

# New York State Children and Family Trust Fund



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*Looking Upstream*



*2012 Annual Report*

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**New York State Office of  
Children and Family Services**

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*“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”*

*Tom Roach, Chair  
Trust Fund  
Advisory Board  
1997-2007*

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*This Report is dedicated to Thomas Roach and James Cameron who both passed away in March 2013.*

*Thomas W. Roach Jr. served as chair of OCFS’s William B. Hoyt Memorial Children and Family Trust Fund (Trust Fund) from 1997-2007. A dedicated public servant, strong leader, and compassionate human being, Tom spent 50 years in public and private service improving the lives of the less fortunate, and was a tireless protector of children. He was a former Ulster County Social Services commissioner and vigorously promoted the Trust Fund mission and resources necessary to support vital community services.*

*James S. Cameron was instrumental in establishing the Trust Fund, and also served on its board until he retired in 2000. He was also founding executive director of our partner, Prevent Child Abuse New York. For more than half a century, Mr. Cameron was one of New York’s prominent child welfare experts, providing leadership on child abuse and neglect treatment and prevention across the state and country.*

*The incredible work of Mr. Cameron and Mr. Roach live on in the programs they helped create and the many people they touched. They will be missed.*

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## Why Look Upstream?

There are many versions of a fable that points out the benefits of prevention. In the story, villagers living on the banks of a river heroically try to save an increasing number of drowning people who float past their village. The drowning stops once someone looks upstream and realizes that preventing potential victims from falling into the river can be accomplished.

The William B. Hoyt Memorial Children and Family Trust Fund (Trust Fund) continuously looks upstream. Since 1984, the Trust Fund has supported efforts to prevent child abuse, domestic violence and elder abuse. Investing in prevention efforts can reduce the need for costly interventions after family violence has occurred, or intensified.

## Program Priorities

While focusing on strengths, Trust Fund programs acknowledge the challenges facing families on a daily basis. These challenges often include multiple risk factors for maltreatment such as poverty, domestic violence, and mental health. Program staff partner with families to craft strategies to stay safe and healthy by building on skills and past successes.

The Trust Fund supports both primary and secondary prevention work. This enables programs to reach populations that have risk factors or early signs of family violence before harm has occurred. Programs utilize a strength-based approach and partner with families to identify skills and challenges.

In addition to funding direct services, the Trust Fund supports other efforts to reduce family violence. This includes active partnerships with other New York State agencies, community-based organizations and cross-system initiatives.

## Meaningful Outcomes

Part of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), the Trust Fund supports a range of services designed to strengthen families.

In 2012, it helped over 162,242 adults and children access crucial support at 35 programs, including eight kinship

programs. Outcomes attained by those individuals include the following:

- improved factors that protect against child abuse and neglect
- improved safety for children, adults, and elders exposed to family violence
- reduced incidents of Abusive Head Trauma (Shaken Baby Syndrome)
- increased stability of child placement with kinship caregivers
- increased knowledge of healthy relationships
- increased awareness of elder abuse

These outcomes align with efforts at the local, state and federal level to promote the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families.

## Highlights of 2012

### ***New Funding and Direct Services***

#### **2012 Request for Proposals**

In December, OCFS released a Trust Fund Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP reflects the Trust Fund purpose of preventing child abuse, elder abuse and domestic violence. It also prioritizes services that are based on research or evidence, reach both high-risk and general populations, and collaborate with local departments of social services and other community partners. Applications were due January 30, 2013. The archived RFP can be accessed on the OCFS website at [www.ocfs.state.ny.us](http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us).

#### **Kinship Programs**

In some families, grandparents and other relatives take on a parenting role to raise young children who might otherwise enter the foster care system. When one source of funding for kinship services in New York was reduced, federal funds from the Trust Fund were used to sustain some programs. This one-year funding enabled more than 1,000 caregivers and children to continue accessing support.

#### **Increased efforts with high risk populations**

At Family Resource Centers (FRCs) supported by the Trust Fund, services are available to any family, with an emphasis on those

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*"I am who I am because of the abusive way I was raised. But it doesn't mean I have to raise my daughter that way!"*

*Family Resource Center participant*

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with children five and under at higher risk of child abuse. In 2012, the Trust Fund increased FRC funding to better support efforts to reach families at increased risk.

