



SECTION 3

STATEWIDE GRANTEE

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CHALLENGES

- In Kansas, 85% of counties are rural communities with scarce resources for families. ⁴
- In FY 17, Kansas had 67,372 reports of child abuse and neglect, an increase of 20% from 2010 to 2017. ⁵
- In Kansas, 52 child fatalities occurred between 2013 and 2017. ⁶
- Children under age one are at the highest risk of dying as a result of abuse or neglect. ⁶

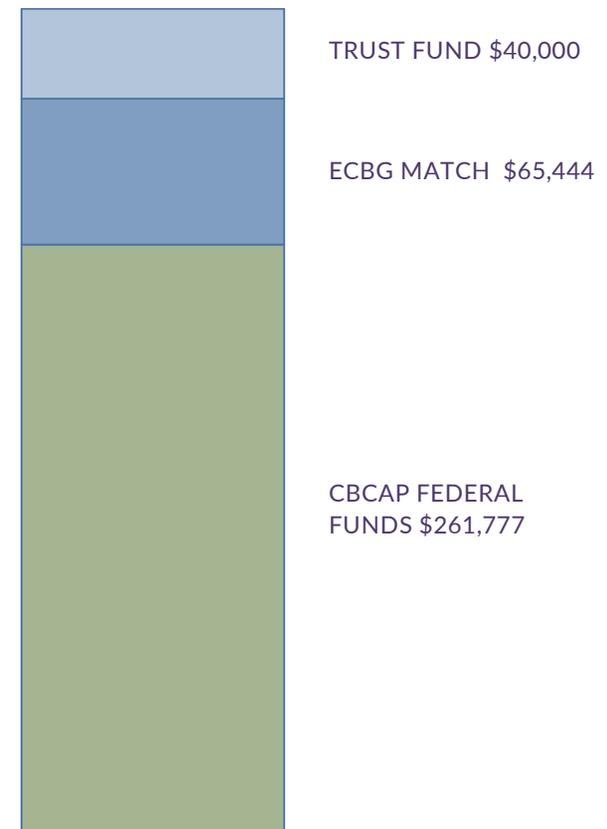
SOLUTIONS

Kansas Children's Service League has created a network of services designed to meet the needs of Kansans across the state. These programs work together to offer the following solutions:

- **Stop child maltreatment before it occurs** by reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors
- **Reach counties with limited resources** by offering statewide services that provide aid and education to families across the state
- **Connect families with existing services** by educating families about the availability of local services and making necessary referrals
- **Raise public awareness of child maltreatment prevention**

The following pages offer descriptions of the eight programs funded under the statewide grant.

TOTAL CBCAP FUNDING: \$367,221



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CIRCLE OF PARENTS SUPPORT GROUPS

Program Goals

- Strengthen families by promoting safe, stable, and nurturing relationships
- Enhance parent involvement and leadership
- Provide practical solutions to family issues and concerns
- Connect families with resources

This program is a self-help model for caregivers who are experiencing stress in raising their children. Through this program, parents connect with other parents who are also looking to improve their parenting skills. Trained volunteers lead the groups, and they aim to increase knowledge and skills in the five protective factors identified by the Center for the Study of Social Policy's Strengthening Families model: Parental Resilience, Parenting and Child Development, Social-Emotional Competence of Children, Social Connections, and Concrete Support in Times of Need.

This program offers parents valuable information about healthy parenting skills, domestic violence, fatherhood, and creating healthy and safe family environments.

The Circle of Parents model of mutual self-help support groups is nationally recognized as being key in strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect.

344

new and returning parents attended Circle of Parents support groups.

98%

of participants found the information and skills covered in the program to be useful.

\$64,740

CBCAP Funding

\$248,122

Total Program Funding



This program is a support group for parents who are experiencing stress in raising their children. Through participating in this program, parents learn to better understand themselves and their children.

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1-800-CHILDREN PARENT HELPLINE

Common Calls to the Helpline

- Parenting questions
- Developmental milestones (infant crying, toilet training, tantrums, etc.)
- Kinship
- Bullying
- Referrals to community resources

The Parent Helpline is ready to assist parents and children by listening to frustrations, talking through problems, and answering questions about the challenges of parenting. Trained staff provide information and referrals to help meet basic needs (including shelter), locate parenting resources, and access services for children.

In addition to calling the Helpline directly, callers can reach out by email or through a recently released app. Information and materials are distributed through social media and are available for parents who are looking for information online.

1,245

inquiries were made to the Parent Helpline.

98%

of callers reported receiving the support and/or information they sought.

\$37,396

CBCAP
Funding

\$44,493

Total Program
Funding



This free, anonymous helpline is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is available in over 200 languages.

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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION (CAP) MONTH

As the Kansas Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, KCSL organizes trainings and events across the state as part of CAP Month every April.

CAP Month is a large nationwide campaign and includes:

- Events such as 'Wear Blue Day' and pinwheel planting to raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect prevention programs
- Professional training for service providers and distribution of educational materials including a web-based toolkit, webinars, and newsletters
- Letters to the editor and social media postings
- Community and business proclamations to help promote the importance of the prevention of child abuse and neglect
- Parenting tips and family activity ideas

31

communities held CAP Month events.

93%

of CAP Month partners reported increased awareness of child abuse and neglect.

53,131

Pinwheels for Prevention were distributed statewide.

