

District of Columbia
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NETWORKS	FUNDED PROGRAMS	EMPHASIS ON NEW AREAS OF SERVICE and RESPITE/CRISIS CARE
<p>DC Children's Trust Fund Network includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parents Anonymous Network, whose grantees and affiliates include Children's National Medical Center, Healthy Babies Project, Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Northwest Church Family Network, and South Washington/West of the River Healthy Families Community Collaborative, DC Healthy Start, and Shaw Ministries. ▪ DC Kids Count Collaborative members include Children's National Medical Center, Council of Latino Agencies, DC Action for Children, DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, DC Child and Family Service Agency, DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Fund Corporation, DC Early Care and Education Administration, DC Learns, DC Mayor's Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, DC Office of Council Member Gray, DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families and Elders, DC Public Schools, DC Public Library, DC Voice, George Washington University, So Others Might Eat, Urban Institute. Collaborative met monthly to review the District's achievements of 2005 recommendations, and prepare the 2006 Fact Book. ▪ Mayor's Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect is chaired by the Executive Director of the Trust Fund, and its members are appointed by the Mayor. A list of members is included in the report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent Mutual Support Groups ▪ Wrap around services to prevent child abuse and neglect provided on a community level through 7 community collaboratives 	<p>Inventory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead Agency updated the inventory which includes 1,126 programs, including new information on 33 programs. The data base cross references programs and services that serve District residents into 23 categories listed in the report. ▪ The Kids Count data book helps identify areas of greatest need. <p>Meeting Unmet Need/New Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The high rate of poverty in the District and the increase in the number of working poor suggest the need for strong measures to address poor education, high rates of illiteracy, and lack of marketable skills. ▪ Trust Fund continues to work on following concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respite Care: Trust fund's attempt at building a respite coalition faltered due to lack of support from the DC government; Council of Governments continues to manage a federal grant for respite for foster parents. • Parent Empowerment: Trust Fund continues to expand its Parents Anonymous Networks. Over 70 parents attended a day-long training in 2006. • Support services for families with special needs: Linkages between community collaboratives, the Hospital for Sick Children, and Children's National Medical Center are lacking. • Increasing public awareness of child abuse and neglect with particular

		<p>emphasis on educating parents about child abuse laws and reframing the child abuse prevention message.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional training on child abuse and neglect prevention strategies • Expanding life skills education for preteens • Refining child welfare statutes. • Promoting cultural competency in child rearing practices and of diverse populations.
DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED	EVALUATION AND QUANTITATIVE SERVICE INFORMATION	TRAINING and TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED
<p>Numbers Served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In Parent Anonymous mutual support groups, 304 adults and 478 children were served. ▪ The Trust Fund trained 614 individuals and raised the awareness of 450,000 individuals through monthly cable television program. <p>Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An effort is underway to translate a booklet for parents on the District's child abuse and neglect laws into Spanish. ▪ A summit on mandated reporting was held with service providers in the Latino community ▪ Lead agency provides a monthly television program on community resources and information to strengthen families, including efforts to reach the African American population by promoting the seven Kwanzaa principles. ▪ To address the language barrier, DC now requires select government departments to produce written material in five languages, in addition to English. ▪ Trust Fund conducts cultural competency training for service providers and parents in collaboration with organizations that serve diverse populations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Client Satisfaction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In self reports among parents in mutual support groups, more than 90% of parents stated that they felt the program was meeting their needs. ▪ Parent and facilitators report they feel less isolated and parents have voiced appreciation for the much need respite the groups offer. ▪ Attendance also gauges satisfaction, with 7 groups reporting fairly stable attendance. ▪ According to zip code data, residents are attending the parent mutual support meetings throughout the city although they are clustered around 15 of the 26 zip code areas. ▪ Parents are the third largest referral source for the network ▪ Child Abuse Reports: During the life of the parent mutual support program, there has been no incident where reporting child maltreatment was needed. ▪ Report cites Children's Hospital, DC Healthy Start, Health Services for Children with Special Needs, Healthy Babies project, NW Church Family Network, Shaw Community Ministry, and South Washington Family Strengthening Collaborative as Level II Evidence-Based programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Education: Lead agency provides training and technical assistance to community-based organizations, schools, and churches in the following areas: child well-being data, enhancing parent mutual support programs, enhancing parent leadership, promoting healthy relationships, and achieving cultural competency in service provision, stress management and domestic violence. ▪ Training and Technical Assistance for grantees and/or affiliates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trust fund staff and selected parent leader provided training on the PA model ▪ Trust Fund staff met face to face monthly with parent leaders, group facilitators and children's program workers and by telephone weekly to facilitate information sharing, ascertain technical assistance needs, and provide training on selected topics such as child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, evaluation tools and

