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NETWORKS	FUNDED PROGRAMS	EMPHASIS ON NEW AREAS OF SERVICE and RESPITE/CRISIS CARE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Children's Trust Fund Commission (CTFC) partners with organizations to administer the CBCAP program at the state level. The CBCAP grant continues to be managed as collaboration between CTFC and the Family Connection Partnership (FCP), a public/private nonprofit created and funded by the state to support a statewide network addressing challenges facing GA's children and families. ▪ CBCAP funds support the FCP statewide network of 159 county collaboratives. This network serves as the mechanism through which CBCAP funds flow to the communities for child abuse prevention. ▪ Each local collaborative works to develop and evaluate <i>strategies</i> for prevention rather than funding for individual programs. A strategic plan prepared during the reporting period provides context and rationale for CBCAP investment in state level infrastructure and capacity development. ▪ Governance of local collaborative representation includes consumers and the involvement of family members in meaningful roles. ▪ Other networks supported by CTFC include Healthy Families Georgia Network, the First Steps Network, and the Parents as Teachers Network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fatherhood Programs ▪ Parenting Education for Parents of Newborns ▪ Home Visitation ▪ Respite ▪ Inclusive early childhood education program for children with special needs ▪ Therapeutic play sessions for children with special needs ▪ Home-based early intervention ▪ Public Awareness 	<p>Inventories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In the Georgia Family Link Program Database project, the Statewide Program Inventory found that 87 counties (54.7%) are addressing child abuse and neglect through community activities and events; 403 programs (183% increase) were added to the web-based database. ▪ Parent to Parent of Georgia maintains website to outline government, medical, education, social and therapeutic services available to families of children with special needs. ▪ Parent Leadership Coalition compiled parent education and support program activities matrix for families of children with special needs. <p>Meeting Unmet Needs/New Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In its RFP for new services, CTFC listed geographic areas with the highest rates of child abuse for priority consideration. Services given funding priority were parenting education for young parents and fathers, Healthy Families, Nurturing Programs, CICC Effective Black Parenting, CICC Los Ninos Bien Educados, HIPPPY, Parents as Teachers, and STEP programs. ▪ Three new fathers groups were established within existing fatherhood groups and the number of dads served increased to 300, up from 140. ▪ Through outreach to special populations, including grandparents caring for substance and HIV/AIDS exposed children, children exposed to domestic violence and medically fragile children, respite services were provided.

