

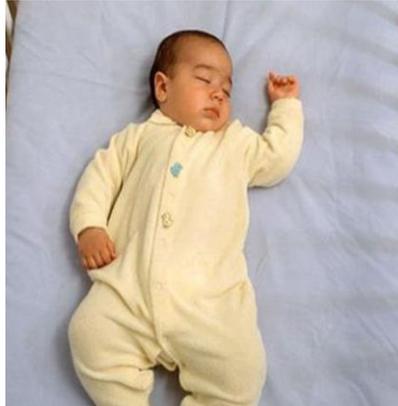


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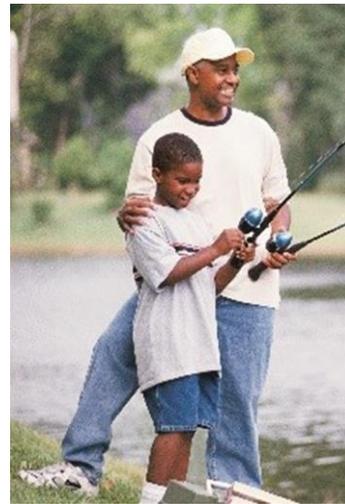
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2015 Annual Report



Strengthening New York's Families

William B. Hoyt Memorial Children & Family Trust Fund

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Strengthening Families Right from the Start: A Wise Investment

In 1984, New York State established the William B. Hoyt Memorial Children and Family Trust Fund (Trust Fund) to serve as a dedicated source of funding for the prevention and treatment of family violence in accordance with Article 10-A of the Social Services Law (SSL §§ 481-a through 481-f). Article 10-A of the Social Services Law provides the legal framework for the Trust Fund by defining its focus, funding allocation, and the spend-down structure for funds credited to the Trust Fund (SSL § 481-e). It also establishes the Trust Fund advisory board (SSL § 481-d) and requires an annual report be submitted to the Governor and Legislature (SSL § 481-e(8)).

For more than 30 years, The Trust Fund has been working to strengthen families and prevent family violence in all its forms, before it begins. It does this primarily by funding community-based resources that serve to strengthen individual and community capacity to preserve the health and safety of children, promote strong and stable families, and contribute to thriving communities.

Recognizing the relationship between child abuse and maltreatment, domestic violence and elder abuse, the Trust Fund supports three types of programs: child abuse and maltreatment prevention and parent education, including Family Resource Centers and statewide public education initiatives; domestic violence prevention and intervention; elder abuse prevention, intervention and community education.

Program Priorities

Trust Fund programs acknowledge the challenges facing families on a daily basis. These challenges often include multiple obstacles such as poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health concerns. The Trust Fund supports both primary and secondary prevention programs. Primary prevention programs strengthen families to prevent family violence before it takes place. Secondary prevention programs address early signs or risk factors of family violence to prevent system intervention and/or further harm. Programs partner with families to identify strengths and skills, build capacities, and assist with challenges.

The Center for Disease Control estimates the cost related to the lifetime consequences of child maltreatment in the United States to be approximately \$124 billion each year

Trust Fund programs employ a universal approach of building on individual strengths in the context of their communities and culture. Program staff partner with families to build skills, avoid harm, reduce the need for costly interventions and create brighter futures.

In 2015, more than 213,600 adults and children accessed crucial support and resources from 25 program providers who received funding from the Trust Fund.

The Trust Fund also supports programs that are listed in the OCFS Child Welfare Practice Model as strategies to achieve positive outcomes for families, including Family Resource Centers, parenting programs, and trauma-informed services.

Meaningful Outcomes

The Trust Fund provides financial supports to a wide range of services designed to strengthen families.

In 2015, more than 213,600 adults and children accessed crucial support and resources from 25 program providers who received funding from the Trust Fund. Outcomes attained by those individuals include the following:

- Improved factors that protect against child abuse and maltreatment;
- Improved safety for children, adults, and elders exposed to family violence;
- Reduced incidents of abusive head trauma (Shaken Baby Syndrome);
- Increased knowledge of safe sleep environments for infants; and
- Increased awareness of elder abuse.

