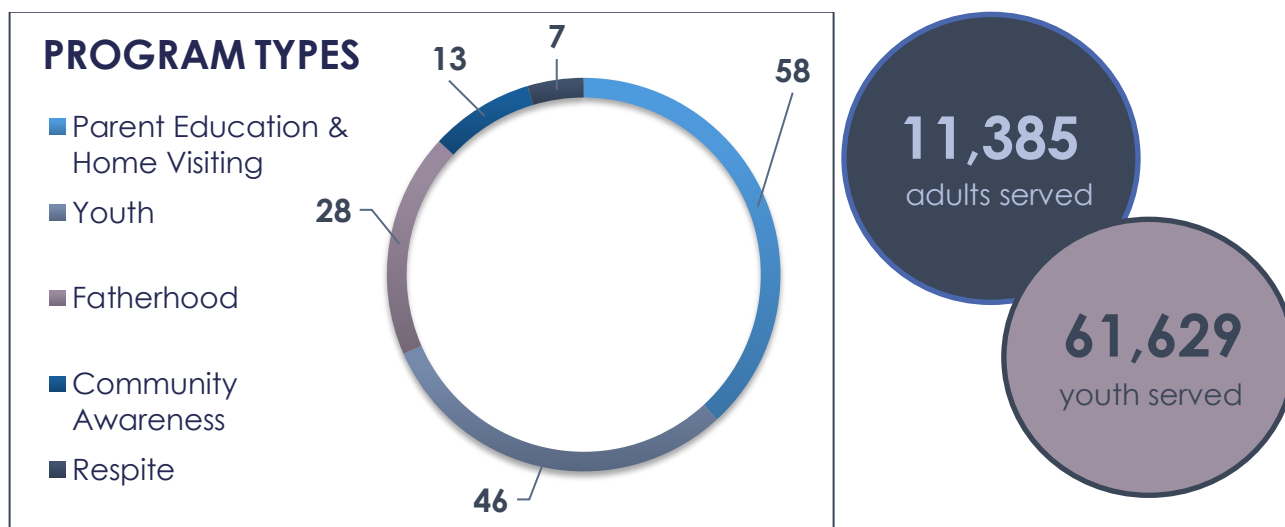
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# PREVENTION PROGRAMS

## Program Highlights

During the 2018-2019 Program Year, the Department awarded over \$7 million from three primary federal and state funding streams to fund two statewide initiatives and 151 community-based prevention programs that applied for program grants. The funded prevention programs provided services to 61,629 youth and 11,385 adults, as well as an additional 247,124 individuals were served by community awareness programs and presentations about the prevention of child maltreatment.



## Evaluation Highlights

From August 2018 to July 2019, the Department worked with an independent research team in Auburn University's Human Development and Family Studies Department to conduct a systematic evaluation of its funded programs to document the magnitude of the outreach and effects of the funded programs statewide for youth and parents served. Key findings from the evaluation include:

- Parent education and home visiting programs had statistically significant improvements in: parenting skills & child development knowledge, knowledge & use of support services, stress management, skills to manage maltreatment risk, and understanding various forms of maltreatment.
- Youth focused programs revealed statistically significant improvements in: social skill development, improved abuse awareness, self-confidence, cooperative behavior, and commitment to avoid risky & delinquent behavior.

**“Prevention programs funded by ADCANP/CTF have documented important positive effects for parents and youth in Alabama. Support for these programs serves to enhance protective factors and reduce the significant human and economic costs of child abuse and neglect in our state.”**

Auburn University's Human Development & Family Studies Department

# PROJECTS

## Strengthening Families™ Trainings

In conjunction with the Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers, our agency continued to expand and promote the statewide movement on Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work. The Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers conducted quarterly Strengthening Families™ trainings in Huntsville, Birmingham, Montgomery, and Dothan throughout 2019.

The Strengthening Families™ Five Protective Factors:

1. Parental Resilience
2. Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development
3. Social & Emotional Competence of Children
4. Social Connections
5. Concrete Support in Times of Need



## Evaluating the Impact of our Fatherhood Programs

2018-2019

### Evaluation Report

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SALLYE LONGSHORE, M.S., ED.S., DIRECTOR



Through a partnership with the Alabama Department of Human Resources, our fatherhood programs served 3,178 adults and 1,780 children and encouraged fathers to enhance their job skills, education, parenting knowledge, and involvement with their children and comply with child support obligations. In 2019, our evaluation team with Auburn University collected both 6-month and 12-month follow-up data from the fathers looking at improvements in parenting skills, as well as improvements in income level and job status.

