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NETWORKS	FUNDED PROGRAMS	EMPHASIS ON NEW AREAS OF SERVICE and RESPITE/CRISIS CARE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Colorado Partnership for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (CPPCAN), including representatives from 14 agencies and organizations, was formed during the past federal fiscal year in order to further collaboration and sharing of information across program and agency lines, and to gather diverse community input about the use of CBCAP funds. • The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) worked with 14 other public and private agencies to plan events for Child Abuse Prevention month. Those agencies included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado Children’s Trust Fund • Family Resource Centers • Kempe Children’s Foundation • Denver Department of Human Services • Promoting Safe and Stable Families • Denver Children’s Advocacy Center • Arapahoe County Human Services • DHS – Child Welfare • Court-Appointed Special Advocates • Child Welfare League of America • Family Advocacy, Care, Education and Support • Colorado Association of Family and Children’s Agencies • Office of the Child’s Representative • American Human Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Family Resource Center Association, Inc. (FRCA) distributed CBCAP funds to 24 community-based family centers throughout Colorado. In addition to case management services, some of the 31 additional services family centers offered included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent education (including those targeting fathers) and support • Public awareness campaigns • Before and after school program • ESL classes • Respite and emergency child care • Family Advocacy • Parents as teachers • Food and clothing distribution • Alcohol and drug education • Vision and hearing screening • WIC enrollment • Domestic violence-related services • The Colorado Children’s Trust Fund (CCTF) distributed CBCAP funds to 16 community-based programs across the state in order to implement the <i>Nurturing Parenting Program</i>. • CBCAP funds were used to support the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) at the Colorado Department of Human Services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the lead agency for the CBCAP grant, worked with the Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs in order to conduct an informal inventory of families of children with disabilities (a population at increased risk for incidents of child maltreatment) to ascertain their need for planned and emergency respite care. Their work is ongoing.

DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED	EVALUATION AND QUANTITATIVE SERVICE INFORMATION	Training and Technical Assistance Provided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Resource Centers served 41,033 individuals, a 13 percent increase over fiscal year 2005. In addition to serving more than 421 families with disabilities, those served at the centers represent the ethnic diversity found in Colorado, as listed below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latino 38.72% • African American 3.59% • Caucasian 48.34% • Native American 3.65% • Asian 1.59 • The Nurturing Parent Program was offered to 567 children (mostly birth-to-three years) and 505 parents (one-quarter of whom were fathers) through a total of 592 classes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Resource Centers, which are staffed in part by parents from the communities in which the Centers are located, assess community needs via formal and informal methods in order to guide decisions about the continuation of addition of services. • Colorado Children’s Trust Fund grantees were required to track evaluation of Nurturing Parenting Program participants using an online system called Colorado Knowledge Information Technology, or KIT. All 16 programs demonstrated positive participant change based on pre- and post-test measurements using the Adolescent and Adult Parenting Inventory (AAPI-2) Parenting Profile. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 16 Children’s Trust Fund Programs received training in the Nurturing Parenting Program and its associated evaluation measure, the AAPI-2. OMNI, the evaluation partner of the lead agency, provided ongoing technical assistance through individual contracts and on an as-needed basis. • The Family Resource Center Association, Inc. (FRCA) provided training and technical assistance to the 24 CBCAP-funded centers. Training topics centered primarily on program administration and evidence-based practice and evaluation.
INNOVATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS	PEER REVIEW	PARENT LEADERSHIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Resource Centers, in addition to receiving CBCAP funds, are continuing recipients of State income tax check-off funds. Four centers received funds through the Child Support Enforcement Section of the Department of Human Services to establish Strengthening Marriages Programs. Local centers receive federal and local grants and private donations, and some have established entrepreneurial ventures, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Trust Fund grantees (offering the Nurturing Parent Program) participated in peer review via conference calls (to defray the cost of face-to-face meetings). The Trust Fund sent “stem” questions to programs via email to help structure discussions. • Children’s Trust Fund grantees also attended a mandatory two-day conference; the second day was dedicated to review program evaluation results and participate in peer review in that context. • Family Resource Centers engaged in peer review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the state level, families participated in the design and oversight of the operation of CBCAP-funded programs. Families participated in the grant review and selection process. • At the program level, families participated in program development; advisory board; provision of family-centered services; and provision of ongoing feedback. In addition, parents:

<p>including thrift stores, that generate unrestricted funding to support base operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Colorado Children's Trust Fund pools CBCAP funds with state public funds collected from marriage dissolutions, and interest accrued from the trust fund. CCTF grantees are required to match at least 50 percent of their grant award which totals more than \$190,000 in cash and in kind state-wide. 	<p>during quarterly meetings. Peer review was guided by an agenda that focused on issues and practices encountered by the centers on a daily basis such as: assessment and evaluation; program management; core content training; strategic planning; and funding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served in formal and informal advisory roles; Served as home visitors, parent educators, child care providers, case managers and parent mentors; Participated in focus groups; Served on governing boards; Met with center staff to provide input on decisions pertaining to programs offered; Completed client satisfaction surveys and community-needs assessments; Served on steering committees; and Assisted in planning, developing and evaluating family centers.
<p>LINKAGES WITH OTHER SYSTEMS (CHILD WELFARE, PSSF, ETC.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder meetings are planned for 2007 to discuss potential directions for child abuse prevention. These meetings will be held centrally (in Denver) and regionally to ensure that input gathered across the state represents community needs. Lead agencies in attendance are encouraged to bring parent representatives and leaders from their communities so that diverse opinions and ideas are heard and considered. Child abuse prevention activities planned collaboratively by 14 agencies and organizations for 2006 resulted in the signing of a proclamation by Colorado Governor Bill Owens declaring April 2006 as Child Abuse Prevention Month; the Colorado State Legislature passed a Senate Joint Resolution indicating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month; the 	<p>OTHER ELEMENTS: Systems Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CBCAP lead agency worked with the Colorado Department of Human Services Child Welfare Division to assess the state's Child and Family Service Review and implement changes in order to improve the accuracy of the report and foster a greater understanding of the challenges of child protection in the state. The Family Resource Center Association worked with the Partner Up! Grant to promote marriage among those couples for whom it is appropriate. The Children's Trust Fund and Family Resource Center Association continue to work to consolidate evaluation data through the use of an internet-based data collection system. 	

Colorado Children's Trust Fund mailed, to agencies and individuals across the state, 300 Child Abuse Prevention packets including child abuse statistics, child safety tips and a calendar of 365 ways to support healthy child development.		

State Allowable Claims: **\$7,895,684**

Population-Based Allocations: **\$391,315**

Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations: **\$385,705**

Final State Allocations: **\$777,020**

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