\$84,030

CBCAP Funding

\$95,876

Total Program Funding



Materials are available in English and Spanish and are used to educate the public about abuse prevention and increase awareness of available community support services.

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TRAUMA-INFORMED TRAINING

Trauma-Informed Training offers professional development and training opportunities on a variety of topics to service providers both in person and remotely. Topics include:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect
- Abusive Head Trauma
- Safe, Stable, and Nurturing Relationships

Trauma-informed trainings equip service providers and other professionals with skills and knowledge to stop abuse before it occurs. Training helps child maltreatment prevention professionals provide consistent, accurate information and resources to families across the state.

The program offers training to a variety of audiences:

- Professionals at early learning centers
- K-12 educators
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Camp staff
- Home visitors
- County health departments
- Juvenile detention centers
- CASA volunteers

1,302

professionals trained on ACEs, child abuse and neglect, safe, stable, and nurturing relationships, strengthening families, and abusive head trauma.

97%

indicated increased knowledge on the topics surveyed.

\$18,508

CBCAP Funding

\$43,902

Total Program Funding



In an effort to stop abuse before it occurs, this program offers in-person and remote training to a variety of audiences.

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THE PERIOD OF PURPLE CRYING

This evidence-based primary prevention program is designed to help parents of new babies understand and safely respond to the normal infant developmental stage of increased crying, and educate about the risk of Shaken Baby Syndrome.

The National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome created the Period of PURPLE Crying program to advise new parents how to cope with the stress of infant crying. The program includes a booklet and DVD, written materials (available in eleven languages), and web-based applications. These materials provide families with information about local resources, the Parent Helpline number, and a link to resources on the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome website.

Of the 64 birthing hospitals in the state, 62 implement the Period of PURPLE Crying. Home visitors work with high risk families to deliver program messaging, materials, and concept reinforcement.

The program is designed and approved by pediatricians, public health nurses, child development experts, and parents, and highlights positive father-child interaction.

3,406

parents returned Period of PURPLE Crying hospital surveys assessing strategies to cope with crying children.

99%

reported that they were more likely to put their baby in a safe place and walk away when angered or overwhelmed by crying.

24,970

DVDs distributed to new parents

\$85,336

CBCAP Funding

\$114,248

Total Program Funding



This evidence informed and strength based approach to assist families employs a triple dose strategy by introducing, reinforcing, and promoting the message of their program.

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HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING

Healthy Families is a Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) evidence-based program serving pregnant women and families with children ages birth to five years.

\$75,711

CBCAP Funding

\$3,818,081

Total Program Funding*

*CBCAP funds only the Sedgwick County Healthy Families Home Visiting program. The total program funding shown here represents statewide program funding for Healthy Families.

This relationship-based home visiting program is guided by the belief that early, nurturing relationships lay the groundwork for lifelong healthy development. This program provides strengths-based, family-centered services designed to promote healthy attachment and positive parent-child relationships.

Program services are designed to be culturally-sensitive and reflective for parents facing challenges such as single parenthood, poverty, a childhood history of abuse and other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), and current or previous issues related to substance abuse, mental health, and/or domestic violence.

Healthy Families Home Visiting offers:

- Screenings and assessments to identify families at risk for child maltreatment or other ACEs
- Routine screening for child developmental delays and maternal depression



18

families served by the Sedgwick County Healthy Families Home Visiting program through CBCAP

78%

of families who completed pre and post tests improved their HOME IT scores.

Healthy Families Home Visiting helps new parents learn ways to connect with their baby, reduce stress, and increase confidence in parenting by providing home visiting from pregnancy until the child is five.

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GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

November 1-3, 2017

The Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect is an annual educational and networking event featuring experts in the field of child maltreatment prevention. The conference offers trainings on the latest research findings, best practices, and noteworthy trends to professionals and service providers in Kansas.

The conference provides a variety of all-day sessions and workshops, and includes two keynote speakers who present cutting-edge trends and knowledge. By providing professionals with the most up-to-date information and research available, the conference works to strengthen the families of those served.

530

individuals attended the Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

99%

of attendees reported the information and skills covered were helpful and useful.

\$1,500

CBCAP Funding

\$108,483

Total Program Funding



Eighteen partner organizations participate on the conference planning committee, including representatives of state agencies, other CBCAP programs, and child welfare contractors.

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PARENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

October 13-14, 2017

Every year, KCSL sponsors a Parent Leadership Conference that includes a variety of educational workshops offered at no cost to attendees. Parent leaders, many of whom are former victims of child abuse or domestic violence, work together to determine training topics. Up to 200 parents attend workshops that include information on advocating for children's needs, fatherhood, family communication, special education, and positive discipline strategies.

The conference provides free child care for children ages birth to twelve years, as well as meals, lodging, and mileage reimbursement. Typically, one-third of attendees are Spanish speakers, and the conference provides real-time Spanish translation, along with sessions and materials available in Spanish.

213

parents attended the Parent Leadership Conference.

92%

of those surveyed reported increased knowledge of the value of parent involvement.

\$27,000

Total Program Funding

The Parent Leadership Conference was not funded with CBCAP funds in FY 18. It did receive CBCAP funds in FY 17 and the program continues to work closely with other CBCAP statewide initiatives.



Key partner agencies include Kansas Head Start Association, Kansas Parent Information Resource Center, Families Together, and The Opportunity Project.