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ANNUAL BIENNIAL PLAN  
1989 - 1990



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## INTRODUCTION

Our children are under siege. By all measures, the incidence of injury to their bodies, their minds, and their spirits is on the rise. Physical and sexual abuse are growing more common and more severe, with 25,000 referrals a year and, recently, a number of well publicized abuse-related deaths. Many self-destructive adolescent behaviors arise from a history of abuse or neglect: dropping out (2,600 a year), chemical dependency (16,250 high school students), teen pregnancy (2,800 a year), juvenile crime (10,000 arrests a year), and suicide (480 attempts or threats).

These desperate children are victims who, according to all the research, will become the perpetrators of tomorrow. If we could find a way to interrupt this cycle, the savings in treatment costs and salvaged lives would be enormous.

As a society, we have always treated these ills as if they were accidents - unavoidable occurrences that we could fix up after the fact. Now, however, as the number of these individual tragedies grows until it threatens to swamp our professional fixer-uppers, we are forced to confront three truths:

- \* if all we ever do is try to patch up broken lives, we will never catch up - the cost of trying to keep up with the problem will outstrip our ability to pay;
- \* patching doesn't always work; even when it helps, it's never as good as building a strong, healthy life from the beginning;
- \* something about the way we run our society is actually contributing to the problem and making it worse.

More and more, Maine people are coming to believe in prevention as a strategy for responding to social problems. One example is the growing popularity of Project Graduation. Another is the growing rate of participation in the MCTF tax checkoff.

Although the need to prevent child abuse is clear, however, the path to the goal is still obscure. We know something about what has changed in our society to create the problem. We have little solid experience in compensating for those changes on a statewide basis. What, then, are we to do?

The Maine Children's Trust Fund was established by the Legislature in 1985 to begin the process of developing, first, a statewide strategy for the prevention of damage to children early in their lives, and second, a statewide capability to carry out that strategy. Although MCTF has nowhere near the resources available to the various departments of state government, neither does it have the competing responsibilities that keep the departments from focusing their resources in this untested area.

The Legislature, through the tax checkoff and the community grant program, has created a mechanism that allows all Maine people to play an active part in the Trust Fund's work. In the long run, this broad participation will be more important than the modest sums the Trust Fund can raise through the tax checkoff.

The reason is simply that the problem of lost lives is a community problem, and it needs a community solution.



## HISTORY & OPERATIONS

The Maine Legislature has charged the Maine Childrens Trust Fund with providing leadership in the development of prevention strategies for Maine. In pursuing that mandate, the Board of Directors has identified the need for a strong focus on primary prevention - the creation of positive environments that prevent the development of dysfunctional behaviors.

Until recently, most efforts at prevention have been of a kind referred to as secondary prevention, which focuses on individuals identified as being "at risk". One example of a secondary prevention program that has a well-deserved reputation for success is Big Brother/Big Sisters, which uses volunteers to fill some of the gaps in the lives of individual children.

In contrast, primary prevention identifies environmental causes of destructive behaviors and makes changes that support healthy development of all individuals in a community.

Research suggests that the main causes of child abuse, neglect, and mental illness are the forces that dictate a parent's skills and self-image. Some of these forces include:

- \* financial pressures,
- \* divorce and single parenting concerns, and
- \* feelings that result from having grown up in an alcoholic or abusive family.

As a result of radical changes in the structure of our families and communities, parents today do not have the close-knit extended family or safe neighborhood that once provided the informal parenting education or the free "babysitting" that is now known as "respite child care". The grandparents who were once an intimate part of every household have disappeared from the daily lives of most families.

The MCTF Board concludes that primary prevention is the most promising way to create a broad-ranging, low cost impact on these societal needs. While secondary prevention programs have had their successes, they also have some problems that primary prevention avoids. First, it is important not to "label" a target individual or group. Child abuse, neglect, and mental illness occur in every socio-economic group, in all areas of our state. More importantly, secondary prevention programs tend to focus on correcting an existing individual problem, after some damage has already been done. Finally, primary prevention programs are a way for all of us, whether high risk or low risk, to take an active part in choosing community practices and government policies that affect our lives in a positive, well rounded way.

