



Nurturing Children, Supporting Communities, Strengthening Families

2013-2014 Year at a Glance

- The Montana Children's Trust Fund (MT CTF) was created in 1985 to reduce and ultimately eliminate maltreatment of Montana children.
- The MT CTF works with community organizations to strengthen Montana families by decreasing risk factors for child abuse and neglect while increasing the protective factors: parental resilience, social connections, concrete supports in times of need, knowledge of parenting and child development, and social and emotional competence of children.
 - In state fiscal year 2014, the MT CTF awarded \$194,951.19 in contracts to 13 community-based providers statewide. The funded programs served 12,868 during the following activities: parenting education, home visiting, anti-victimization and safety, parent/child activities, respite care, parent leadership, resources and referrals, and general mentoring.
 - An additional \$110,000 was allocated to Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma Prevention for the statewide Period of PURPLE Crying campaign.

Funding:

- \$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.
- The state of Montana provides matching funds totaling approximately \$230,000 annually.

Awareness and activities:

- April Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, Blue Day, Blue Sunday, Pinwheels for prevention, Halloween Fun Fest.

Program Outcomes

- Parents report having increased their...
 - understanding of the importance of a nurturing and stable environment, as well as the importance of parent/child attachment and bonding.
 - knowledge of age-appropriate parenting techniques based on child development.
 - ability to cope with the stresses of everyday life and the occasional crisis.
 - understanding of the importance of and secure a social support system. All grantees provide concrete support for parents by providing resources and referrals in the community.
 - social connections and have increased access to parental supports.
 - knowledge of healthy social and emotional development in their children.
- All grantees report an increase of their community's awareness of child maltreatment.