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NETWORKS	FUNDED PROGRAMS	EMPHASIS ON NEW AREAS OF SERVICE and RESPITE/CRISIS CARE
<p>The Office of Family Safety, Florida Department of Children and Families contracted with or provided contracted service funds to local communities and statewide service providers who continue to develop, operate, and expand the statewide community-based network for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The statewide providers with whom the Office of Safety contracted over the past year are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of South Florida – instrumental in creating the infrastructure and tools that the Department, local planners, and local providers can use in making decisions about providing and planning for services that meet the needs of local communities. • The Florida Respite Coalition (FRC) – focuses on providing information and referral services, community education, training, technical assistance and Lifespan Respite Network support with a primary focus on child maltreatment prevention. • The Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) creates and fosters opportunities for the children of migrant and other low-income rural families to maximize the choices in their lives. RCMA is the largest nonprofit child care organization in the state of Florida 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of South Florida, Chiles Center developed a web-based Assets Checklist as a tool to help service providers around the state identify local providers of services that contributes to the well-being of Florida's children and families by providing services needed by a client family. • 2-1-1 Big Bend, Inc. operates a statewide, 24-hour toll-free Parent Help Line. The help line provides comprehensive information and referrals to local community-based prevention and other family support programs, including public awareness activities, education, training and crisis counseling. • The Ounce of Prevention Funds of Florida – is the state Chapter for Prevent Child Abuse America. PCA Florida has access to other state chapters for the purpose of receiving information on research-based best practices for programs and services to children and families on a national level. • The Florida Respite Coalition (FRC) provides free information and referral support to families and caregivers seeking respite care services in Florida. • The Redlands Christian Migrant Association is comprised of the following services provided to families by local programs that meet identified community needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Florida Respite Coalition (FRC) increased options for families and caregivers by expanding the respite provider directory from a listing of respite care programs their communities to include the independent, private providers of respite care serving families directly. FRC increased the capacity of known respite care providers in Florida and opened up many new options for families and caregivers seeking relief. • The Redlands Christian Migrant Association provided services in four geographical areas of Florida: Homestead, Florida City, Indian River and Palm Beach. Monthly educational activities were provided at each of the fourteen child development centers consisting of the pre-planned lessons/curriculum.

DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED	EVALUATION AND QUANTITATIVE SERVICE INFORMATION	Training and Technical Assistance Provided
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-1-1 Big Bend, Inc. received 6,012 calls to the 24-hour statewide toll-free Parent HelpLine, 21.3% of all callers were African American and Latino. • The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida expanded the Florida Circle of Parents network from 41 to 48 mutual self-help parent support groups. A total of 2,661 parents and caregivers were served as well as 3,264 children. • The Florida Respite Coalition provided information and referral services to 4,180 people during the reporting period. Of these, 3,026 were phone calls, 1,052 were received through e-mail, 1,085 through the Respite Locator Service and twelve were in person. • The Redlands Christian Migrant Association served 963 families through educational activities and a total of 1,681 children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Children and Families' Contract Management Unit completes a desk audit of all CBCAP contract providers on a monthly basis and a yearly on-site program monitoring on programs that deliver direct client services. Telephone conference calls between DCF Office of Family Safety staff and management and the providers to discuss practice and performance are conducted on a monthly basis. • The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida contract with the department required performance measurement of the Circle of Parents support groups. As part of the requirements, a survey was administered quarterly in each established support group during the period October 2005 through June 2006. • The Florida Respite Coalition continues to address the need for statewide best practices of respite workers. The basis for quality assurance is the result of a statewide program evaluation and its comprehensive report, "Evaluation Current Respite Care Training Content and Materials. • Redlands Christian Migrant Association – upon service completion, satisfaction surveys are provided to each primary caregiver in each family who receives services at service completion. In addition, the contract manager conducts a yearly interview of randomly selected clients. Monthly performance measure compliance reporting provides data on percentage of compliance with performance contract measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University of South Florida provided facilitation, technical assistance, data collection and evaluation to the local planning teams for the implementation of the statewide and local prevention plans. • The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida provided training and technical assistance and parenting resources to local providers that conduct the Florida Circle of Parents meetings. Training on facilitation skills, support group dynamics and parent leadership was provided to all Florida Circle of Parents Network. • The Florida Respite Coalition believes that having competent respite care workers is critical to providing quality respite care services. The strongest indicator of competency is the respite care worker's training. FRC volunteers have worked vigorously to continue their progress in the development of an introductory respite care training curriculum. • The Redlands Christian Migrant Association conducted monthly educational activities for parents as well as activities for staff and the community.

INNOVATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS	PEER REVIEW	PARENT LEADERSHIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Florida Department of Children and Families funds various programs statewide to enhance the statewide network of community-based family support services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. • State general revenue funds are used for Home Visitor/High-Risk Newborn programs. • Federal funds from Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) and the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act State Basic Grant (CAPTA) are also used to enhance and build upon already existing community-based family support programs. • Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is used for the Healthy Families Florida home-visiting program statewide. • Local match funds are also used to expand existing programs. All of these funds are allocated to the thirteen districts and for distribution to the local community to fund child abuse and neglect prevention services with community-based providers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In compliance with Florida Statute, the Department in concert with the Department of Health convened the Statewide Interprogram Task Force which consists of multiple state agencies and statewide, focused prevention programs that impact the child welfare continuum of care. Two parent representatives are members of the Task Fore. • The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida's Prevention Services Unit provided training, technical assistance and parenting resources to local providers that conduct the Florida Circle of Parents meetings. • The Redlands Christian Migrant Association has strong parent involvement through active membership on the governing Board of Directors and throughout the organizational structure.

LINKAGES WITH OTHER SYSTEMS (CHILD WELFARE, PSSF, ETC.)	OTHER ELEMENTS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of Family Safety is responsible for providing programmatic support to the local District offices of the department and as previously mentioned or providing technical assistance, statutory interpretation and clarification in addition to collection and analysis of data and the allocation and management of fiscal resources. • The CBCAP Program Manager is responsible for coordinating with the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) and other program staff in the development and maintenance of prevention related program information to the Child and Family Service Report and the Program Improvement Plan. • The Department has solicited support and participation from several Florida state-level agencies, the Department of Health, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Education, Agency of Workforce Innovation, Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Florida Department Enforcement as members of the Interprogram Task Force. 	<p>Child Abuse Prevention Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida recognizes National Child Abuse Prevention Month by launching a statewide public awareness and education campaign with a high concentration of activities during the month of April. • PCA Florida in partnership with the Ounce of Prevention Fund launched a statewide public awareness and education campaign. The campaign's theme was "Wings of Change". • The Redlands Christian Migrant Association continued to support local activities and recruitment of family service providers and other potential partner's involvement in family supportive activities that help prevent child maltreatment. The program also created a child abuse prevention and neglect campaign in English, Spanish and Creole that targets farm worker families in each geographical area during the month of April 	

State Allowable Claims:	\$	1,000,000
Population-Based Allocations:	\$	1,296,215
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations:	\$	48,850
Final State Allocations:	\$	1,345,065

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