One of the responsibilities of the MCTF is to distribute funds to community prevention programs. In order to make the most widespread use of the limited funds available, the MCTF board has decided to award many small grants to a relatively large number of programs widely distributed throughout the state. 38 projects were funded in 1988 and 43 in 1989, with activities in every county. The maximum award has been \$3,000 in both 1988 and 1989.

The MCTF's funding philosophy incorporates the following goals:

- \* Award as many grants as possible;
- \* Maintain a wide geographic distribution of grant awards;
- \* Fund programs that are community-based with the potential for statewide replication; and
- \* Maintain a simple, "user-friendly" application process to encourage interest from the widest possible range of agencies, organizations, and individuals.

The MCTF has developed a strong collaborative relationship with the Maine Association of Child Abuse and Neglect Councils. Each Council reviews the grant applications from its county. The Councils encourage programs in their communities to develop primary prevention components and, where appropriate, to seek funding from the MCTF.

## ANNUAL BIENNIAL PLAN

The Maine Children's Trust Fund's activities can be divided into three categories: Grants and grantees; public awareness and education; and policy and operations. We have divided our plan into the activities for each year in each of these categories.

### **GRANTS AND GRANTEES:**

#### **FY '89**

- Announcement of Grant Availability and Request for Proposals published September, 1988.
- \$62,411 awarded in January, 1989 to:
  - Twenty-one local child abuse prevention programs
  - Sixteen county child abuse councils
  - Six statewide child abuse prevention programs
- Our forty-three grantees will provide services in the areas of:
  - Family support and parenting education
  - Child care for latchkey families
  - Enhancement of self-esteem and basic living skills among children and youth
  - Prevention education and awareness in local communities.
- Support and monitoring of 1988 grantees will continue and a comprehensive review of their program reports will be conducted.

#### **FY '90**

- Review 1988 RFP process in light of comments and suggestions from the field.
- Revised Request for Proposals will be published in September, 1989 and grants awarded in January, 1990.
- Support and monitoring of 1989 grantees will continue.

## **PUBLIC AWARENESS/EDUCATION**

### **FY '89**

- 1989 Theme, "Help Change the Face of Child Abuse in Maine" invites public participation and support.
- Quarterly newsletter: "Maine Children's Trust Fund - A report on the activities of Maine People working to prevent child abuse"; first issue published January 27, 1989; circulation 1200 - 1500.
- Posters, fact cards and tent cards distributed.
- Radio and television public service announcements.
- Informational coffee for legislators, February, 1989.
- Grants to 16 Child Abuse and Neglect Councils for public awareness programs in their counties
- Grassroots support:
  - Maine Association of Child Abuse and Neglect Councils
  - Coalition for Maine's Children
  - Maine Prevention Network
- Corporate support:
  - H & R Block offices throughout Maine;
  - Central Maine Power
  - Key Bank (a \$12,000 campaign through its 97 branches)
- Campaign evaluation - a comprehensive review will be conducted by the MCTF Board at our May, 1989 Annual Retreat.

### **FY '90**

- '90 campaign will begin in September '89 and reach its peak in January and February, 1990
- Grassroots public awareness activities will be continuous throughout the year with greatest efforts at the beginning of the 1990 tax season.
- Corporate support activities will begin in December 1989, peak in February 1990 and continue through April '90 (National Child Abuse Prevention Month)
- MCTF newsletter will be published quarterly.

