

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION
The Children's Trust Fund



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



OUR MISSION:
TO SECURE RESOURCES TO
FUND EVIDENCE-BASED
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
COMMITTED TO THE
PREVENTION OF CHILD
MALTREATMENT. WE
ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN &
THE STRENGTHENING OF
FAMILIES.

Greetings All,

We are proud to present our 2022 Annual Report of the Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention. This report highlights our revenue sources, expenditures, grantee accomplishments, and our robust program evaluation. Our agency, commonly known as The Children's Trust Fund, also proudly serves as the state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America. In 2022, we were reviewed and officially rechartered as Prevent Child Abuse Alabama by Prevent Child Abuse America. The new charter is in effect until 2026 and we are proud to report that our chapter received one of the highest scores that PCAA awarded in 2022!

Our agency works diligently to secure resources to award grant funding to community-based prevention programs across our great state. Thankfully, we have been able to award another increase in funding to programs in Alabama which is reflected in this report. Our grantees all utilize the protective factors in their service models and delivery which are proven to strengthen families and benefit children.

These community-based programs focus on providing resources, training, and support to ensure that children can thrive in safe, stable and nurturing environments. Our agency's staff provide on-going training and technical assistance to ensure accountability and transparency. We are very proud to partner with many state entities in delivering services and resources to communities. One of our vital partners is Auburn University's College of Human Development and Family Studies which serves as our program evaluator. Auburn's team of evaluators measures the progress and success of our grantees and publishes annual evaluation reports that highlight our programs' success and accomplishments.

The 2022 program year reflects many of our accomplishments through a funding partnership with the Alabama Department of Human Resources which funds our Strengthening Families through Fathers program and our Expanded Learning Possibilities initiative that serves three key hubs and surrounding counties in our state to offer STEM-based educational opportunities in the summer and afterschool to assist working families and children working and learning. Both of these programs focus on building parenting skills and aid in workforce development for families and high quality learning environments for children.

Warmest regards,
Sallye R. Longshore
Director

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PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Evaluations

From October 2021 to September 2022, 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.

Parent Education and Home Visiting

75 parent education and home visiting programs provided support and educational programs to parents. An assessment of 7 targeted outcomes with 4,295 participants revealed statistically significant improvements in average scores for:

- Stress Management Skills
- Skills to Manage Maltreatment Risk
- Understanding of Various Forms of Maltreatment
- Medical Care Commitment
- Parenting Skills & Child Development Knowledge
- Knowledge and Use of Support Services
- Use of Informal Support Networks

Respite Care

7 respite care programs provided respite services and parent education. An assessment of 4 targeted outcomes with 346 participants revealed statistically significant improvements in average scores for:

- Stress Level
- Positive View of Child
- Knowledge and Use of Support Services
- Use of Informal Support Networks

Youth-Focused Programs

44,289 youth in Alabama grades 3-12 were served through 46 youth focused programs that provided educational sessions and revealed statistically significant improvements in average scores for:

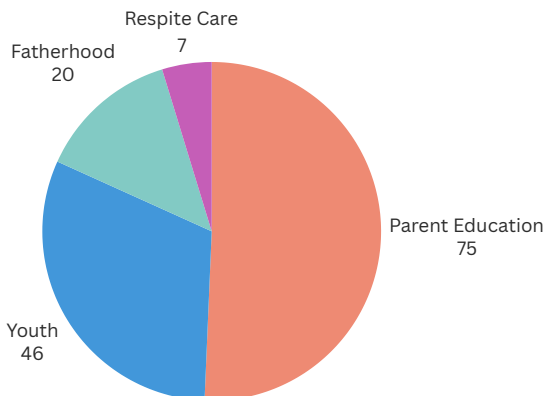
- Social Skill Development
- Abuse Awareness & Resourcefulness
- Improved Self-Confidence
- Emotion Identification and Regulation
- Enhanced Assertiveness
- Cooperative Behavior
- Commitment to Avoid Risky & Delinquent Behavior

Fatherhood

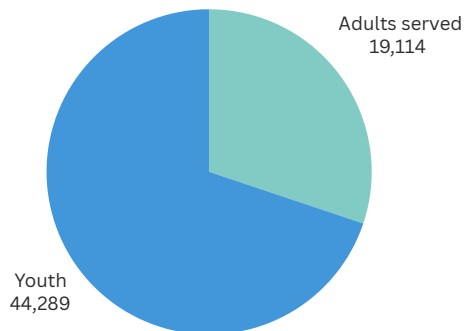
20 fatherhood programs provided educational sessions and support to non-residential fathers. An assessment of 19 targeted outcomes with 911 participants revealed statistically significant improvements in average scores for all but one outcome (i.e., financial responsibility):

