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Strategic Initiatives

In addition to funds awarded, CTF will embark on several new efforts in FY 2019 including:

1. Integrate data and epidemiology into our decision-making process
   In order to prevent child abuse, we have to understand what it looks like, where it is occurring and any emerging statewide patterns.

2. Identify funding priorities for FY 2020
   In the past, CTF did not identify program priorities and many different types of projects were eligible for CTF funding. CTF has identified the following as program priorities for the next five years:
   - Evidence-based child abuse prevention
   - Sexual abuse prevention
   - Child fatality prevention, with an emphasis on promoting safe sleep environments
   - Capacity building for community-based child abuse prevention programs

3. Strengthen grantee monitoring and outcome measurement
   It is difficult to measure the impact of CTF’s work since all CTF grantees report on different outcome metrics. In the next year, we plan to develop the infrastructure to effectively evaluate the impact of our grant funding.

4. Create a social norms campaign
   CTF hopes to be better able to measure the impact of our public awareness efforts by focusing on changing social norms that affect child abuse. In FY 2019, we will begin the process of developing a statewide social norms campaign.

5. Develop a public policy presence
   CTF recognizes that policy and systems change is necessary to prevent child abuse. Funding community-based projects will not ultimately make an impact in children’s lives if the policy and systems in Missouri do not create a supportive environment for local community efforts.

6. Build CTF organizational resources
   In FY 2019, CTF plans to strengthen the capacity of staff and Board, including hiring a new staff person, re-organizing staff roles, increasing Board diversity, updating Board bylaws and policies and beginning to consider how to increase public and private investment in CTF.

Please reach out if you have feedback on our plan for this year. We take our mission very seriously and know that feedback is critical for our growth.

Thank you,

Emily van Schenkhoef,
CTF Executive Director