		the District's law on mandatory reporting of child abuse and neglect.
INNOVATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS	PEER REVIEW	PARENT LEADERSHIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By partnering with organizations and funders, such as the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Children's Charities Foundation, the Trust Fund has been able to leverage funds to support efforts that promote family strengthening and community building. ▪ The lead agency supports the Parents Anonymous Network, which also receives funds from national Parents Anonymous organization and Children's Charities Foundation. ▪ Trust Fund receives donations through the internet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Children's Trust Fund adapted WI's "Peer Review Process for Family Resource Centers," and held a formal training for its Parents Anonymous Network. Five agencies participated in the training and two organizations, Healthy Start Project and Healthy Babies, participated in the full peer review process. ▪ Process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each agency convened a team of program staff and parents. • Each team completed the Peer Review Self Assessment Tool and participated in a site visit to the other program. • Team members reconvened to discuss results. • A debriefing meeting was held several months later with both teams and the Parents Anonymous Program Director. ▪ Self-Assessment Tool: designed by a voluntary group of Children's Trust Fund grantees in consultation with FRIENDS. Four tool components are : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1 - Promoting Children's Social Emotional Development through Strengthening Parenting Skills • Part 2 - Responding to family crisis • Part 3 - Valuing and supporting parents and fostering sense of community • Part 4 - Observing and responding to early warning signs of abuse and neglect ▪ Healthy Start Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Part I, rated their skills as excellent in program and information availability, program content, providing parental opportunities, staff building on positive parenting, parent changes in discipline, and as fair in staff sensitivity to parenting practices of different cultures, providing information on regular developmental challenges, staff coaching parents in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trust Fund promoted development of strengths-based services and initiatives that empower parents as the centerpiece of its vision. Parent leadership is a fundamental part of the assessment of each grantee and the Trust Fund focuses on supporting parent mutual self help and parent leadership with its CBCAP grants. ▪ All parent leaders and group facilitators meet monthly with Trust Fund Staff. Each organization's Parent Leader and Group Facilitator meet several times a month to follow up on activities that have been agreed on by their group, to call parents to remind them of meetings, and to debrief on the success and challenges of their group. ▪ The Trust Fund has one parent representative on its Board and is developing a Parent Leadership Council. ▪ A parent leader from a local network completed a term as a member of the National Parent Leadership Team and another was accepted as a member of the Team.

	<p>effective interaction with their children, staff encouragement of children, parental reports of improvement in behavior issues at home, and parental reports that information and activities were strengthening family relationships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rated themselves as excellent in Part 2, “Responding to family crisis” • Rated themselves as excellent in several areas of Part 3, “Valuing and Supporting Parents n Fostering Sense of Community” and good in others. • Rated themselves as fair in the area of having specific activities to get fathers involved. • Rated themselves as excellent in Part 4, “Observing and responding to early warning signs of child abuse and neglect.” ▪ Healthy Babies Results (focused only on Parts 1 and 3 of tool) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rated themselves as excellent in Part I and felt the organization was particularly strong in the area of offering comprehensive array of programs and activities to parents/caregivers. ▪ In Part 2, cited their center as very personal, intimate and safe and is particularly proud of their outreach to and work with fathers. 	
<p>LINKAGES WITH OTHER SYSTEMS (CHILD WELFARE, PSSF, ETC.)</p>	<p>OTHER ELEMENTS:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Through its main initiatives, the Trust Fund works collaboratively with organizations in the Parents Anonymous Network, DC Kids Count Collaborative, and Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect ▪ Trust Fund belongs to the following networks: Child Fatality Review Committee, Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaborative, Healthy Families Thriving Communities Collaborative Council, Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Early Childhood Development, National Alliance of Children’s Trust Funds, National Parents Anonymous Network, Parent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Abuse Prevention Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Name changed to Family Strengthening Month ▪ Lead agency held a conference on the Multicultural Aspects of Child Sexual Abuse and a DC Parents Anonymous Conference. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

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State Allowable Claims:	\$488,280
Population-Based Allocations:	\$200,000
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations:	\$ 23,853
Final State Allocations:	\$223,853

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