



Children's Trust Fund

Missouri's Foundation For Child Abuse Prevention

preventing child abuse and neglect



Grant Opportunities

CTF awards grants to programs and organizations throughout Missouri dedicated to child abuse and neglect prevention.

- General Prevention Grants
- Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Federal Grants
- Discretionary Grants
- License Plate Partner Grants



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.

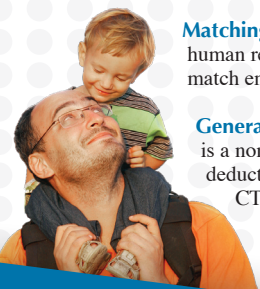
Get your license to care. For an annual donation of \$25, you can show your belief in the importance of child abuse and neglect prevention by purchasing a CTF specialty license plate. The exposure of the tags generates awareness, and the funds collected support prevention programs throughout Missouri.

Create a memorial fund. To honor the memory of a loved one, consider designating CTF as the recipient of memorial donations.

Honor someone special. Consider a donation in the name of a family member, friend or co-worker to highlight a birthday, anniversary, holiday or other special occasion.

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.



Strong Families,
Safe Kids



www.ctf4kids.org



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Education and 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**

Prevention is the Key

The safety and well-being of our children is essential. Children who are treated with respect and who are exposed repeatedly to positive parenting have an increased chance to become caring and nurturing caregivers themselves.

The painful, devastating and costly effects of child abuse and neglect can last a lifetime, and can negatively impact brain development, cause long-term health issues, and destroy the ability to establish healthy relationships. Abused and neglected children are at higher risk for adolescent pregnancy, substance abuse, juvenile delinquency, academic failure and criminal activity. Everyone benefits by engaging in prevention efforts.

To realize our mission, CTF *funds* proven and promising prevention programs; *engages* in public awareness campaigns; and *develops* relationships with other State departments, child advocacy groups and hospitals.

- **Parent education & support**
- **Home visitation**
- **Strengthening Families Initiative (SFI)**
- **Mentoring**
- **Crisis intervention**
- **Infant nurturing**
- **Safe crib programs**
- **Staff training & development**
- **Community education**
- **School based education**
- **Grandparent support**
- **Fatherhood initiatives**
- **Research**

CTF promotes the five protective factors within its programming to help strengthen families and reduce child abuse and neglect:

- **nurturing and attachment**
- **knowledge of positive parenting and child development**
- **parental resilience**
- **forming social connections**
- **establishing concrete supports for parents**

The children of Missouri
thank you!