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"> ▪ Fatherhood Programs – 300 fathers, 146 children ▪ First steps Program for Parents of Newborns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ All sites: 17,264 families, 2,540 teen families ▪ Home Visitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Healthy Families GA (HFG): 1,695 families, 923 teen families ♦ Parents as Teachers: 662 families, 259 teen families, 193 fathers, 882 children ▪ Respite: 45 families, 75 children ▪ Inclusive Early Childhood education program: 14 families, 15 children with disabilities ▪ Therapeutic play sessions: 71 families, 73 children with disabilities, 47 fathers ▪ Home-based early intervention: 65 families, 72 children, 5 children with disabilities <p>Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Both application and reporting forms of CTFC and CBCAP grantees require data on numbers of participants from target populations including teen parents, minorities and families with children with disabilities. ▪ Special efforts were demonstrated to provide respite for families of children with special needs, and to reach out to fathers, and to non- or low-English speaking families. 	<p><i>FCP evaluation components:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Annual evaluation plans collected from al 157 collaboratives in March 2006; results of evaluation reports were required in Sept. 2005. ♦ "Strategy Level Results Evaluation" grants were awarded to four "cohort 1" collaboratives. ♦ Ongoing <i>impact studies</i> of regional and statewide effects of FCP collaboratives were conducted throughout the grant period ♦ A <i>Subcounty data analysis pilot study</i> was conducted in the grant period ♦ A <i>Benchmark Review Committee</i> was convened to review the 44 FCP benchmarks for children and families and to research and suggest changes. ♦ Consultants developed a web-based "<i>Collaborative Information Management System.</i>" <p><i>Outcomes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parents as Teachers (PAT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 13 PAT programs completed a DFCS check ♦ 650 names were submitted ♦ 16 out of 650 (2%) had a substantiated case of child abuse and neglect, exceeding the lead agency's goal of 95% of PAT program participants having no substantiated cases of abuse or neglect. ▪ Healthy Families Georgia (HFG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 98% of families who receive HFG home visiting services for one year or longer have no substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect. ♦ The rate of child maltreatment is 40% lower than the rate of abuse of children age 0-3 in their targeted service areas. <p><i>Client Satisfaction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A participant survey conducted by Parent to Parent of Georgia found that, on a scale of 1 to 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Parents reported feeling less isolation and having acquired additional coping skills at an average rating of 4.38. 	<p><i>Family Connection Partnership Training/TA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Community Support Team of FCP offered technical assistance and training topics including collaborative development and governance, conflict management, cultural diversity, meeting management, parent involvement. ▪ FRIENDS provided state with on-site TA on engaging and retaining parent leaders ▪ Additional Trainings: Kids Count data training, Ready Talk training, Peer to Peer training on how to complete 3-year strategic plan, new coordinators training, etc. <p><i>First Steps/Healthy Families Training/TA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ PCA GA manages training and TA for 42 First Step sites and 17 HFG sites. ♦ Ongoing TA includes: Information System/Evaluation System that all HFG sites utilize, compliance with standards and HFG protocol, staff management. ♦ Training includes: training for all new HFG workers, quarterly regional HFG Program Managers and First Steps Coordinator meetings; Great Beginnings Prenatal Training, Growing Great Kids training, etc. <p><i>Parents as Teachers TA Network Meetings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Four network meetings took place during reporting period ▪ Topics included development of a training/TA assistance needs inventory and the PAT evaluation system <p><i>PCA Georgia Training and TA</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Examples of child abuse prevention trainings conducted by PCA GA: Stop it Now!, Healthy Sexual Behaviors, Power of Prevention, Mandated Reporter Training, Helpline Training, Circles of Safety, Child Abuse 101, Baby Basics, Role of Early Childhood Educators in Prevention, Board Development, Family Violence and Children, etc. <p><i>CTFC TA</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants reported that they had increased their knowledge and could make informed choices about disability related services at an average rating of 4.29. • 85% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the information and material provided helped them find resources in their community; 84% felt more supported and 83% reported feeling better able to meet their child's needs. ▪ First Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,780 client satisfaction surveys completed • 95.8% indicated that the initial face-to-face contact was helpful; 94% reported that the follow-up phone calls were helpful; and 88.8% thought the service provider helped them in adjusting to their life as a parent. • 87.2% reported that referral for additional services was helpful and 99% would recommend First Steps to a friend. <p><i>OMB PART Evidence-Based Practice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead Agency ranked First Steps, MELD, Nurturing Fathers, and Los Ninos Bien Educados as Level I: Emerging Programs and Practices, the last three using pre/post tests. ▪ Parents as Teachers (PAT), Second Step, Nurturing Program, Effective Black Parenting and STEP were rated as Level II: Promising Programs and Practices citing Promising Practices Website, California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse, and The CICC Website. ▪ Healthy Families Georgia was rated as Level III: Supported Programs and Practices, citing the Promising Practices Network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assisting regular CTFC grantees with evaluation became much more streamlined when Commission shifted its funding priorities toward support for national models with integrated evaluation protocols ▪ All CTFC grantees and Preschool Children with Special Needs grantees implement program models that require the use of both quantitative and qualitative data collection ▪ Applicants for both programs are required to submit program evaluation design as part of the application ▪ TA provided to assist prospective applicants and to assist those receiving grants in choosing a program model, program design, best practice service delivery and evaluating design and implementation. <p><i>Biennial Family Connection Conference</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ninety-seven percent of the FCP collaborative counties attended the conference <p><i>Prevent Child Abuse GA Symposium</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only statewide child abuse conference in the state ▪ Cosponsored by Children's Trust Fund Commission ▪ Included at least 20 skills building trainings for over 745 participants
INNOVATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS	PEER REVIEW	PARENT LEADERSHIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funds used to match CBCAP grants are derived from state appropriations directed through CTF for the Preschool Children with Special Needs grant program which is a component of the Children and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Family Connection collaboratives have completed Self Assessments for the past decade. Information is coded and maintained in a database from which report can be generated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State offers ways for counties to engage families through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Connection Partnership Family Advisors recruited and trained; family advisors met four

