

**ILLINOIS
FY 04; Funding 03**

NETWORKS	FUNDED PROGRAMS	EMPHASIS ON NEW AREAS OF SERVICE and RESPITE/CRISIS CARE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CBCAP-funded programs are part of a statewide network of community-based prevention efforts to improve the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families. Core prevention services are funded through CBCAP, the Child Abuse Prevention Fund, and the Family Centered Services Initiative (the Safe and Stable Families program). ▪ Input and guidance for the provision of community-based services is received from Department of Children and Family Services administrators, the Family Centered Services Steering Committee, the Statewide Citizens Committee for Abuse and Neglect, and the CBCAP Committee. Participants who represent providers and consumers address issues specific to accountability, policies and procedures, publicity, technical assistance and training, program development, peer review, and any new CBCAP grant requirements. ▪ The CBCAP Grant Committee includes 7 representatives from the Department of Children and Family Services, 1 parent representative, 1 representative from the Department of Human Services, and 2 representatives from Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. ▪ The Family Centered Services Initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The largest CBCAP-supported program is the Prevention Resource Development Project, a coordinated statewide effort to enhance communication and services among a network of organizations. The project works to build community collaboratives for preventing child abuse and assists with community resource development, training and technical assistance, and public awareness activities. Three other grantees also received CBCAP funding. ▪ The types of services that were supported as part of a comprehensive array of primary and secondary prevention services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public information, community collaboration, resource development • Parent education classes • Home visiting • Outreach to families • Positive youth development or similar programs • Support groups • Research, evaluation, training • Responsible fatherhood programs • Respite care and/or shelter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Department of Children and Family Services has initiated planning meetings to explore and address the expansion of services. ▪ Many community-based programs in Illinois are working to address a variety of unmet needs. The following services provided through the Prevention Resource Development Project specifically to address unmet needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainings for providers and community members on a variety of topics • Resources to families in underserved communities • Supports and technical assistance for community providers • Support groups for parents who complete parenting classes • Parent classes for parents of children with ADHD • Development of Family Violence Coordinating Councils • Services for Spanish-speaking families • Creation of a county health department • Batterer's intervention program ▪ Respite care is provided by three community programs in the statewide network.

<p>constitutes 106 community-based programs in 62 Local Area Networks (LANs). LANs are responsible for developing and supporting the availability of services throughout Illinois. The network of LANs was required to have at least thirty percent of their planning groups comprised of wards and foster parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Family Centered Services Steering Committee meets quarterly and is co-chaired by a representative from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and a community provider. The committee includes state and federal agency representatives, advocates, parents, and providers from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child welfare • Youth services • Head Start • Juvenile protection • Maternal and child health • Illinois Respite Coalition • Illinois Family Partnership Network • Local Area Networks ▪ The largest CBCAP-supported program is responsible for enhancing services among a network of service providers and for building community collaboratives of numerous stakeholders, including DCFS staff, parents, providers, Local Area Networks, schools, etc. 		
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DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED	EVALUATION AND QUANTITATIVE SERVICE INFORMATION	INNOVATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CBCAP-supported programs conducted outreach, prevention, and intervention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Department of Children and Family Services is interested in implementing an evaluation process through 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Through the State Child Abuse Grant and the Child Abuse Prevention Fund tax check-off, the