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

2015 Highlights

Promoting Data-driven Practice Improvement and Outcomes Accountability

The Trust Fund is committed to using data to support continuous quality improvement efforts and improving outcomes for families. During 2015, the Trust Fund engaged in several key efforts to expand its capacity to collect data on program services and outcomes across the wide range of program models it supports:

- Upgraded and expanded the data management system to collect client- and family-level enrollment, services, and protective factors assessment and outcomes data elements for family resource centers, home visiting, parenting education and clinical/family support programs.
- Revised the Protective Factors Survey (PFS), a participant completed, pre-test/post-test outcomes instrument, to address measurement concerns identified by programs. The revised version of the PFS became known as the Protective Factors Instrument (PFI).
- Developed an observational assessment tool, The Assessment of Participant Strengths (APS), to be completed by program staff to identify and target participant strengths and needs as they relate to the protective factors.

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Family Resource Centers

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) are supported by the Trust Fund and have services available to any family, with an emphasis on those with children five years of age and younger, with stressors that place them at higher risk of child abuse or maltreatment. Specific populations targeted were low-income families, teen parents, families with military ties, families with caregivers or children with special needs, and families exiting the child welfare system. A review of utilization data from FRCs indicates that the centers have successfully engaged these targeted populations. In 2015, 74 percent of families registered at FRCs presented with at least one risk factor and; 50 percent of registered families had two or more risk factors for child abuse and maltreatment.

Building Protective Factors and Promoting Well-Being

In 2015, the Trust Fund supported innovative strategies to meet the needs of individuals served, to build protective

factors within families and communities, and to promote well-being for children by:

- Providing both evidence-based and innovative parenting education strategies to build parents' skills, confidence and knowledge;
- Bringing families together to reduce social isolation, and to provide opportunities to build supportive networks;
- Empowering parents to take leadership roles by serving on advisory boards and planning and leading program activities;
- Reaching out across systems to educate the community, collaborate, and find safety for elder abuse victims;
- Providing therapeutic counseling services for children, teens and adult survivors of intimate partner violence; and
- Collaborating with providers of concrete services to expand access to needed resources, including food pantries, facilitated enrollment for health insurance, developmental screenings and early intervention.



The Five Protective Factors to Help Children Thrive

Parental Resilience: Keeping a positive attitude, problem solving, and taking life in stride.

Social Connections: Having supportive friends and family makes it easier to care for our children and ourselves.

Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development: Learn to be an expert on your child.

Concrete Support in Times of Need: Ask for help when you need it.

Nurturing and Attachment: When parents provide love and safety, children grow strong and have positive relationships.

Professional Development

Child Abuse Prevention Conference

2015 marked the 20th annual New York State Child Abuse Prevention Conference. The Trust Fund provided financial support for this conference that brought together more than 400 participants, including parents, caregivers and professionals from various backgrounds, including social services, mental health, and education, for three days of training. Forty-eight workshops were offered in the areas of: Parenting Education and Support; Child Abuse Prevention Skills and Strategies; Child Sexual Abuse Treatment and Prevention; Reducing Barriers to Children's Well-Being; Family Engagement and Involvement; and Personal and Organizational Resilience.

Protective Factors Framework Training

Trust Fund staff continued to provide support to trainers delivering the Protective Factors Framework (PFF) training. These individuals were nationally certified as trainers in October of 2014, after the Trust Fund sent 15 of them from across the state to attend a training where they learned to be trainers of other professionals. The opportunity was provided by the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds (Alliance): *Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in your Work*. In 2015, more than 280 individuals in seven counties received PFF training. The training was delivered to a wide

variety of groups, including local department of social services staff and leadership, Family Resource Center staff, Healthy Families New York staff, teachers and teacher aides, day care providers, Childcare Coalition directors, and staff from other human services agencies.

In addition, OCFS staff and PFF trainers developed a 90-minute webinar to introduce the PFF to a wider audience statewide. The webinar was promoted statewide by the New York State Parenting Education Partnership (NYSPEP).

Public Education

Safe Babies New York Program

In 2015, the Trust Fund continued to provide financial support to Safe Babies New York (SBNY). SBNY is a hospital-based education program with targeted outreach to all maternity hospitals in the state. The Trust Fund began supporting the project, then known as the New York State Shaken Baby Prevention 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 expanded and now covers all of New York State.

SBNY expanded the scope of its message in 2013 to address the increasing number of child fatalities due to unsafe sleeping conditions. In conjunction with educational videos, nurses distribute *A Guide for Parents*, which delivers both the “safe sleep” and the “never shake a baby” messages, to support these strategies for keeping children safe. In 2015, Safe Sleep and Never Shake a Baby messages were delivered by nurses to parents of 198,392 newborns, 91 percent of hospital births.