### **Safe to Sleep Initiative**

Safety for infants was enhanced through the purchase and distribution of 1,666 safety-approved, portable cribs using Trust Fund federal dollars. Cribs were distributed across the state by 168 entities, including local departments of social services, day care centers and community-based organizations. The project complements the other safe sleep materials, including the “What does a safe sleep environment look like?” flyer, available through the OCFS website.

### **Responded to Emerging Needs**

In addition to funding evidence-based practices, the Trust Fund supported programs exploring innovative strategies to meet the needs of the families they serve. Some examples in 2012 included:

- modifying the Incredible Years training to use during home visits
- partnering with local department of social services to provide coached (supervised) visits
- creating a teen café where young parents can share their experiences, gain confidence, and build peer support
- talking to youth about the devastating affect elder abuse has on older adults
- providing targeted services to children affected by Hurricane Sandy
- offering parenting education and support to parents in county jails

## ***Professional Development***

### **Introduction of Community Cafés**

In 2012, the Trust Fund supported Community Café Orientation training for 100 community members and parents from sixteen communities and organizations. Community Cafés are spirited conversations that turn into actions to address issues important to families and communities. Focused on the protective factors necessary for children to thrive, cafés can spark leadership development and effective partnerships with parents, and strengthen families in the context of the cultures represented at

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*Of child death notifications reported to OCFS 2010-11, 57 percent cited unsafe sleep conditions.*

*Source: OCFS reviewed fatalities*

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each Café. More information on this model is available at [www.ctfalliance.org/initiative\\_parents-2.htm](http://www.ctfalliance.org/initiative_parents-2.htm)

### **Expansion of Evidence-Based Parenting Education**

Building on the success of the Incredible Years initiative, the Trust Fund supported the training of 20 additional Incredible Years facilitators. This allowed this evidence-based parenting education program to become available to even more parents and caregivers across the state. As of December 2012, more than 500 caregivers were engaged in building their skills as a result of Trust Fund support. Facilitators meet quarterly via conference calls to share strategies and enhance fidelity to the program model. More information about the Incredible Years is available online at [www.incredibleyears.com](http://www.incredibleyears.com).

The Trust Fund also supported the training of 40 professionals to use *Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect: Parent-Provider Partnerships in Child Care* (PCAN) curricula developed by Zero to Three, the national center for infants, toddlers and families. This research-based curriculum helps child care providers and other caregivers work with parents to develop healthy relationships with young children, and quickly respond to early signs of stress. More information on the PCAN curricula is available at [www.zerotothree.org](http://www.zerotothree.org).

### **Public Education**

#### **Increased awareness of elder abuse**

The Trust Fund supported the production of posters urging action against elder abuse. English and Spanish versions of the posters were distributed statewide throughout 2012. Local departments of social services, community-based service providers and adult protective units customized them to include location-specific contact information.

The elder abuse field continues to build on the Trust Fund-supported New York State Elder Abuse Prevalence Study. This study has shaped the New York State Coalition on Elder Abuse <http://www.nyselderabuse.org/index.html> work, a state-wide summit on financial exploitation, and the successful application by the NYS Office for the Aging to the federal government for a three year grant to combat financial exploitation and elder abuse in two regions in New York State.

#### **Began Funding Prevent Child Abuse New York**

In late 2012, Trust Fund federal funds were allocated to Prevent Child Abuse New York to continue three effective projects: a

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*“Child abuse training is NOT limited to definitions, indicators, reporting procedures. [It also includes] strengthening relationships with families!”*

*Participant from Zero to Three PCAN training*

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parent helpline, a sexual abuse prevention campaign, and a training conference for 400 professionals and parent leaders.

## Funding

Funding for Trust Fund programs comes from two sources: the federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) grant, which is part of Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), and state funds allocated in the state budget. The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) administers these funds under the Trust Fund.

In 2012, federal funds supported work related to child abuse and neglect outcomes. State funds supported child abuse, elder abuse, and domestic violence programs and a statewide project. The spending formula is established in accordance with, section 481-e of the Social Services Law.

The law also requires the granting of Trust Fund dollars pursuant to a spend-down pattern with programs receiving 100 percent of their grant award in the first two years of funding, 75 percent in the third, and 50 percent in the fourth and, if recommended, 50 percent for a fifth year. Based on the availability of resources and success of existing programs, a fifth year of the funding was awarded to all contracts in 2012. This Annual Report reflects the Year 5 funding.

