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WI Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board Updates

Providing you with the latest news and updates from the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board



As 2022 is coming to a close, we reflect back on a year full of growth. The Prevention Board had the opportunity to award more grants than in any other year and we established new partnerships across the state. This is also the time of year to think about the future. We have several exciting new projects for 2023. We look forward to sharing more with you soon.

Research Update

Positive Childhood Experiences

There has been a lot of research on Adverse Childhood Experiences, which establishes that adversity in childhood has lifelong impacts on adult health and well-being. However, more recently, research has also demonstrated how positive experiences can prevail over adversity. Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) are interactions that promote and strengthen resilience and help to facilitate healthy outcomes for children even in the face of adversity.

When specific PCEs occur in the first 18 years, they foster a sense of belonging and connection which benefits children in both the short term and the long run. While there is some variation in terms of how researchers describe specific PCEs, there is

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Parents are their child's first and most important teachers and, as such, they need to be informed about PCEs and how to provide opportunity and nurture these positive experiences for children and youth. Family Resource Centers and other family serving organizations play an important role in offering programs that build PCEs and educating families and community members about the significance of these experiences for children.

Learn more about the characteristics of specific PCEs in the research to practice brief [What are Positive Childhood Experiences](#)

Learn more about the role of Family Resource Centers in the research to practice brief [How Family Resource Centers Promote Positive Childhood Experiences](#)

Foundation Provides Resources to Support: Parenting “On the Go”

Last year the Celebrate Children Foundation (Foundation) supported the Prevention Board's partnership with local community-based organizations to distribute 3,500 Parenting “On the Go” bags. Our goal for 2023 is to distribute 5,000 bags. The bags contained carefully selected, developmentally appropriate toys and activities for children, as well as resources for parents, to use as parents find themselves needing to entertain their children when they are out and about.

The Foundation is a nonprofit organization operated by the Prevention Board to assist with fundraising. The Foundation receives most of its funding from the Celebrate Children license plate.

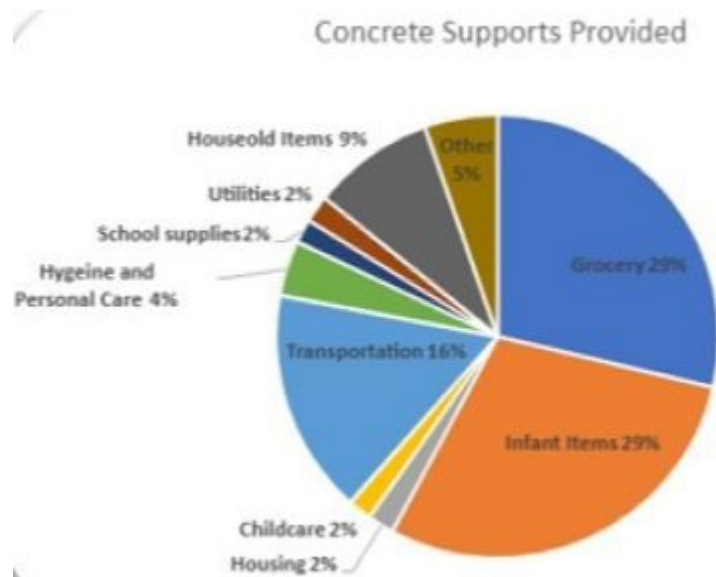
<https://celebrate-children.org/support/license-plate-campaign/>

From the Field

Family Support Emergency Funds

This opportunity enabled FRCs, community-based agencies, and tribes to support families with children under the age of 18 by providing the immediate assistance they need to be safe, stable, and nurturing families, thus reducing incidences of child abuse and neglect. Funds were used to provide concrete support to families and to help parents build social connections. Concrete supports were defined as goods and services that address a family's needs including food, housing, clothing, childcare, etc. Concrete supports are a protective factor and there is a connection between family economic stability and family well-being. Constructive and supportive social connections help buffer parents from stressors and support nurturing parenting behaviors. As COVID restrictions loosened, parents were reporting feeling isolated. As a result of that feedback, a portion of the emergency funds were allocated to providing parents with opportunities to connect with other parents.

- 30 organizations across the state received up to \$20,000 to support families with children.
- Twelve grantees were new agencies to the Prevention Board.
- Statewide, 131 social connection events were held with 1,664 parents and caregivers attending.
- Statewide, 1,121 individual families were provided with at least one concrete support.
- Several grantees report that this funding served as a crucial 'gap filler' for families who were struggling but were not eligible / did not qualify for other types of assistance programs.



Data is representative of 16 of the 30 grantees. The remaining grantees completed a No Cost Extension due to timeline issues. Remaining data will be submitted to the Prevention Board by January 2023.

The Family Support Emergency Funds are one of many grant programs we administered last state fiscal year. To see the full Community Investment Report for state fiscal year 2022, [click here](#).



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Children's Trust Fund Alliance Annual Meeting in Denver, CO

In November, several Prevention Board staff members attended the joint Prevent Child Abuse America and Children's Trust Fund Alliance Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. This was the first in-person meeting since the onset of the pandemic and we were thrilled to be part of this insightful 3-day event, where we engaged in sharing our experiences and learning from partners and friends in the child maltreatment prevention field. Themes and topics of ongoing conversation during the conference included:

- The vital importance of integrating parent voice and leadership into federal and state level agencies in addition to local organizations
- Understanding and effectively communicating the pivotal role of community in supporting family well-being as a major contributor to the prevention of child maltreatment
- Updates on the efforts and progress of our federal partners

Inspired by many peer conversations and contributions from a rich blend of expert speakers, we returned to Wisconsin to continue our journey of strengthening families and communities.

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