

History:

VT Legislature established Children's Trust Fund: The Vermont Children's Trust Fund (CTF) was established in 1986 by amendment to 33 V.S.A., Chapter 33, Section 3306 for the purpose of providing funds for community-based primary prevention programs. The CTF is overseen by the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs (CFCPP), a 21 member Council appointed by the Governor, and the Child Development Division of the Department for Children and Families.

Additional fund raising made possible through a public/private partnership with the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation and Tax Check-off: In 1991 the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation (VCTF) was formed to raise funds from private and corporate sectors to increase the Vermont Children's Trust Fund. To further increase funding to the Trust Fund, in 1996 the Vermont State Legislature enacted the Children's Trust Fund Tax Check-off, which became effective with the 1997 Vermont State Income Tax Forms, giving taxpayers an opportunity to donate to the Children's Trust Fund. In 2004, the CTF became part of the Child Development Division (CDD) within the Department of Children & Families (DCF). On July 1, 2009, DCF awarded a grant to VCTF to oversee the management of the Children's Trust Fund grant program in partnership with the Child Development Division.

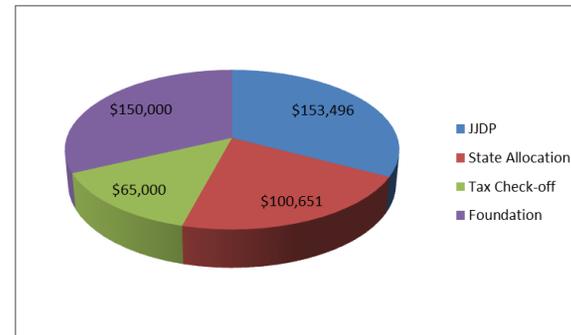
Grants are awarded to community-based programs for primary prevention work: Through the Children's Trust Fund, grants are awarded to community-based, private non-profit and public organizations to provide direct services for primary prevention activities. Grants are reviewed by both the CFCPP and VCTF and then approved by the Deputy Commissioner of the Children Development Division within DCF.

Primary prevention programs promote healthy children and families: Primary prevention programs promote the health and self-reliance of children and families. These voluntary programs, which are open to the general public, help reduce the likelihood of child abuse, drug abuse, domestic violence, school truancy, school dropouts, teen pregnancy and other high-risk behaviors.

Examples of programs that effectively address these issues are home visits to parents of newborns, parenting

education classes, before and after-school programs, violence prevention training, teen community service, and mentoring programs.

These programs tend to cost less and be less intrusive in the lives of families and children than remedial or rehabilitation programs. They are most effective when combined with a community-wide coordinating effort, public awareness campaign, training, and ongoing assessments and evaluation.



CTF Funding Sources: Each year several sources of money are pooled to make up the Children's Trust Fund. In SFY'15 these funds consisted of State Appropriation, Tax Check-off, Foundation and Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) dollars.

Grant cycle starts in January: The CTF grant cycle starts in early January with an open invitation to community organizations to submit proposals for funding. Technical assistance trainings are provided.

In SFY'15 the VCTF received 46 applications for new programs and funded 34. The new awards consisted of 5 equipment grants, 3 one year grants and 26 three year grants. In addition, the VCTF/CFCPP funded 16 continuing programs that were in their second or third year of their multi-year grant award period. Multi-year grant awards were implemented in SFY'07 which eliminates the need for programs having to reapply every year.

Evaluation: A Site Visit Coordinator from VCTF visits funded multi-year grantees through the grant period in addition to offering technical assistance.

Cultural Competency Trainings: The VCTF set aside \$4,000 to enable all CTF grantees to attend cultural competency trainings free of charge.

Grant decisions based on five identified state outcomes:

- Children succeed in school
- Children are ready for school
- Pregnant women, children and youth thrive
- Children live in stable, supported families
- Youth choose healthy behaviors

Outcomes of SFY'14 CTF Grantees: CTF grantees served a total of 15,955 individual during SFY'14. 14,256 of the 15,955 served showed a significant change in behavior. Breakdown by outcome is below:

Children Succeed in School: 806 served with 573 with significant behavior change.

Children Ready for School: 1,094 served with 967 with significant behavior change.

Pregnant Women, Children and Youth Thrive: 592 served and 555 showing significant behavior change.

Children Live in Safe Supported Families: 860 served with 702 showing significant behavior change.

Youth Choose Healthy Behaviors: 12,603 served; 11,459 showed significant behavior change.

Actual funds rarely meet the demand: Requests for CTF dollars outweigh the actual amount of funds available. For SFY'15, there was \$469,147 available to award, requests totaled \$665,951,

Future Funding Concerns: The large majority of CTF funds are federal dollars, through the Office of Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention Office. Due to large cuts in the federal budget, Vermont has seen a \$200,000 reduction in these funds. This reduction affects funds available for prevention programs.

In addition to reduced federal funds, the CTF State Allocation has stayed the same for the past twenty-one (21) years at \$100,651.

Need More Information? Contact VT Children's Trust Foundation at (802) 951-8604 or visit the Foundation's web site at www.vtchildrenstrust.org

SFY'15 CTF Programs:

Addison Central Teens & Friends
Addison Central Supervisory Union
Boys & Girls Club of Brattleboro
Boys & Girls Club of Rutland County
Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition
Brattleboro Youth Services
Burlington Partnership for a Health Community
Connecting Youth
COTS
Cultural Competency Trainings through UVM
DREAM Program
Family Center of Washington County
Franklin County Caring Communities
Health Connections of the Upper Valley
Howard Center
Girls Scouts of Green/White Mountains
Good Beginnings of Central Vermont
Greater Burlington YMCA
Hub Teen Center
Lamoille Family Center
Local Motion
Milton Community Family Center
Milton Community Youth Coalition
Milton School District
Mountain Communities
NEKCA/PCC South
Northern Counties Health Care, Inc.
One Planet Afterschool Program
Orange County Parent Child Center
Otter Creek Child Center
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
Rochester School
Rumney Community Connections
Rutland County Parent Child Center
Sunrise Family Resource Center
Together Works
Twinfield Union School
UVM & State Agricultural College
VNA of Chittenden/Grand Isle Counties
Vermont Community Preschool Collaborative
VSA Vermont, Inc.
Vermont Works for Women
Very Merry Theatre
Washington County Youth Service Bureau
Windham Child Care Association
Winooski Family Center
Women Helping Battered Women
Youth Services, Inc.

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