- Couple Relationship Quality
- Conflict Management Skills
- Coparenting Conflict
- Coparenting Quality
- Dating Abuse Prevention Skills
- Parenting Efficacy
- Positive Parenting Behavior
- Parent Involvement
- Parent Child Relationship Quality
- Perception of Economic Stability
- Cooperation with Child Support Personnel
- Commitment to Pay Full Child Support
- Knowledge of Community Resources
- Child Adjustment
- Hope for the Future
- Stress Management Skills
- Anger Management Skills
- Income Level

PROGRAM TYPE



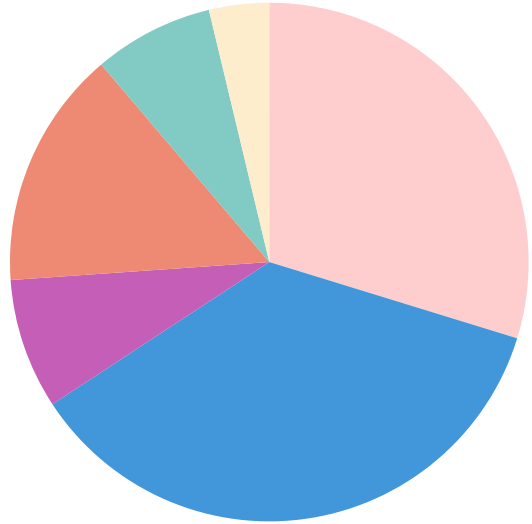
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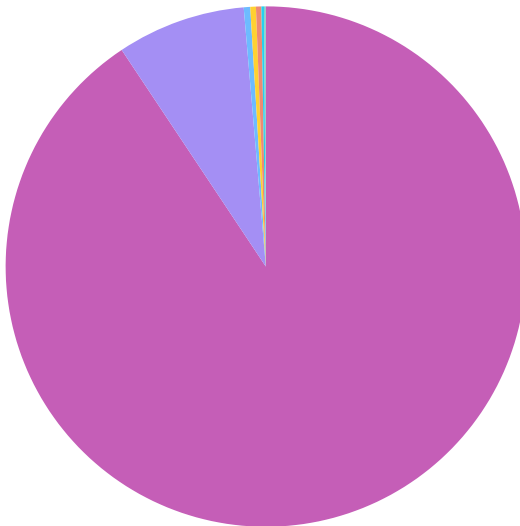
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REVENUE

Revenue	Amount
DHR TANF/ELP	\$7,225,790
Education Trust Fund-General Fund	\$5,969,001
Children First Trust Fund	\$2,986,578
Community Based Child Abuse Prevention	\$771,635
Attorney General Settlement	\$1,500,000
Other	\$110,380
TOTAL	\$18,563,384



EXPENDITURES



Expenditures	Amount
Grants	\$16,828,662
Personnel Costs	\$1,483,133
Supplies/Materials & Operating Expenses	\$74,301
Rentals, Leases & Maintenance	\$64,789
Professional Fees/Services	\$61,931
Utilities & Communication	\$30,458
Travel In-State	\$20,110
TOTAL	\$18,563,384

INITIATIVES

FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE



- Our agency's fatherhood programs applied and received approval to become a "Focusing the Fatherhood FLAME Champion" which supported us in providing a high-quality fatherhood event for our programs in December 2021. We had 75 individuals participate in this virtual event.
- Attended the Regional Workforce Training Meetings throughout the State of Alabama with Alabama Works.
- Conducted Re-entry training sessions with all grantees.
- Assisted grantees with funding through Alabama Power Foundation for Re-entry grants.
- Two programs were funded. CTF provided Training sessions to grantees on working with the Alabama Community College Systems (virtually and in person.) Transitioned 17 programs to the new Pay to Learn Workforce Ready incentive based model.

EXPANDED LEARNING POSSIBILITIES

In partnership with DHR, CTF kicked off the "Summer Expanded Learning" initiative targeting local school systems and community partners. The wide collaboration enabled numerous locations in Alabama to provide a summer of discovery and fun for many at-risk children in Chambers, Coosa, Dallas, Hale, Sumter, Talladega, and Tuscaloosa counties. The Summer Expanded Learning served to meet the social, emotional, and health needs of children by organizing group activities, often in outdoor settings that promoted exercise. The program accelerated the students' advancement in overcoming gaps in reading and literacy proficiency while opening the door to a lifetime of learning through the STEM disciplines. The success affirmed by eager student participation and engagement, and faculty and staff confirmation precipitated the continuation and evolution of the Expanded Learning Possibilities (ELP) initiative into the FY22-23 school year and Summer of 2023.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