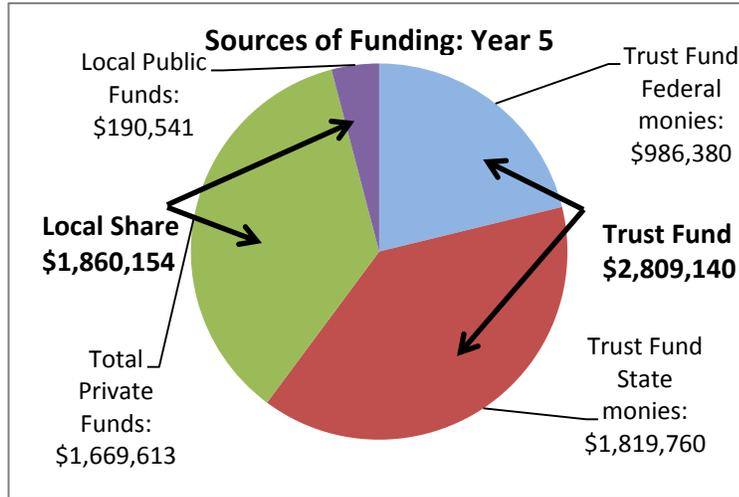
Trust Fund financial support is spread across three program types. The chart below delineates the 2012 funding for each type of program.

<b>Service type</b>	<b>Trust Fund state allocation</b>	<b>Trust Fund federal funds (CBCAP)</b>	<b>Local public funds other public entities</b>	<b>Private funds donations, in-kind services, other grants</b>	<b>Value of services delivered to children and adults</b>
Child abuse	\$1,533,254	\$986,380	\$180,470	\$1,649,850	\$4,349,954
Domestic Violence	\$256,292	\$0	\$0	\$19,763	\$276,055
Elder Abuse	\$30,214	\$0	\$10,071	\$0	\$40,285
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,819,760</b>	<b>\$986,380</b>	<b>\$190,541</b>	<b>\$1,669,613</b>	<b>\$4,666,294</b>

In addition to these state and federal monies, Trust Fund programs attract other sources of support. In 2012, Trust Fund

programs secured over \$1,860,000 of their budget from sources outside of the Trust Fund. These sources included grants from private foundations, in-kind services, cash donations, and local government support.

The graph below illustrates the budget sources for Trust Fund programs.



## Funded Programs

### *Child Abuse Prevention*

The largest portion of Trust Fund resources is devoted to child abuse prevention. In 2012, 19 programs provided such services at 26 locations. Programs provide services through home visits with families, formal and informal parenting education, crisis respite services, school-based programs for children, and programs targeted to fathers.

Research has shown that some characteristics can help reduce the risk of child abuse and maltreatment. These protective factors are:

- nurturing and attachment;
- parental resilience;
- knowledge of parenting role and of child/youth development;
- social connections; and
- concrete supports.

The protective factors framework is incorporated in all Trust Fund work related to child abuse and maltreatment. This includes contracts with community-based organizations,

collaborations with other State agencies, and initiatives with federal funders.

### **Family Resource Centers**

A key program model that addresses child abuse and neglect prevention is Family Resource Centers (FRCs). FRCs are embedded in their communities, working closely with families, local departments of social services, and other organizations serving families. The Trust Fund supports the Family Resource Center Network, bringing programs together to share strategies and solutions, coordinate services, and provide peer support. The Network meets quarterly and at regular regional meetings that enable more staff to participate in discussions focused on local and county issues.

### ***Services***

Core services at FRCs include the following:

- parent education and support
- parent/child/family activities
- creative outreach to families at high risk
- information and referral to other community services
- parent leadership and peer support opportunities