Educational Materials Provided

In an ongoing effort to enhance public education around critical child safety issues, the Trust Fund facilitates the distribution of publications and videos to local departments of social services, health agencies, child care agencies and community programs. These materials include tip sheets, brochures, DVDs, magnets and other items with information about safe sleep environments, coping with infant crying, and additional topics. Safe sleep materials distributed by the Trust Fund, included the “Safe Sleep for

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HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE:

*It's more than a
family matter...*

All families contribute to
their own and their
children's well-being.

All of us
can make a
powerful,
positive
difference
in the lives
of children.



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<http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/prevention/>

Parent Helpline
1-800-CHILDREN
(1-800-244-5373)
preventchildabuseny.org
onetoughjob.org
pbs.org/parents

Your Baby” video released in 2013, updated in 2015 and available for viewing through the OCFS website:

http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/safe_sleep_video.asp

In 2015, 69,255 publications and videos were provided, reaching families in 51 counties throughout New York State.

In addition, a bookmark highlighting the five Protective Factors, developed by OCFS and Trust Fund staff, was rolled out in April 2015 during Child Abuse Prevention Month and is available for distribution. Publications can be ordered or downloaded from the OCFS website at:

<http://ocfs.ny.gov/prevention>.

Funding

OCFS administers funds from two sources to financially support Trust Fund programs: 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 a state funded appropriation. OCFS administers these funds in accordance with Article 10-A of the Social Services Law section 481-e.

In 2015, the federal funds portion supported work related to child abuse and maltreatment prevention programs, domestic violence prevention programs, and statewide prevention education. State funds supported child abuse and maltreatment prevention programs, elder abuse prevention programs, domestic violence prevention programs, and the statewide Safe Babies New York program.

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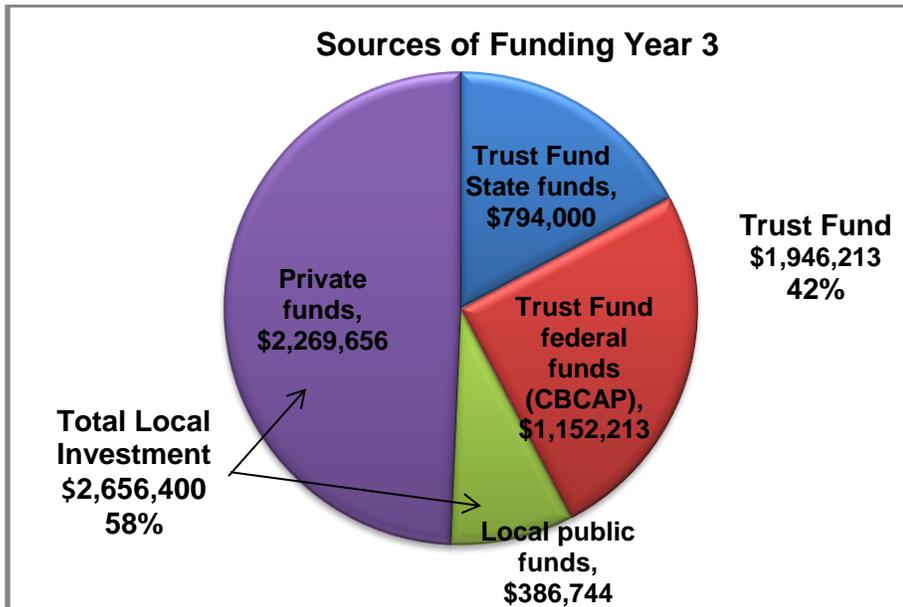
The Trust Fund spending requirements are established in accordance with section 481-e of the Social Services Law. The law requires the granting of Trust Fund dollars pursuant to a spend-down pattern with programs receiving 100 percent of their grant in the first two years of funding, 75 percent in the third, 50 percent in the fourth and, if recommended, 50 percent in the fifth year (SSL § 481-e(6)) subject to the continued availability of funding. The programs awarded grants in 2013 began year three of funding on September 1, 2015.

In addition to state and federal funding, Trust Fund programs attract other sources of support. In the funding cycle beginning September 1, 2015, Trust Fund programs secured more than **\$2,656,400** of their budgets from sources outside of the Trust Fund. These sources included

grants from private foundations, in-kind services, cash donations, and local government support.