In 2021, the Children's Trust Fund launched our Parent Advisory Council (PAC). This 9-member council serves as a strategic partner to help ensure the leadership and involvement of parents in the ongoing planning, implementation, and evaluation of our programs. This work began with launching a planning committee composed of staff, some crucial partners and most importantly a couple of key parents to establish the purpose and roles of the PAC. After releasing an application, we relied on our grantee network to identify and nominate parents they have worked with through their parent education and support programs. In spring 2021, we received over 20 applications and interviewed each applicant and ultimately selected 9 parents with an emphasis on having

at least one parent from each of Alabama's seven congressional districts. This group of 9 parents not only represent diverse locations throughout our state, but they also represent different lived experiences, genders, races, and ethnicities including 2 father voices and a bilingual mother originally from Puerto Rico. After facilitating a two-day orientation with the newly established council in June 2021, we officially kicked off the PAC's work during the 2021-2022 program year with bi-monthly meetings for continuous parent input and engagement in our prevention work.

ACTIVITIES

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Child Abuse Prevention Month came back strong in April, with many events returning to in-person for the first time after two difficult years. We are so grateful to our many grantees for all the work they do every month of the year, but this April felt a little more special and exciting than most years. Towns and cities across Alabama held proclamations, Pinwheels for Prevention gardens were planted, buildings and fountains were illuminated in blue, and sponsored walks and runs and even motorcycle rides were held to raise awareness & support. All of these events in local communities helped make this April one of the most successful Child Abuse Prevention Months ever celebrated in Alabama.



GRANTEE TRAINING

Our agency's annual training for the 2021-2022 grantees of the Children's Trust Fund was held on October 25th and 26th at Ross Bridge in Birmingham. The 2021 training theme was "Prevention Happens in Partnership." Nearly 300 CTF grantees enjoyed a variety of educational speakers and networking with other community-based prevention programs.

Dr. Jerry Milner, the Director of Family Integrity & Justice Works at Public Knowledge, opened the conference with his talk "Transforming Child Welfare." The next general session featured the new members of the inaugural Alabama Parent Advisory Committee, who participated in the panel "Engaging Parents in Prevention: Setting a Place at the Table."

Dr. Bart Klika presented virtually with his talk "Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention: Past, Present & Possibilities." Author Lamonique Mac later presented her talk "Minority Groups Within Minority Groups – Growing Up Biracial in America."

In between the general session speakers, grantees enjoyed breakout sessions that specialized in focused topics, such as Fundraising for Nonprofits, the Cost of Child Maltreatment to the Alabama Economy, Professional Resilience: A New Framework for Preventing Burnout and Compassion Fatigue, and a wide range of other program-strengthening presentations.

ACTIVITIES



FAMILY-CENTERED COACHING

With CBCAP federal funds, CTF provided a grant to the Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers (ANFRC) to expand their network into areas underserved by a Family Resource Center, as well as provide various supports and trainings to current FRC staff. This included providing Family-Centered Coaching (FCC) training, which is a strengths-based approach to working with families that puts participants in the driver's seat. FCC integrates case management into a fluid practice of service that centers on a coaching mindset, trusting the client's wisdom while working together toward families' goals and dreams. This grant enabled them to certify 60 people in FCC, including staff of 22 Family Resource Centers.

PRESENTATIONS

Family Assistance Fall Conference

Sallye Longshore, Director of the Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, was invited to attend the 2021 Family Assistance Fall Conference. The theme for the conference was Tackling Adversity and Encouraging Families. Sallye and her collaborative partners Dr. Francesca Adler-Baeder and Dr. Phillip Haynes, both from Auburn University, jointly presented "Evaluating Fatherhood Programs in Alabama: Determining the Impact". The presentation provided an overview of what ADCANP is doing by funding and monitoring fatherhood programs throughout the state. The presentation also addressed the evaluative methodology in determining program effectiveness and meaningful changes of fathers. The preponderance of both the qualitative and quantitative evidence showed that fatherhood programs had short-term and long-term statistically significant impacts on fathers who participated in the fatherhood programs.

MEGA Conference

The Alabama State Department of Education hosted its MEGA Conference in Mobile, AL during the week of July 12. Over 3,600 education professionals attended the conference. The MEGA Conference is a week-long conference that allows attendees to engage in meaningful discussions, participate in in-depth training sessions, and learn from leading experts in fields from across the education spectrum.

On July 14, Sallye Longshore, Director of the Alabama Department of Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention presented on Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse & Neglect and Erin's Law: What Educators Need to Know.