## POLICY AND OPERATIONS

FY '89

- Recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature:
  - Examine all bills proposed to the 114th Legislature and submit comments on those selected as affecting our purpose.
- Participate in committees, networks and organizations related to our purpose:
  - State Government- Child Sexual Abuse Committee (IDC); Primary Prevention Committee (Dept. of Corrections); Advisory Committee on Homeless Youth (DECS); Home Economics Education Advisory Board (DECS); Maine Aspirations Compact.
  - Statewide organizations- Maine Prevention Network; Maine Association of Child Abuse and Neglect Councils; Coalition for Maine's Children; Maine Grantmakers; Family Support Task Force.
  - Regional Organizations- New England Coalition for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (NECON); discussions regarding the feasibility of establishing a Regional Resource Center for Community-Wide Approaches to promoting the Health of Children and Families (Maine, N.H. and Vt.) (Human Services Development Institute, USM).
  - National - Participation in the planning of and attendance at the National Conference on Children's Trust Funds; Attendance at the Family Resource Coalition's national Conference, "Families: A National Resource, A National Priority".
- Review and Evaluation of Existing Prevention Programs:
  - Support and monitoring of 39 MCTF grants awarded in April, 1988.
  - Implementation of 43 MCTF grants awarded in January, 1989.
  - Communication and collaboration with other existing prevention programs: 4-H, Girl and Boy Scouts, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Division of Maternal and Child Health, Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Office of Truancy, Dropout and Alternative Education, Maine Aspirations Compact.

POLICY AND OPERATIONS (continued)

FY '90

- Review and Evaluation of Existing Prevention Programs:
  - Comprehensive Review of MCTF activities for FY '88 and FY '89, including: Comments and suggestions from grantees and participants, state agencies, the legislature, the media, the public; results to be compiled, incorporated into our procedures and reported to the Legislature in 1990.
- Recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature:
  - Increased contribution to the policy development and legislative process is our goal.
  - The full range of activities listed for FY '89 is expected to be maintained and expanded in FY '90.
  - A Comprehensive State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect will be developed in FY '90 for presentation to the Governor, the Legislature, and the people of Maine in 1991.

Maine CTF

1989 Fact Sheet

<u>Tax Checkoff Record</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Number of Contributions	18,152	22,482	22,151
Amount Contributed	\$70,597.41	\$96,787.16	\$89,061.55
Average Taxpayer Contribution	\$3.89	\$4.31	\$4.02

<u>Prevention Grants</u>	<u>'88-'89</u>	<u>'89-'90</u>
Number of Individuals Served	7,000	20,000 (projected)
Amount Awarded	\$45,476	\$62,411

<u>Types of Programs</u>	<u>'88-'89</u>		<u>'89-'90</u>	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
a. Family support and parenting education	10	\$16,979	14	\$29,955
b. Child care for "latchkey" families	2	\$4500	1	\$3,000
c. Enhancing self-esteem and building basic skills of children	6	\$9,002	9	\$19,176
d. Prevention education and public awareness	19	\$14,995	19	\$10,280

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Three-year Budget Analysis

	<u>FY '87</u>	<u>FY '88</u>	<u>to Dec. '88</u>	<u>FY '89 Projected Total</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Tax checkoff	\$70,597	\$ 96,787	\$ 89,062	\$ 89,062
Private contributions	-	1,094	623	2,000
Interest on investment	3,101	7,513	4,877	7,000
Federal Challenge Grant	-	25,000	65,000	65,000
Total	<u>73,698</u>	<u>130,394</u>	<u>159,562</u>	<u>163,062</u>
In-kind, H & R Block		\$28,000	\$28,000	
In-kind, Key Bank of Maine		\$15,000	\$12,000	
<u>Expenses</u>				
Salaries	21,861	29,238	15,164	30,878
Benefits	6,426	8,969	4,847	10,870
Total Personal Services	28,287 (38%)	38,207 (29%)	20,010	41,748 (26%)
Bureau of Taxation				
Fee	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Rent/utilities	2,025	3,645	2,010	4,356
Telephone	988	2,869	619	2,400
Travel	2,672	2,352	1,871	2,000
Fees and tuitions	96	160	263	} 2,370
Postage	262	478	500	
Intra-Government Services	41	103	85	
Printing and public notice	116	805	225	
Supplies	470	418	74	200
Sta Cap	-	620	340	680
Equipment	-	-	-	300
Subtotal			27,997	56,054
Unallocated				20,892
Prevention grants	-	45,476	62,411	62,411
Public awareness	-	15,000	3,000	15,000
Permanent Trust Allocation	<u>36,791</u>	<u>18,361</u>	<u>8,705</u>	<u>8,705</u>
TOTAL	\$73,698	\$130,394	\$102,113	\$163,062





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Sabattus Elementary School - \$1900 for a student video project to create video messages about child abuse and show them to students, parents, and other teachers. Contact principal, Betsy McElvein at 375-4526.