<p>Elderly Fund state income tax Check-Off.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>PSSF and CBCAP Collaboration:</i> PSSF and CBCAP funds are leveraged to help stabilize and sustain HFG programs that have lost funding from non-Children’s Trust Fund sources, as well as fund expansion of HFG services. . Requests for PSSF funds from HFG program are reviewed jointly to prevent service duplication. ▪ A “Kids Count on You” Mandated Reporter Video Project is a collaborative effort of CTFC, Office of the Child Advocate for Protection of Children, PCA GA, the Family Support Council in Dalton, GA and Shaw Industries. Project funding was blended with funds from CBCAP, Children and Youth Coordinating Council and Office of the Child Advocate for the Protection of Children. Shaw Industries provide in-kind technology and production costs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Family Connection Partnership has informal peer to peer network meetings that occur regularly. ▪ HFG Program Manager Peer Review took place at which they discussed crisis intervention approaches that Family Support Workers are using with program participants. Program managers reviewed practices at their sites and offered suggestions for using Growing Great Families curriculum in home visits. 	<p>times including a retreat with Leadership Council of Peer to Peer Network,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Family Engagement Days, ♦ Supporting Parent Leadership Coalition - a collaboration between FCP and Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities ♦ Biennial Family Connection Conference: 4.1% of attendees were Parent Leaders ▪ Governance of local collaborative representation includes consumers and the involvement of family members in meaningful roles. ▪ One HFG site has successfully convened a Parent Advisory Committee and 8 sites reported parent leadership activities. ▪ Parent Leader Trainings/Navigator Teams developed to train parents of children with disabilities.
<p>LINKAGES WITH OTHER SYSTEMS (CHILD WELFARE, PSSF, ETC.)</p>	<p>OTHER ELEMENTS:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Strengthening Families Initiative:</i> CTFC received grant from Doris Duke Foundation to begin an Early Childhood Initiative. This systems transformation approach embeds Strengthening Families Initiative (SFI) strategies and protective factors framework in the state’s early care and education system, administered by Bright from the Start Department of Early Care and Learning. Partners include Bright from the Start, CTFC, DFCS, Office of the Child Advocate, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia and Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Center. ▪ <i>Community Partnerships for Protecting Children:</i> Ongoing partnership between Family Connections and the Division of Family and Children Services formed Community Partnerships for Protecting Children in 8 sites that employ system change elements. Progress was made to include and strengthen the role of primary and secondary prevention in network of support services offered by child welfare systems in CPPC communities. ▪ <i>Child Welfare Collaboration Initiative:</i> An initiative of 	<p>Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead agency for CAP Month is Prevent Child Abuse GA ▪ All Family Connection collaboratives, all Prevent Child Abuse Councils and the county DFCS offices around the state were invited to participate in “Pinwheels for Prevention,” a statewide public awareness campaign. ▪ CTFC distributed 2006 Federal packets on CAP month to all Family Connection collaboratives at the Family Connection Winter Training event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

<p>ACF Region IV, a roundtable was held with representatives from CTFC, CBCAP, CAPTA Administrator, PSSF and CPPC to identify three areas that could be met through greater collaboration: improve funding, develop prevention workgroup, and share data and evaluation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>First Lady's Children's Cabinet</i>: Executive Director of CTFC is a member of the Cabinet 		
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State Allowable Claims: **\$7,670,414**

Population-Based Allocations: **\$ 771,127**

Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations: **\$ 374,700**

Final State Allocations: **\$1,145,827**

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