Trust Fund financial support is spread across three program types. The chart below delineates funding awarded in 2015 for each type of program.

Service Type	Trust Fund state allocation	Trust Fund federal funds (CBCAP)	Local Public Funds other public entities	Private Funds Donations, in-kind services, other grants	Value of services delivered to children and adults
Child Abuse Prevention	\$494,000	\$1,078,073	\$258,401	\$2,190,638	\$4,021,112
Domestic Violence Prevention	\$120,000	\$74,140	\$24,415	\$68,619	\$287,174
Elder Abuse Prevention	\$180,000	\$0	\$103,928	\$10,399	\$294,327
Totals	\$794,000	\$1,152,213	\$386,744	\$2,269,656	\$4,602,613



Funded Programs

Child Abuse Prevention

The largest portion of Trust Fund dollars is devoted to child abuse and maltreatment prevention. In 2015, 15 child abuse and maltreatment prevention programs provided services in 18 counties. Programs provided home visits with families, formal and informal parenting education, kinship services, and therapeutic services for children and caregivers. Programs are targeted to families with children aged 0-5 years with identified risk factors for child abuse and maltreatment. This includes families living in poverty, families experiencing domestic violence, pregnant and parenting teens, rural families, families with disabilities, and refugee populations.

“The Center impacts my life in a way I never knew possible. It truly makes learning and playing fun and enjoyable. We look forward to coming every week.”

-Father attending an FRC

The protective factors framework is incorporated in all Trust Fund work related to child abuse and maltreatment prevention. 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 maltreatment prevention is Family Resource Centers. FRCs are embedded in 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 staff to participate in discussions focused on local and county issues.

Services

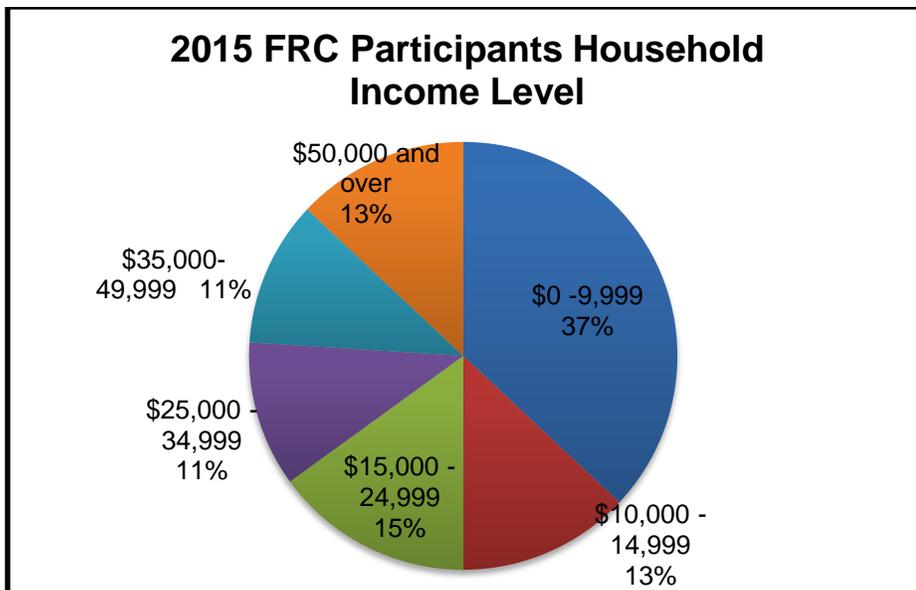
Core services at FRCs include the following:

- Parent education and support;
- Parent/child/family activities;
- Creative outreach to families at high risk;
- Information and referral to other community services; and
- Parent leadership and peer support opportunities.