Honeycomb Theatre in Augusta - \$2900 for a puppet theater project for Androscoggin and Franklin counties. Contact Bea Rebmann at 623-5301 in Augusta.

A combination of two projects sponsored by the Gateway Elementary School and SAD 24 (both in Van Buren) - \$2500 for a student personal safety program and two after school community centers. Contact Clayton Belanger at Gateway (868-2733) and Thomas Williams at SAD 24 (868-5274).

Reiche School in Portland - \$1000 to purchase materials for various grade levels so students will learn self esteem, personal worth, personal rights and safety. Contact Blanche Mack-Davis at 775-6110.

Ingraham Volunteers in Portland - \$1000 to help fund DIAL KIDS. a telephone hot line staffed by teen peer counselors. Contact Neva Cram at 874-1055.

Mental Health Ass'n of the Cumberland Region, Portland - \$2400 to conduct a public awareness program entitled "Mental Health - Parenting Makes a Difference." Contact Joan Fortin at 772-6222.

ANOTHER CHOICE, Casco - \$2500 for a latch key program for school-aged children before and after the school day. Contact Evora Jordan at 647-5542.

The Windham School Department - \$688 for parenting workshops. Contact Marcia Mullen at 892-6726.

School Union 96 in East Sullivan, Hancock County - \$2300 for a life skills program for elementary school students. Contact Anne White, RN, school nurse at 422-3451.

G. Herbert Jewett School, Bucksport - \$1500 for teaching personal safety awareness and assertiveness skills for kids. Contact Charlotte White, elementary guidance counselor at 469-3013.

H. L. Cottrell School, Monmouth - \$1991 for parenting workshops. Contact Judi Karp, teacher at 933-4426.

Adolescent Pregnancy Coalition, Augusta - \$1500 to help fund "Fast Forward '88," a personal skill-building conference for teens. Contact Marge Clark, executive director at 622-5188.

REACH - Rape Education and Counseling Hot Line, Norway - \$1600 to fund an adolescent sexual assault prevention program at junior high schools and high schools in Oxford County (for students, teachers, and parents). Contact Debbie Dembski, coordinator at 743-9771.

Child Health Center, Norway - \$1500 for the Parent Place, a drop in center for parents in Oxford County. Contact Roy Gedat, executive director, at 743-7034.

The Viola Rand School, Bradley - \$1045 for a personal safety program for students. Contact Jeanne Koehne, elementary guidance counselor at 827-2503.

Womancare/AEGIS Association (domestic violence program in Dover-Foxcroft) - \$702 for Project Self Esteem-Harmony Camp, a day camp for children in Piscataquis County which provides self esteem building activities and opportunities to learn nonviolent problem-solving. Contact Sue Eliason at 564-8165.

Bath-Brunswick Child Care Services - \$1500 for the Family Resource Coalition program called Mom and Me, a parent support program for rural and isolated families. Contact Bonnie Dushin at 725-6506.

The Fine Point, a company run by Robin Miller, Hallowell - \$2500 for children to create video public service announcements and posters containing child abuse prevention messages. Contact Robin Miller at 623-4653.

The Washington County Children's Program - \$2250 for a parent lecture series. Contact Janet Weston at 255-3426 in Machias.

Cooperative Extension Service, Alfred - \$2700 for the York County Parent Aide Program. Contact Eileen Conlon at 324-2814.

Parent Resource Room, Sanford - \$2000 for a neighborhood parent support program. Contact Jacqueline Nolette, director, at 324-1371.