Also, a recent study from Auburn University College of Human Sciences researchers, released by the Fatherhood Research and Practice Network, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, suggests the programs in Alabama are successful over at least a one-year period in key target areas that indicate family well-being. From the start of the program to one year following, fathers reported growth in 14 of 15 target outcomes: relationship stability, communication skills, conflict management skills, co-parenting relationship

quality, dating abuse prevention skills, hope for the future, positive parenting behaviors, father involvement, parent-child relationship quality, child academic adjustment, financial responsibility, commitment to cooperate with child support staff and to pay full child support and monthly income. They experienced a significant improvement over time in their job status. Researchers noted that these outcome areas align with the Strengthening Families™ framework that suggests five critical protective factors for children.

# EVENTS

## Child Abuse Prevention Month

Following Governor Kay Ivey's proclamation recognizing April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Alabama, we hosted our annual pinwheel garden planting in downtown Montgomery to officially kick off the month with our staff, board, grantees, and partners. We also enjoyed traveling around the state to participate in several community events hosted by our grantees.



## Grantee Training

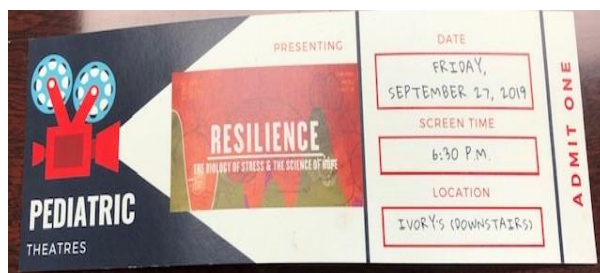
We hosted the annual Children's Trust Fund Conference for our 2018-2019 grantees on October 12 at Ross Bridge in Birmingham. The training provided over 200 attendees with informative speakers, exhibitors, and time to network with other funded prevention programs. We also hosted a training for our TANF grantees focused on their specific grant guidelines as well as tools and resources for engaging fathers.



## Resilience Screenings

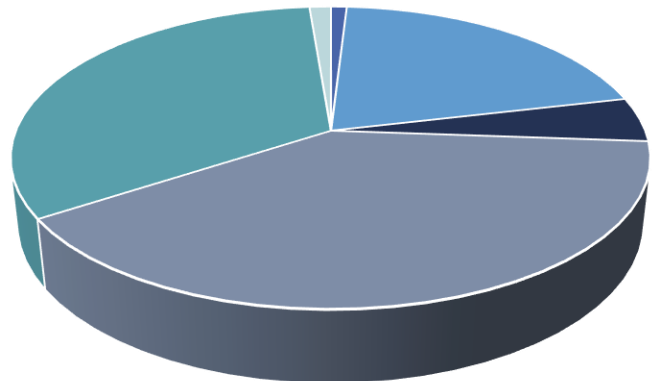
In 2019, our agency continued to expand the screenings of Resilience throughout communities across the state. In September, we partnered with the American Academy of Pediatrics at their Alabama chapter meeting, which featured the film and followed with a panel discussion to initiate the conversation on ACEs.

We also have received continued support and interest from Auburn University's School of Nursing, who invites us back on an ongoing basis to present the film and a panel discussion and other information around ACEs and building hope and resilience.



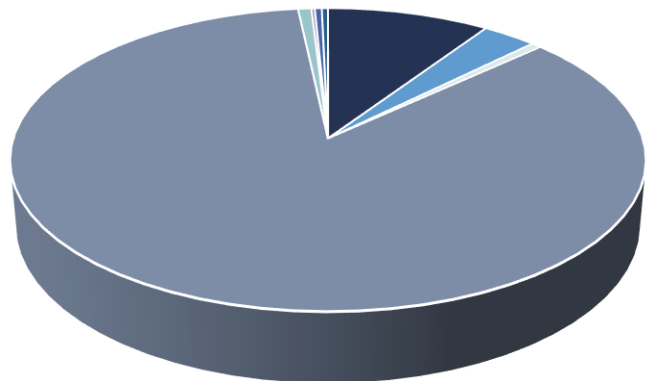
# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SOURCES OF REVENUE	AMOUNT
General Fund	\$78,927
Education Trust Fund	\$1,702,148
CBCAP	\$396,944
TANF/DHR	\$3,307,451
Specialty Car Tags	\$107,312
Children First Trust Fund	\$2,740,827
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,333,609</b>