<p>services specifically to benefit special populations, including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families involved in or referred by the child welfare system • HIV affected/infected families • Latino immigrants • Teen parents • Residents of a public housing project • Fathers • Court-involved and court-mandated clients • Victims of domestic violence • Refugees • Mutual support group attendees • Parents and children in need of mentoring and tutoring • Challenging children and parents 	<p>the Division of Monitoring and Quality Assurance to ensure reliable information for program improvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some community-based programs are tracking outcomes and showing positive results. Other programs have begun to track parent satisfaction and are awaiting results. ▪ Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago has been involved in several research projects for the Department of Children and Family Services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Care in Illinois: Trends and Alternatives • Academic Performance of Foster Children • Foster Children Who Run Away • Waiver Evaluations on Subsidized guardianship, Alcohol and drug abuse, and Enhanced training 	<p>state leveraged nearly \$800,000 to fund programs that were part of the CBCAP network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Department of Children and Family Services asks providers to maximize funding through other state and local resources. ▪ Community programs receive support from private donors, foundations, other state and federal sources, in-kind donations, and fundraising events.
<p>PEER REVIEW</p>	<p>PARENT LEADERSHIP</p>	<p>LINKAGES WITH OTHER SYSTEMS (CHILD WELFARE, PSSF, ETC.)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The state formed a Family Centered Services Design Team with representatives from the Division of Child Protection, Family Centered Services agencies, Intact Families, the Prevention Resource Development project, and Local Area Network (LAN) liaisons. The team worked with Family Support America to develop a Family Centered Services Assessment Tool and the process for conducting peer review. ▪ The Family Centered Services peer review will have direct applicability for the additional focus for programs in FY06. The peer review process will be piloted in Cook County and then rolled out to other parts of the state. ▪ One CBCAP grantee has a peer review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical assistance was provided to each Local Area Network to establish focus groups and town meetings to involve parents who would be accessing services. ▪ CBCAP programs are encouraged to involve parents—especially fathers, foster parents, and grandparents—in the development, operation, and quality assurance aspects of their programs. Parents were involved in community programs in the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving Parent Leadership awards • Attending Steering Committee meetings • Providing programmatic feedback • Participating in Parent Advisory Committees • Leading support group meetings • Participating in peer review • Participating on boards of directors • Attending retreats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The agency that administers CBCAP also administers the Safe and Stable Families Program (called Family Centered Services in Illinois). ▪ Staff of the major grantee agreed to be active participants as the Performance Improvement Plan is implemented. ▪ The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) collaborates with the Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding services to families who are eligible for the DHS-administered Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, and for families with substance abuse issues. ▪ DCFS and DHS are collaborating with the

committee where local professionals meet, visit, and share.		Administration of Children and Families and the Illinois Head Start Association on training and evaluation issues.
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OTHER ELEMENTS:

- **Training:** The Department of Children and Family Services offers paid tuition for CBCAP-supported service providers to attend at least two training and technical assistance opportunities. In addition, the Department sponsored participation in the annual Statewide Child Abuse Prevention conference and in courses at the Center for Nonprofit Management.
- **Training:** Staff from the Prevention Resource Development Project responded to training requests throughout the state for dozens of presentations on topics such as Shaken Baby Syndrome, Mandated Reporter Training, Child Abuse and Neglect Identification and Prevention, Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Domestic Violence and the Effects on Children, and Methamphetamine Use. Other community-based programs also provided trainings or technical assistance.
- **Child Abuse Prevention Month:** Illinois activities included launches at the State Capitol Rotunda in Springfield in conjunction with another large event in Chicago, statewide distribution of community packets, events calendars, media conference, awards presentations, outreach to legislators and the media, community outreach, and posters. The efforts were led by a statewide coordinating committee.
- **Systems change:** A number of system improvement enhancements have been added to the child protection system, including revising statutes, moving children more quickly to permanent homes, and assuring best practices for making well-coordinated decisions regarding children and their families. The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) identified and addressed educationally challenged youth and their educational support systems. In an effort increase school attendance and decrease suspensions, expulsions, and drop-outs, DCFS laid plans to work with the Local Area Networks to concentrate efforts towards the development of wraparound services for children experiencing problems in school. DCFS also made plans to implement a school readiness initiative aimed at enhancing existing day care programs and increasing access to day care, especially in rural areas of the state.

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Population-Based Allocations:	\$ 870,992
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations:	\$ 30,369
Final State Allocations:	\$ 901,361

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