York County Community Action/Headstart - \$700 to create a lending library for parents of children in the Headstart program to supplement Headstart's personal safety curriculum. Contact Mabel Desmarais at 282-6290.

The Poland Before and After School Child Care Program - \$2000 to continue and expand its child care program. Contact Kay Dunn at 998-4915.

In addition each of Maine's 16 counties' child abuse councils is receiving a \$300 grant.



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Twenty-seven projects and each of the sixteen County Child Abuse councils were awarded grants totaling more than \$62,000. The Child Abuse Councils will receive \$300 each for public education activities in their counties. Project grants are described below.

Recipients/Program Descriptions include:

**ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY:**

**ANDROSCOGGIN HOME HEALTH SERVICES** - Amount: \$2,200. Early Intervention for Building Positive Values in Lewiston will provide the Beginning Alcoholism Basic Education Studies (BABES) curriculum to Lewiston school children. (Don Kniseley at 795-4025)

**HONEYCOMB THEATRE** - Amount: \$2,900 for a personal safety curriculum for children, teachers, and parents through puppet theatre. In association with Androscoggin and Franklin County Child Abuse Councils (second year of MCTF funding). (Bea Rebmam at 413-585-5805)

**POLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL, Poland Before and After School Program** - Amount: \$3,000. Child care, extracurricular and remedial education program for students of Poland Community School. (Sandy Wilson at 998-4915)

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY:**

**NORTH MAINE GENERAL HOSPITAL/YOUTH SERVICES** - Amount: \$1,350 for Healthy Education Leads to Prevention, a bi-lingual, bi-cultural family support and parent education program for the Greater Saint John Valley. (Linda Caron at 444-5946)

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY:**

**COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER** - Amount: \$1,200. Arts for Keeps: keepsake folders to be distributed to parents in the community as a simple method of communicating to their children that their art work is worthwhile and that they are worthwhile. (Henry Nielsen at 874-1030)

DAY ONE - DRUG REHABILITATION, INC. - Amount: \$2,000. Substance abuse education program for parents - a five-session course for parents in Greater Portland and Northern York County to help them prevent alcohol and other drug abuse among their children, improve parent-child communications and connect with community parent support systems. (Michael Clifford at 874-1040)

CITY OF PORTLAND PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION - Amount: \$1,450. Child Sexual Abuse Prevention - a Public Health Approach: to develop a health education tool addressing child sexual development that will be incorporated into routine pediatric health care. (Meredith Tipton at 874-8300, ext. 8784)

FRANKLIN COUNTY:

See Honeycomb Theatre above in Androscoggin section.

STRATTON ELEMENETARY SCHOOL - Amount: \$1,600. Teen Conference - Students helping Students: middle school students - with help from parents and teachers - will plan and carry out a teen conference to provide speakers, information, and discussion of the issues facing them. (Sally Boone at 265-5511)

WESTERN MAINE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - Amount: \$2,425. Will develop program of parenting skills and promotion of positive adult-child interaction through parent/child exhibits, a lending library, and community events. (Karen White at 235-2538)

HANCOCK COUNTY:

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S FRIENDS - Amount: \$3,000 for Neighborhood Groups - parent support and education groups with concurrent child play groups will be offered at three sites in Hancock County. (Cynthia Donaldson at 667-8809)

KENNEBEC COUNTY:

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS - Amount: \$2,500 for 4-H KEYS (4-H Kids Experiences at YMCA Site): a joint project of BB/BS, Kennebec Valley YMCA, and Kennebec County 4-H. Will give youth (7-14 yrs.) programs through which they can develop skills that will contribute to a health social, physical and emotional lifestyle. (Mary Alice Crofton at 626-3408)

KNOX COUNTY: No applications.