- General Fund
- Education Trust Fund
- CBCAP
- TANF/DHR
- CFTF
- Specialty Car Tags

EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
Personnel Costs	\$786,429
Employee Benefits	\$264,391
Travel In-State	\$26,265
Travel Out-of-State	\$23,744
Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,071
Rentals & Leases	\$63,887
Utilities & Communication	\$16,452
Professional Fees/Services	\$33,954
Supplies & Materials	\$30,046
Transportation Equipment	\$9,065
Grants & Benefits	\$7,073,420
Other Equipment	\$3,885
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,333,609</b>



- Salaries
- Benefits
- Travel
- Grants & Benefits
- Rentals & Leases
- Utilities & Comm
- Professional Services
- Supplies & Materials

## A special thanks to the following donors in 2019:

Morgan County Association of REALTORS®  
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 Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center  
 The University of Alabama's Zeta Chapter of Kappa Delta  
 Mary Jane Andrews

# ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED IN 2019

## District 1

- Alta Pointe Health Systems, Inc
- Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Alabama
- Catholic Social Services for Family Service Center
- Escambia County Children's Policy Council
- Goodwill Easter Seals
- Gulf Regional Early Childhood Services
- Hope Place Family Resource Center
- Mobile County Health Department
- The Family Center
- United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile, Inc.
- United Methodist Inner City Mission

## District 2

- Aid to Inmate Mothers
- Alabama Parent Education Center
- Alabama Partnership for Children
- Alfred Saliba Family Services Center
- Brantwood Children's Home
- Elmore County Extension Office
- Exchange Center for Child Abuse Prevention
- Dale County Children's Policy Council
- Family Guidance Center of Alabama
- Family Services Center of Coffee County
- Family Support Center
- Gift of Life Foundation
- Healthy Kids
- Family Sunshine Center
- Montgomery Area Nontraditional Equestrians
- Organized Community Action Program
- United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile, Inc.

## District 3

- Auburn University
- Circle of Care
- Child Care Resource Center
- Coosa Valley Youth Services
- East Alabama Mental Health
- East Central Alabama United Cerebral Palsy
- Family Services Center of Calhoun County
- FIRST Family Service Center
- I Am My Brother's Keeper
- Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement
- Yates Consulting

## District 4

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Alabama
- Family Services of North Alabama
- Family Success Center of Etowah County
- Franklin County School System
- Gadsden State Community College
- Shepherd's Cove Hospice
- Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc.
- Thirteenth Place
- United Way's Success by Six

## District 5

- Athens Limestone Children's Advocacy Center
- Attention Homes of Northwest Alabama, Inc.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Alabama
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Shoals, Inc.
- Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama
- Decatur Youth Services
- Family Services Center, Inc.
- The Healing Place
- Lawrence County Schools
- Lauderdale County Special Programming Achievement Network
- Mosaic Mentoring of North Alabama
- National Children's Advocacy Center
- Parents and Children Together
- Sheffield City School
- United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville & Tennessee Valley, Inc.
- United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Alabama

## District 6

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham
- Camp Fire Alabama
- Children's Aid Society
- Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center
- Family Guidance Center of Alabama
- CASA of Shelby County
- Gateway
- Girls Incorporated of Central Alabama
- Glenwood, Inc.
- Growing Kings
- IMPACT Family Counseling
- Kid One Transport
- St. Clair County Day Program, Inc.
- United Ability
- Vineyard Family Services of Central Alabama, Inc.

## District 7

- BAMA Kids, Inc.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Alabama
- Central Alabama Regional Child Advocacy Center
- Child Abuse Prevention Services of Tuscaloosa
- Children's Policy Council of Dallas County
- Children of the Village Network
- Dallas County Family Resource Center
- Hale Empowerment and Revitalization Organization, Inc.
- Pickens County Family Resource Center
- The University of Alabama Child Development Resources
- Sowing Seeds of Hope
- Tuscaloosa's One Place
- United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama
- YMCA of Selma-Dallas County

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