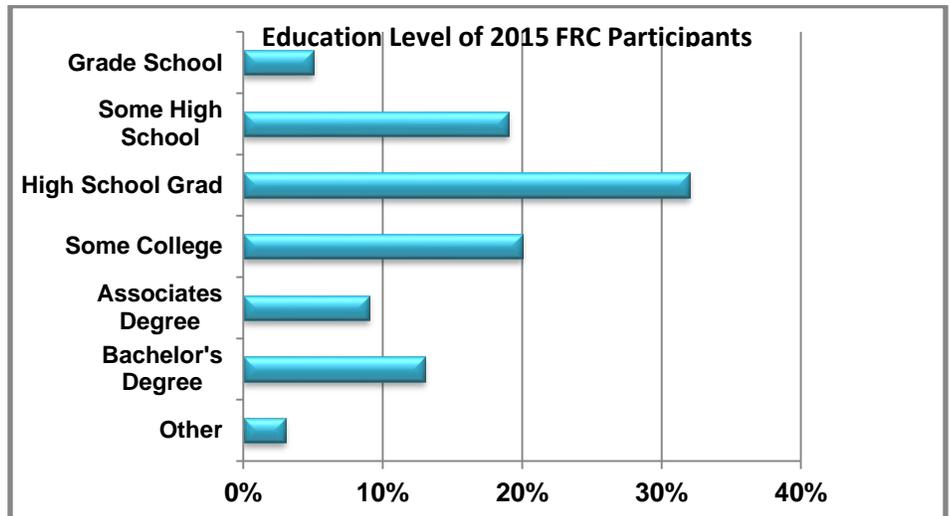
Populations served

At FRCs, services are available to any family, with a focus on engaging those with children five years of age and younger who have stressors that place them at higher risk of child abuse or maltreatment. In 2015, 74 percent of those served at FRCs had one or more risk factors and 50 percent of families had two or more risk factors.

In 2015, 37 percent of FRC participants had household incomes below \$10,000, regardless of family size. The proportion of participants with incomes below \$15,000 was 50 percent, and 65 percent of families had incomes below \$25,000.



Fifty-six percent of participants reported no additional education beyond high school completion, and 24 percent did not complete high school.



Outcomes for Families

FRCs funded by the Trust Fund use the Protective Factors Survey as one way to assess the effectiveness of their services. The PFS assesses factors 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, and
- Nurturing and attachment to child.

Analysis of PFS scores showed that services provided by the FRCs strengthened families. Among all participants who completed both a baseline and a follow up PFS, scores rose in each of the areas, or subscales, measured.

In addition, 56 percent of caregivers who scored four or below in two or more protective factors (an indication of higher risk) when they began services improved their scores to pass that benchmark at the conclusion of services. These increases pointed to a reduced risk of child abuse through increases in protective factors.

The following is a list of FRCs funded by the Trust Fund in 2015 using federal dollars from the federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention grant. The amounts below reflect the third year spend down amount of 75% of the original grants except where indicated.

Association to Benefit Children

New York County/East Harlem

\$73,500

This FRC offers support to low-income families, single parents and families receiving preventive services through the New York City Administration for Children's Services.

Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country

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

\$73,500

The Adirondack Family Resource Center Network is comprised of four FRCs with an emphasis on engaging families with low-income, low educational attainment, and families with disabilities. Services also include parents anonymous groups and developmental screenings.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County

Tioga County/Owego, Waverly

\$73,500

The Owego and Waverly FRCs provide outreach to families referred by the local departments of social services, and to low-income, single, and teen parents. Services include home visits for families with children in foster care.

Hillside Children’s Center

Monroe County/Rochester

\$73,500

Peter Castle and Southwest FRCs focus on engaging Latino parents, fathers with young children, teen parents and kinship households through evidence-based parenting education programs, home visits, Pre-K and early childhood services.

Leake and Watts

Bronx County/Bronx

\$98,000 (Year 2)

The Soundview FRC targets outreach to teen parents, kinship caregivers, caregivers with mental health needs, families with children with disabilities, and low income residents of Community District nine. Services focus on parenting education and peer support, facilitating access to medical and mental health services, building opportunities for community involvement and parent leadership, and linkage to community supports. Program activities include infant and toddler play groups, parenting skills classes, parent support groups, recreational family activities, computer lab, and resume writing/job search workshops.

Niagara Falls City School District

Niagara County/Niagara Falls

\$73,500

Focus on Families FRC Network comprises four centers located in three elementary schools and the school district’s Community Education Center with outreach to teen parents, low income families, and parents with children with disabilities. Services include parenting education using the evidence-based program *The*

“The Center is a fun, safe place for children to have fun, learn to interact with other children, while parents and/or caregivers enjoy quality time with the children, as well as other parents and caregivers.”

–Grandparent attending an FRC

Incredible Years, home visits by Family Support Workers, playgroups and story hour, and van transportation to parenting education programs.

