

preventing child abuse and neglect



through grant distribution, education and awareness.

Strengthening Families Initiative (SFI)

The **Children's Trust Fund (CTF)** and **Parents As Teachers (PAT)** support SFI by promoting the Five Protective Factors within their programming. Research indicates that when these factors are present and robust in a family, the likelihood of child abuse and neglect diminishes. For additional information visit www.strengtheningfamilies.net.

Five Protective Factors:

- **Parental Resilience**
The ability to cope with and bounce back from all types of challenges
- **Social Connections**
Friends, family members, neighbors and other members of a community, who provide emotional support and concrete assistance to parents
- **Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development**
Accurate information about raising young children, appropriate expectations for their behavior, and knowledge of alternative discipline techniques
- **Concrete Supports in Times of Need**
Financial security to cover day-to-day expenses and unexpected costs; formal supports like TANF, Medicaid and job training; and informal support from social networks
- **Children's Social & Emotional Competence**
A child's ability to interact positively with others and communicate his or her emotions effectively



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Safe Kids

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The children of Missouri thank you!

Ways You Can Help

CTF does not receive general revenue funding from the State to support its prevention activities. Funding is obtained from dedicated fees on marriage licenses and vital records, voluntary contributions designated on Missouri state income tax returns, sales of the specialty CTF license plate, general donations, interest income from the Fund, and a federal grant.

Getting a state tax refund? Help us check off child abuse.

Look for the handprints on your Missouri State Income Tax Return and designate any amount over \$2 to CTF by checking the box to contribute through the tax check-off option. Your contribution may either be deducted from your refund or added to the amount owed.



Create a memorial fund or honor someone special.

To honor the memory of a loved one, consider designating CTF as the recipient of memorial donations. Or, consider a donation in the name of a family member, friend or co-worker to highlight a birthday, anniversary, holiday or other special occasion.

Get your license to care.

For an annual donation of \$25, you can support the importance of child abuse and neglect prevention by purchasing a CTF specialty license plate. The exposure of the tags generates awareness, and the funds collected support prevention programs throughout Missouri.



Matching Gift contributions.

Speak with your company's human resources department. Your company may agree to match employee donations made to CTF.

General Donation.

Please give throughout the year. CTF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) entity, so your contribution is tax deductible. Online donations may be made on the secure CTF website.

Acknowledge and Celebrate April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Education & Awareness

Related literature such as brochures, rack cards, posters and web forms are available to Missouri residents and organizations at no cost. To make a request, call **1-888-826-KIDS (5437)** or visit **www.ctf4kids.org** to place an online order. CTF supports the following campaigns:

- Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) Prevention
- Safe Crib/Safe Sleep
- "Not Even for a Minute"...Never Leave Children Unattended in or Around Vehicles
- Positive Parenting



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