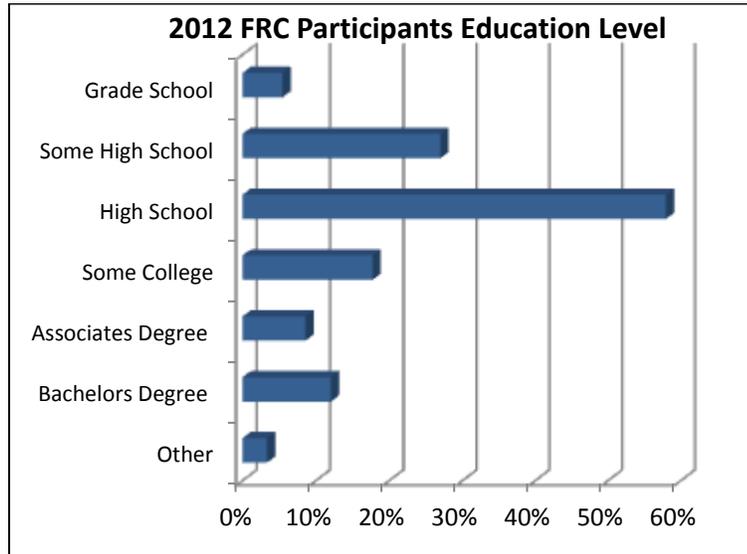
Depending on the needs of the community, FRCs may offer services themselves or link to other supportive services including home visiting, food pantries, supervised visitation, early intervention, mental health services, clothes closets, and substance abuse services.

### ***Populations served***

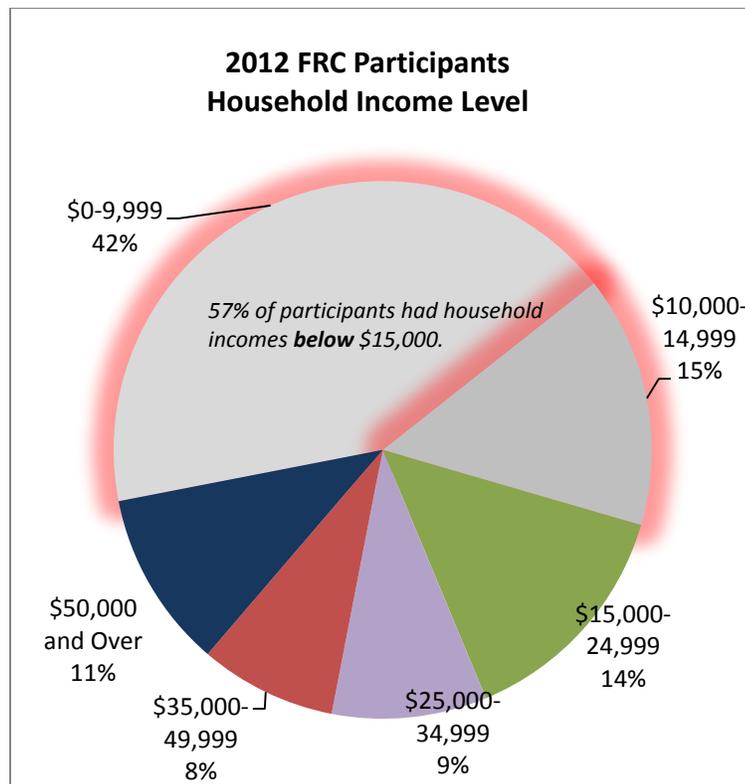
FRC services are available to any family, with an emphasis on those with children five and under at higher risk of child abuse. Since 2011, Family Resource Centers have earmarked a portion of their funding to focus on families at increased risk of child abuse and neglect. In 2012, more than 29% of those served at FRCs had three or more risk factors for child abuse and neglect; 78% of families had one or more risk factors. This is an increase from 73% in 2011.

One risk factor is low educational attainment. In 2012, 58% of participants reported no additional education beyond high school completion; more than 1 in 4 reported no education beyond some high school. This proportion of participants with lower education levels increased from 56% in 2011.

The graph on the following page illustrates the education levels of FRC participants in 2012.



Another risk factor is low income. FRC's reach many low income families. In 2012, over 42% of FRC participants had household incomes below \$10,000, regardless of family size. The proportion of participants with incomes below \$15,000 increased from 48% in 2011 to 57% percent in 2012.



## **Outcomes**

FRCs funded by the Trust Fund use the Protective Factors Survey (PFS) as one way to assess the effectiveness of their services. The PFS assesses a participant’s characteristics that can reduce the risk of child abuse and maltreatment. Protective factors assessed by the PFS include:

- caregiver resilience/family functioning
- social support
- concrete support
- nurturing and attachment to child

Analysis of PFS scores showed that services strengthened families. While all participants showed improvements in their scores, the results were greatest for those with low baseline scores—an indicator of high risk. Over 55% of families who had low scores in two or more protective factors when they began services attained higher scores in those protective factors after services. These increases pointed to a reduced risk of child abuse through increases in protective factors.