Pro Action of Steuben and Yates

Steuben County/Addison, Bath, Corning, Hornell
\$73,500

The Steuben Family Enrichment Collaborative includes four FRCs with services to support teen parents, fathers, and families with mental health needs and disabilities. Services also include home visits for more isolated families.

“The staff is very helpful and they really care about my family. They are there to help when you need them. I am so blessed to have kinship!! They have done so much for me!”

-Kinship Program Participant

Other Child Abuse Prevention Programs

In addition to FRCs, the Trust Fund awarded funds to eight other child abuse and maltreatment prevention programs in 2015. These programs partner with families to provide home visits, parenting education, therapeutic services for children and parents, and engagement of teen parents and refugee families. 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 Trust Fund state and federal dollars.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany

Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties/Albany, Troy, Schenectady
\$73,500

Community Maternity Services provides intervention and support services to relative caregivers and their children including peer support groups and parenting education.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County

Tompkins County/Groton, Ithaca
\$73,500

Groton’s Families, in partnership with Tompkins County DSS’s Family Assessment Response (FAR) initiative, offers parenting workshops, mutual support groups, family fun events, and Community Café conversations to complement local activities for families with young children.

Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families

New York County/Central and East Harlem
\$73,500

The Children’s Therapy Program addresses trauma symptoms of children who have witnessed domestic violence through child-parent psychotherapy for children, ages five and younger, and case management and support services for parents.

Inwood House

New York City/All Five Boroughs
\$73,500

The SPIN Video Interaction Guidance Program provides positive parenting skills training to pregnant and parenting teens. The program uses video to support positive parenting and parent/child bonding and includes weekly visits.

Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County

Erie County/Buffalo
\$73,500 (federal funds)

Parenting education and support services provided to the refugee population using the evidence-based program *The Incredible Years*. Services are offered in partnership with other refugee agencies that will provide translation services.

Sunset Park Health Council dba Lutheran Family Health Centers

Kings County/Brooklyn
\$73,500 (federal funds)

Expansion of the evidence-based Parent Child Home Program provides weekly home visits over two years to support family literacy, build on parenting skills and offer new approaches to parenting, including age-appropriate expectations and limit setting.

The Family Center

Kings County/Brooklyn
\$73,500 (federal funds)

Early Support for Lifelong Success (ESLS)-Brooklyn expands the evidence-based Triple P: Positive Parenting Program offering parenting education, support and family activities to promote healthy parent/child relationships and parent responsiveness to children’s needs.

Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.

Westchester County/Mount Vernon
\$68,573 (federal funds)

This program is designed to support parents and children ages six and younger who have experienced domestic violence with services including case management, home visits, evidence-based trauma-informed mental health treatment, and an array of recreational, social and other supportive resources.

“When I first came here, I thought this program wasn’t going to help because I believed that I didn’t do anything wrong. Well, after taking this program, I understand the things I was doing wrong.... I will make a better life for my family by being more understanding and more (present) in their lives.”

–Father participating in the 26 week Abusive Partner Intervention Program

Domestic Violence Prevention

Domestic violence programs work with families experiencing, or at risk of, family violence. These programs were funded using Trust Fund state and federal dollars. Services include parenting education and support, abusive partner intervention, therapeutic visitation services, and joint planning and consultation for domestic violence victims.

The following is a list of domestic violence prevention programs awarded funding in 2015.

The Children's Aid Society

New York City/All Boroughs

\$60,000

Innovative program providing victim support services, abusive partner education and intervention, child therapy, and therapeutic visitation services.

Orange County Safe Homes, Inc.

Orange County/Newburgh

\$60,000

Co-location of a Domestic Violence (DV) advocate at the Child Protective Services (CPS) office provides protocol development, case consultation, home visits, cross-training, and joint safety planning for DV victims and their children.

My Sister's Place, Inc.

Westchester County/ Mt. Vernon

\$74,140 (federal funds) (Year One)

Co-location of a DV advocate at the Mount Vernon Child Protective Services office. The DV advocate provides protocol development, case consultation, home visits, cross-training, and joint safety planning for DV victims and their children.

