

## ARKANSAS FY 04; Funding 03

NETWORKS	FUNDED PROGRAMS	EMPHASIS ON NEW AREAS OF SERVICE and RESPITE/CRISIS CARE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Arkansas Parenting Education Network (APEN) works to emphasize the need for parenting education, bring together parent educators of all disciplines, and develop ways to strengthen and expand the network of parenting programs in Arkansas. CBCAP funds support a full-time coordinator for APEN. Network members include a wide variety of disciplines, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social workers</li> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• Home economists</li> <li>• Health dept. representatives</li> <li>• County Extension agents</li> <li>• Head Start providers</li> <li>• CPS workers</li> <li>• Juvenile court workers</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ CBCAP funds supported a day-long “networking day” to meet an expressed need of the parent educators – time to network with one another and to receive inexpensive training. The day included a repeat of the 4 most highly rated workshops from the APEN conference, allowing people the chance to go to workshops they had missed at the conference. 104 attendees participated in the networking day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CBCAP funds enhanced grant awards to 14 community-based programs to provide intensive education to parents. The following types of programs received grants:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family resource centers</li> <li>• Youth programs</li> <li>• Counseling centers</li> <li>• Home visiting programs</li> <li>• Schools</li> <li>• Family advocacy center</li> <li>• MELD</li> <li>• Parents as Teachers</li> <li>• Healthy Families</li> <li>• Young Moms</li> <li>• HIPPIY</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Responding to an initial statewide inventory that identified a need for support for parent educators, the state established the Arkansas Parenting Education Network. The network provides a forum to discuss challenges and problems faced by parenting and family resource programs and provides an opportunity for the growth, improvement and development of programs statewide. In FY04 the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board continued support for the network and expanded the number of educators reached through the conference, web site, and trainings.</li> <li>▪ The Board continues to concentrate on funding parenting programs of various types, which were identified as a needed service by the inventory.</li> </ul>

DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED	EVALUATION AND QUANTITATIVE SERVICE INFORMATION	INNOVATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2,468 families were served.</li> <li>▪ Of those families completing parent satisfaction surveys, 34% were African American, 59% were Caucasian, and 7% were Hispanic. 72% had a high school education or less. 43% of the participants were unemployed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grantees administer a client satisfaction survey to all participants exiting their program. A total of 132 surveys were collected and summarized over a one year period. An overwhelming majority of respondents found the programs they attended to be very satisfactory. Highlights from the summary include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 94% of respondents found home visits to be “helpful” or “very helpful” and 6% found them “somewhat helpful.” No one rated the program as “not helpful.”</li> <li>• 90% of respondents rated group parenting classes as “helpful” or “very helpful;” 10% rated them “somewhat helpful.” No one rated the programs as “not helpful.”</li> <li>• 91% of participants were “satisfied” or “very satisfied” that the program helped them to become a better parent. No one was “dissatisfied” with the services.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All programs that receive grants from the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board receive a blend of state and federal CBCAP dollars. State funds are generated through a surcharge on marriage license fees.</li> <li>▪ All grantees are required to provide 25% matching funds, which come from a wide variety of state and community sources. These funds may be actual cash match or they may be in-kind donations, including volunteer time.</li> <li>▪ The statewide conference for parent educators was supported by a variety of federal, state, and local sources, including state agencies, local programs, cooperative extension, and professional organizations. In addition, many organizations committed their time and effort in helping to plan and execute the conference or contributed door prizes. Due to the contributions received, the cost of the two-day conference was only \$75.</li> </ul>
PEER REVIEW	PARENT LEADERSHIP	LINKAGES WITH OTHER SYSTEMS (CHILD WELFARE, PSSF, ETC.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The first part of the peer review process involved the use of county-level councils to review grant applications to the Children’s Trust Fund. The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board was successful in establishing multi-disciplinary child abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All applicants seeking funding from the Children’s Trust Fund are required to submit a plan for involving families in the design and implementation of their programs. Programs are required to report on the progress of this plan every three months in their quarterly reports.</li> <li>▪ Many grantees have developed parental advisory boards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>

<p>prevention councils in fifty-two of the state's seventy-five counties. Local Councils were asked to submit written comments about any program making an application from their county. The comments and score sheets from the councils were used in the award-making process of the State Board, enabling communities to have input and control over the types of programs funded in their regions. Only those programs receiving peer approval from the Local Council were eligible to receive funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For the second part of the peer review process, CBCAP grantees came together for a meeting on parent involvement, an area of focus for all grantees. During the day-long meeting, each grantee shared ways in which their program involves parents as well as the challenges and barriers they face. Participants learned new skills and ideas from the meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>that meet two to four times a year. The advisory boards provide feedback about issues they find troublesome and give suggestions on how the program might improve. In addition, program staff use the meetings to test out new ideas and concepts with parents before implementing them with all participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The lead agency sponsored a day-long meeting on parental involvement for grantees.</li> <li>▪ The Arkansas Parenting Education Network helped school districts meet the requirements of the new Parental Involvement Act, which requires districts to designate a parent involvement coordinator at each school, ensure that coordinators receive continuing education, and provide a variety of services to parents.</li> </ul>	
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**OTHER ELEMENTS:**

- **Conference:** In April of 2004, the Arkansas Parenting Education Network sponsored its sixth statewide conference for parent educators. Over 500 people attended the conference. The conference was well-received by the attendees and generated a great deal of enthusiasm.
  - **Training:** At the request of network members, CBCAP funds supported workshops on curricula for parents of young children and teenagers. Train-the-trainer workshops were presented at numerous locations and in some cases via satellite by the state PBS television affiliate. In addition, the Putting Youth Back into Youth Sports program trained youth sports coaches from rural areas to examine their coaching techniques and to give them new skills to work with challenging parents. During the training, youth athletes participated in a day of non-competitive sports activities. Each participating team was also given a \$1,000 grant.
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<b>State Allowable Claims:</b>	<b>\$ 352,386</b>
<b>Population-Based Allocations:</b>	<b>\$ 181,322</b>
<b>Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations:</b>	<b>\$ 11,426</b>
<b>Final State Allocations:</b>	<b>\$ 192,748</b>

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