The following is a list of FRCs funded during 2012, and the focus of their enhanced outreach efforts. Funding came from both the federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention grant and State funding. The first funding amount is the Year 5 renewal grant; the second is the amount awarded for their expanded outreach to high risk populations.

### **Association to Benefit Children**

Bronx County/ Bronx

\$75,000                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$38,750  
ABC enhances outreach to low-income families, single parents, and families receiving preventive services through the New York City Administration for Children’s Services (ACS).

### **Catholic Charities of Montgomery County**

Montgomery County/Amsterdam

\$26,445                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$92,823  
The Family Room has an emphasis on low-income and Hispanic/Latino families.

### **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County**

Cortland County/Cortland

\$37,498                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$92,823  
The Family Fun & Resource Center includes enhanced outreach to teen parents.

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*In 2012, over 42 percent of FRC participants had a household income of \$9,999 or less, regardless of household size.*

*The federal poverty threshold for a family of two was \$15,130.*

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**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County**

Tioga County/Owego, Waverly

\$44,168                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$65,712

The Owego and Waverly FRCs provide enhanced outreach to families referred by local department of social services, and to low-income, single, and teen parents.

**Child and Family Resources**

Ontario and Yates Counties/Geneva

\$19,068                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$65,712

The enhanced outreach for Geneva Resource Center focuses on teen parents, Hispanic/Latino families, families with closed preventive cases, and those not eligible for Healthy Families New York services.

**Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country**

Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties/Plattsburgh, Tupper Lake, Elizabethtown, Malone

\$75,000                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$92,823

The Adirondack Family Resource Center Network is comprised of four FRCs, each with a focus on increased outreach to families with low-income, low educational attainment, and families with disabilities.

**Chinese-American Planning Council**

New York County/Manhattan

\$22,500                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$92,823

Enhanced outreach efforts focused on low-income families.

**Crestwood Children’s Center**

Monroe County/Rochester

\$42,000                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$65,712

Peter Castle and Southwest FRCs have an increased focus on Latino parents, fathers with young children, teen parents and kinship households with Pre-K and early childhood services.

**Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network of South**

**Central New York**

Broome County /Binghamton

\$22,298                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$92,823

The Parents As Leaders Family Resource Center has enhanced outreach to single parents, teen parents, parents using supervised visitation services, and families referred by local departments of social services.

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*“I believe that parents want the best for their children. Parents are authorities on what will work in their family. They know a lot about what they need, what they want to learn, and what changes they need to make.”*

*FRC staff member and credentialed parenting educator*

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**Niagara Falls City School District**

Niagara County/Niagara Falls

\$75,000                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$92,823

Focus on Families includes four centers with enhanced outreach to teen fathers, parents of color under 25, and families referred by local department of social services.

**North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council**

St. Lawrence County/Gouverneur

\$38,625                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$92,823

The Gouverneur Activity and Learning Center enhances outreach to families with mental health issues and families linked to the military.

**Phipps Community Development Corporation**

Bronx County/The Bronx

\$75,000                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$92,823

Enhanced outreach at The Family Room is to low-income families and parents with low educational attainment.

**ProAction of Steuben and Yates**

Steuben County/Addison, Bath, Corning, Woodhull

\$48,513                      Outreach and Retention Grant: \$65,712

The Steuben Family Enrichment Collaborative includes four FRCs with expanded outreach to teen parents, fathers, and families with disabilities.

**Kinship Programs**

Trust Fund federal monies were allocated to eight OCFS kinship programs for one year only to address a gap in funding. These programs support grandparents and other relatives raising children. Programs partner with families to provide nurturing family environments and provide access to needed resources and services. Services are provided for caregivers and children either directly or through referral. Services include: financial, legal, medical and mental health services, home visits, housing support, parent education, support groups, respite activities, youth activities, and educational advocacy. Each program was allocated \$50,000. In 2012, the following programs served 570 children and 420 caregivers.