Opioid Summit

- During this program year, we launched a new partnership with the Alabama Attorney General's Office when they awarded us \$1.5 million through the state's opioid settlement in October 2021. These funds were used to host a statewide Opioid Prevention Summit on July 7th at Ross Bridge Conference Center to an audience of 110. The audience included key partners across the state as well as four of our Parent Advisory Council members. The event included speakers such as Nic Sheff, a recovering addict and subject of the book and film "Beautiful Boy," as well as Dr. Stephen Taylor and Jeff Davis with Fowler-Davis for Change on their public awareness and media campaign to prevent opioid abuse. The funds awarded to our agency were used during this reporting period to begin developing this Youth Opioid Prevention Initiative through Fowler Davis 4 Change with Billboards, PSA's, a website (besmartdontstart.com) and training awareness materials that were rolled out in early 2023.

ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED IN 2022 PROGRAM YEAR

District 1

Alta Pointe Health Systems, Inc.
Auburn University
Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Alabama
Catholic Social Services for Family Service Center
Coastal Family Partners
Crittenton Youth Services
Escambia County Children's Policy Council
Goodwill Gulf Coast
Gulf Regional Early Childhood Services
Mobile County Health Department
Redemptions Place
The Family Center
United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile, Inc.
United Methodist Children's Home
United Methodist Inner City Mission

District 2

Aid to Inmate Mothers
Alabama Parent Education Center
Alabama Partnership for Children
Alfred Saliba Family Services Center
Auburn University
Charles Henderson Child Health Center
Exchange Center for Child Abuse Prevention
Family Guidance Center of Alabama
Family Services Center of Coffee County
Family Sunshine Center
Family Support Center
Gift of Life Foundation
Mary Hill Family Service Center
Montgomery Area Nontraditional Equestrians
Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center
That's My Child
United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile, Inc.
Wetumpka Preschool & Child Development

District 3

Auburn University
Chambers County Council for Neglected and Dependent
Child Care Resource Center Inc./Employers'
Coosa Valley Youth Services
East Alabama Mental Health
East Central Alabama United Cerebral Palsy, Inc.
Evelyn Moon Crisis Shelter
Family Services Center of Calhoun County, Inc.
First Family Services Center
I Am My Brother's Keeper
Ostara Initiative
Russell County Child Advocacy Center
Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement, Inc.
Teens Empowerment Awareness with Resolutions, Inc.
(TEARS, Inc.)
The Children's Advocacy Center of Cherokee County
Twin Cedars Child Advocacy Center

District 4

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast AL
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Shoals, Inc.
Family Services of North Alabama
Family Success Center of Etowah County
Gadsden City Schools
Hospice of Marshall County- Shepherd's Cove
Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc.

The Link of Cullman County, Inc.
United Way's Success By 6

District 5

Athens Limestone Children's Advocacy Center
Attention Homes of Northwest Alabama, Inc.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Shoals
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tennessee Valley
Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama
Decatur Youth Services
Family Services Center, Inc.
Morgan County System of Services, Inc.
Mosaic Mentoring of North Alabama, Inc.
National Children's Advocacy Center
Parents And Children Together
Sheffield City Schools
Shoals Sav-A-Life, Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville and Tennessee Valley, Inc.
United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Alabama

District 6

Alabama Hands & Voices
Autism Society of Alabama
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham
BridgeWays
Build UP
CASA of Jefferson County
Children's Aid Society
Children's Policy Cooperative of Jefferson County
Community Care Development Network
Dynamic Children and Family Services
Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center
Family Guidance Center of Alabama
Fowler Davis 4 Change
Friends of the Court/CASA of Shelby County
Gateway
Girls Incorporated of Central Alabama
Glenwood, Inc.
Greater Alabama Council-Boy Scouts of America
Growing Kings
IMPACT Family Counseling
Kid One Transport, Inc.
Shelby County Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.
St. Clair County Day Program, Inc.
The Freedom Source, Inc. (The Addiction Prevention Coalition)
The Safe Harbor
The Woolley Institute for Spoken-Language Education(WISE)
United Ability
Vineyard Family Services of Central Alabama, Inc.
YWCA Central Alabama

District 7

Alabama Network of Family Resources Centers
BAMA Kids, Inc.
Bessemer Cut Off Advocacy Center
Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Alabama
Central Alabama Regional Child Advocacy Center
Child Abuse Prevention Services of Tuscaloosa
Dallas County Family Resource Center
Dallas County System of Services, Inc.
Pickens County Family Resource Center
Sowing Seeds of Hope
The University of Alabama-Child Development Resources
Tuscaloosa Family Resource Center, dba. Tuscaloosa's One Place
UCPWA of West Alabama (UCPWA)
University of Alabama Autism Clinic



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