*"I feel like you are
here protecting me.
Thank you for
everything you do."*

*-Elder Abuse
Victim*

Elder Abuse Prevention

The prevention of elder abuse, another aspect of family violence, is also addressed through the Trust Fund. In Trust Fund-supported elder abuse prevention programs, services are targeted to adults over age 60 that are at risk of psychological, physical and sexual abuse, and financial exploitation by family members. Services include case management, counseling, advocacy, and community education. Three elder abuse prevention programs were awarded funding in 2015 using the Trust Fund's state allocation.

Family Services of Westchester, Inc.

Westchester County/Mount Vernon
\$60,000

Program targets the elderly in Mount Vernon to provide support services, case management, community coordination and training.

Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc.

Monroe County/Rochester
\$60,000

Lifespan created a partnership with Ibero, Inc. to serve elder Latinos and elders in health care settings who are not eligible for Adult Protective Services.

Victim Information Bureau of Suffolk, Inc. (VIBS)

Suffolk County
\$60,000

VIBS expanded elder abuse services to focus on at-risk seniors with dementia and address language and cultural barriers within the Latino community.

Statewide Initiatives

The Trust Fund allocated state and federal resources to support statewide training, public education and a parent helpline in collaboration with key community partners.

Prevent Child Abuse New York (PCANY)

\$250,000 (federal funds)

Prevent Child Abuse New York, a long standing partner of the Trust Fund, shares the mission to support the safety and well-being of all children and families. The agency addresses individual, community, and societal responsibility through four inter-related strategies: the Parent Helpline, the New York State Parenting Education Partnership, prevention education including the New York State Enough Abuse Campaign, and an annual professional training conference. The Helpline provides direct assistance, in the form of information and referrals, to parents, family members, service providers and other community members and assisted 6,187 individuals in 2015.

Safe Babies New York

SBNY is administered by WMC-NY and Kaleida Health.

WMC-NY (Westchester Medical Center)

Hudson Valley Region/New York City/Long Island

\$100,000

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

Upstate New York/Central New York/Western New York

\$100,000

With Trust fund financial support, SBNY engages nurses at 125 hospitals to provide education on Abusive Head Trauma (AHT), also known as Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS), and safe sleeping practices before families leave the hospital with their newborn children. Families meet with a nurse, receive written materials, view videos, and may choose to sign a statement affirming their participation in the program. In 2015, the program reached 198,392 families.

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.

New York State Enough Abuse Campaign

The Trust Fund partnered with Prevent Child Abuse New York to implement the *New York State Enough Abuse Campaign (NYSEAC)*. The campaign focuses on building adult and community responsibility to prevent child sexual abuse, through comprehensive public education and citizen mobilization. Initial work began in 2012, in the pilot counties of Tompkins, Broome, and Suffolk. The campaign expanded in 2015 to include Nassau, Cayuga, and Rensselaer counties. In 2015, 51 trainings were held throughout New York State, with 978 adults educated in sexual abuse prevention. In addition, a training of trainers has been completed in Nassau and Rensselaer Counties, with an additional training scheduled to be held in early 2016 in Cayuga County. Seventy-five people have become certified trainers this year. A Public Service Announcement, bringing awareness to community responsibility and available NYSEAC resources, was completed and will be available for use by all six NYSEAC sites.

The NYS Enough Abuse Campaign focuses on building adult and community responsibility to prevent child sexual abuse. The campaign was expanded to three additional counties in 2015, with 75 new trainers certified.

National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds

The National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds National Alliance) is the member organization for trust funds including all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. As a member of the National Alliance, the 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.

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, providing professional development trainings across the state and via webinars, and developing a new parent kit. NYSPEP offers mini-grants annually to improve access to parenting education programs. For more information, go to the NYSPEP website at: www.nyspep.org

NYSPEP and its member agencies maintain an interest in promoting community cafés as a community engagement strategy. To support ongoing interest in this work, New York State Parent Leaders host bi-monthly conference calls to support individuals interested in implementing the Community Café Model. More information on this model is available at www.ctfalliance.org/initiative_parents-2.htm.

Publications

The Trust Fund issues publications related to children and families. These publications can be requested at <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/prevention/resources.asp> Many of these publications are available in languages other than English and can be downloaded directly from the website. 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 child health and safety issue

Additional Information

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

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The William B. Hoyt Memorial Children and Family Trust Fund has supported essential family violence prevention programs for more than 30 years.

The Trust Fund has funded 274 projects across New York State since 1984.

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The Trust Fund Advisory Board supports the work of the Trust Fund. The Trust Fund Advisory Board was comprised of the following members in 2015:

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