**Catholic Charities of Columbia/Greene Counties**

Columbia, Greene & Schoharie Counties/Hudson, Catskill and Cobleskill

**Children’s Village**

Bronx County/The Bronx

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County**  
Dutchess County/Millbrook

**Family Service Society of Yonkers**  
Westchester County/Yonkers

**Hispanic Counseling Center**  
Nassau County/Hempstead

**Jewish Board of Family and Children Services**  
Kings County/Brooklyn

**The Neighborhood Center**  
Herkimer & Oneida Counties/Utica

**Lutheran Soc. Svc. of Metro NY**  
Queens County/Queens

### **Other Child Abuse Prevention Programs**

In addition to FRCs, and kinship programs, the Trust Fund supported five other child abuse prevention programs in 2012, emphasizing caregiver education, child safety, and social support. These programs partner with families to provide home visiting, parenting education, respite care and family support services, and engagement of fathers. Programs collaborate with local departments of social services, when appropriate, to promote stretching New York's safety net for children and families. These programs were funded using the Trust Fund's state allocation.

### **Child Abuse Prevention Services**

Nassau County/Roslyn  
\$24,104

This program implements "Safety Rules," a three-session child abuse prevention program offered to classrooms of children ages seven, eight, and nine. This project effectively recruits, screens, and trains community volunteers who provide workshops for children in the community.

### **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County**

Tompkins County/Groton, Ithaca  
\$31,392

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*A second grade girl disclosed that she was being sexually abused by a relative. CPS was called, the abuser removed from the home and the child is receiving counseling. Our session prompted a little girl in danger to feel safe enough to come forward.*

*School-age prevention program*

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Services provided through Groton's Families includes parenting workshops, nutrition education, household management, parent support group meetings, workshops relating to special needs and disabilities, and family enrichment activities. Outcomes include increased parenting skills, improved capacity to support their children's learning, increased social supports, and increased self-sufficiency.

**Gateway Longview**

Erie County/Buffalo  
\$72,505

Focusing on fathers, services include evidence-based and computer-based parenting training. Participants have the flexibility of attending the program individually or in a group.

**Homes for the Homeless**

Bronx County/All Five Boroughs  
\$72,750

Homes for Homeless provides family support and crisis respite services through the Prospect Family Support Center to over 300 children and their families each year. Services focus on parenting skills, healthy child development, children's school readiness, and reduced involvement in the child welfare system.

**SCO Family of Services**

Kings County/Brownsville  
\$72,440

SCO provides the Parent-Child Home Program, an evidence-based home visiting model, and Baby & Me developmental playgroups. Services focus on enhancing parent-child attachment, increasing knowledge of child development, increasing parenting skills, decreasing parental isolation, and increasing school readiness.

***Domestic Violence Prevention***

Domestic violence programs work with families experiencing, or at risk of, family violence. These programs were funded using the Trust Fund's state allocation with the exception of the Salvation Army, which was funded with federal funds. Services include: supervised visitation for families experiencing domestic violence, school-based programs to address teen dating violence and safety planning, and parenting education.

The following is a list of domestic violence programs funded in 2012 by the Trust Fund.

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*During a domestic disturbance, her son was able to retrieve his safety box, find a cell phone and go to a neighbor's house to call one of his safe people. His mother said the program provided such helpful tools for her family.*

*Domestic violence program*

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*“When two parents can’t get along, a neutral and safe unbiased environment has been a life saver while I work through my addiction to alcohol and problems with my anger and past. Without the [FRC] my children would have been without their father.”*

*Supervised visitation participant*

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**Cattaraugus Community Action**

Olean County/Salamanca, Olean  
\$72,653

The Supervised Visitation and Exchange Program is implemented at two visitation centers. The program provides a safe and structured environment for children to meet with their parents who require supervised contacts. Participating parents and children are in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, stalking, or custodial cases for this mandated service.

**Oswego County Opportunities**

Oswego County/Fulton, Richland  
\$66,445

This program provides supervised visitation to non-custodial parents, complemented by a range of supportive services such as parenting classes and children’s support groups. Families are referred by family court, child protective services, preventive services, or probation departments.

**Putnam/Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center**

Putnam County/Mahopac  
\$70,898

“Students Preventing Violence” is an innovative school-based primary prevention program to address the needs of at-risk youth exposed to domestic violence and/or dating violence. Workshops with a focus on preventing dating violence and creating healthy relationships are provided to elementary, middle school, and high school students.

**Salvation Army**

Chautauqua County/Jamestown  
\$46,296

Salvation Army-Jamestown administers the Children and Family Outreach Program, serving children affected by domestic violence and sexual assault and their families. Besides the home-based intervention, the program provides parenting workshops and a lending library with materials appropriate for parents and children.

**Elder Abuse**

Elder abuse is another aspect of family violence that is addressed through the Trust Fund. As documented in the New York State Elder Abuse Prevalence Study, 76 out of 1,000 elders reported being the victim of elder abuse during a one-year period. One elder abuse program was funded, using the Trust Fund’s state allocation to deliver direct services in 2012.

**Equinox, Inc.**

Albany County/Albany

\$30,214

Equinox provides comprehensive case management for elders in abusive situations, with linkages to medical care, legal services, safety planning, housing assistance, and adult protective services. Training sessions on the risk factors, signs of elder abuse, and available community resources are targeted to emergency workers, home-delivered meal program staff, family members, and community groups.

**Statewide Initiatives**

The Trust Fund allocates state and federal resources to support regional and statewide training, public education, and research.

**WMC-NY (Westchester Medical Center)**

Hudson Valley Region/NYC/Long Island

\$97,000

and

**Kaleida Health (Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo)**

Rest of Upstate New York

\$96,947

The New York State Shaken Baby Project is a program that started small, and with Trust Fund support, documented its effectiveness and greatly expanded. The Trust Fund began supporting the project in 1998 in a few counties in western New York. After research documented a 50 percent decrease in abusive head trauma in those counties, the project was expanded twice and now covers all of New York State. Additional research in 2011 documented a 75% reduction after expansion into the Hudson Valley region. Funding for this program comes from the state funding allocation.

With Trust Fund support, nurses at all maternity hospitals are trained to provide education on Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) before families leave the hospital with their newborn children. Families meet with a nurse, receive written materials, view a DVD, and may choose to sign a statement affirming their commitment to prevent SBS. In 2012, the program reached 157,140 families or more than 87% of all live births.

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*The 73-year-old client has been verbally and financially abused by her drug-addicted adult son. Our case manager worked with her on safety planning, connected her to counseling and she plans to attend our support group.*

*Elder abuse program*

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## **Other Partnerships and Initiatives**

In addition to working directly with funded programs, the Trust Fund participates in initiatives and partnerships at the state and national level. This work builds community capacity and promotes the protective factors that all families need to provide a nurturing and safe environment for their children.

### ***National Alliance***

The National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds is the member organization for all Trust Funds including all 51 states and Puerto Rico. As a member of the Alliance, the New York State Children and Family Trust Fund is part of the national voice for strengthening families and reducing child abuse and neglect across the country. For more information on the National Alliance, go to [www.ctfalliance.org](http://www.ctfalliance.org).

### ***New York State Parenting Education Partnership***

The New York State Parenting Education Partnership (NYSPEP) was created to increase the availability of high quality parenting education programs. NYSPEP is jointly led by Prevent Child Abuse New York, the New York State Council on Children and Families, OCFS (Trust Fund), and the New York State Office of Mental Health. NYSPEP activities include issuing a Parenting Educator credential, leading trainings across the state, conducting webinars, and promoting the use of evidence-based and evidence-informed practices. For more information, go to the NYSPEP website at [www.nyspep.org](http://www.nyspep.org).

### ***Prevent Child Abuse New York Conference***

This annual conference brings together over 500 family support professionals, parents, caregivers and social services staff for training. In 2012, topics included engaging families challenged by poverty, effective non-profit management and stories of survivors.

### ***Enough Abuse! Campaign***

The Trust Fund joined with family support programs, other New York State agencies, sexual abuse treatment programs, and others to implement this child sex abuse prevention campaign. Initial work began in 2012 and will pilot 3 sites in 2013.

### ***Publications***

The Trust Fund also issues publications related to children and families. These publications can be requested at <http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/documents/default.asp>. Many are available in other languages and can be downloaded. Publications include:

- Trust Fund Annual Reports
- New York State Family Resource Center Network Brochure and Guidelines
- safe sleep and abusive head trauma materials
- elder abuse posters
- tip sheets and brochures addressing other health and safety issues

## **Additional Information**

Further information about the New York State Children and Family Trust Fund is available by contacting the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

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### ***Trust Fund Advisory Board***

An Advisory Board supports the work of the Trust Fund.

Advisory Board members in 2012:

Holly Adams  
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Paula Campbell  
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Kenneth Onaitis  
Carolyn Hoyt Stevens  
Marion White  
Gwen Wright

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*“I will continue to learn about poverty and class differences to help families in my community.”*

*Prevent Child Abuse New York Conference participant*

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