LINCOLN COUNTY:

PARENT RESOURCE CENTER - Amount: \$3,000 to a Parent Resource Center to fund a volunteer coordinator to recruit and train volunteer "visiting parents" who will make weekly home visits, providing support and education to "participating parents" in Lincoln County. (Marion Goodman at 563-1591)

OXFORD COUNTY:

THE CHILD HEALTH CENTER - Amount: \$1,000. The Child Health Center to provide parenting education and support services to parents in the Oxford Hills area. (Roy Gedat at 743-7035)

RUMFORD GROUP HOME, INC. - Amount: \$1,130. "How 'Ma Doing? Whaddya Care?": a live play created to address issues of adolescence will be performed for junior and senior high school students, parents and teachers and followed by discussion groups led by trained teachers and other community professionals. (Al Monier at 364-3551)

PENOBSCOT COUNTY:

ETNA-DIXMONT SCHOOL - Amount: \$3,000. Parenting Resources and Support Program: a series of workshops for parents, teachers, and students. (Mary Linz at 234-2491)

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY:

PROGRAMS ABOUT LIVING SKILLS (P.A.L.S.) - Amount: \$2,600. Will provide students in the four towns of MSAD #41 with Beginning Alcohol and Basic Education Skills (BABES) program supplemented by speakers, presentations and films to build self-esteem and encourage safe, healthy decision-making. (Ann Sullivan at 965-9471)

WOMANCARE/AEGIS ASSOCIATION - Amount: \$2,526. Harmony Camp - a day camp for Piscataquis County children which teaches problem-solving skills and activities to build self-esteem (second year of funding). (Julianna Plummer or Sue Eliason at 564-8165)

SAGADAHOC COUNTY:

FAMILY RESOURCE COALITION - Amount: \$3,000. MOM and ME will provide families information and support in their role as parents by reducing isolation and building a network of peers through weekly child and parent group meetings (second year of funding). (Bonnie Dushin at 725-6506)

SOMERSET COUNTY: see STATEWIDE

WALDO COUNTY: No applications.

WASHINGTON COUNTY:

REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AT LUBEC - Amount: \$2,000. Teens for Lubec Center (TLC) initial funds for building and equipping a local teen center and recreational program. (Ken Schmidt at 733-5541)

YORK COUNTY:

CHILDREN'S HOUSE DAY CARE CENTER - Amount: \$980. Parent Lending Library will offer a convenient and accessible source for resource materials to promote positive family functioning. (Elizabeth Roper at 985-4027)

THE PARENT CONNECTION - Amount: \$3,000. Neighborhood Parent Education/Support Group will reduce risk of abuse/neglect in families by making parent education information, resources, and support available in Springvale/Sanford and other rural communities (second year of funding). (Jackie Nolette at 324-1317)

STATEWIDE:

STATEWIDE COALITION ON ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY - Amount: \$1,000. FAST FORWARD '89 - a statewide conference for young teens designed to improve adult-teen communication, enhance decision-making skills and encourage critical thinking. (Margaret Pruitt Clark at 622-5188)

THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF MAINE - Amount: \$1,000. FACTS - Families and Children Talking about Sexuality - will provide for printing and distribution of this highly acclaimed parent-child communication magazine to several thousand additional families. (Kathleen Urban at 622-7524)

EDUCATIONAL SKILLS, INC. - Amount: \$2,500. Teens 'N Theatre, Can-do Project - improvisational skits performed by trained teens at schools and community groups will explore school failure, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, and parent-child relationships. (Marti Stevens at 474-7175)

MAINE ASSOCIATION FOR INFANT MENTAL HEALTH - Amount: \$2,000. Child Behavior Management Cards will be placed in public settings that attract parents to raise awareness and understanding for the emotional, behavioral, and psychosocial development of young (0-5) children and the needs of their families. (Jane Weil or Scott Conner at 780-4430)

"TO BE A KID AGAIN" - Amount: \$3,000 to develop, promote, and present a live "theatrical based" program on what it is like to be a child growing up today. (Bill Wood, Harrison, 583-4540)

YWCA INTERVENTION PROGRAM - Amount: \$2,250. Statewide conference of peer programs - 700 teen peer helpers and advisors will share program information and learn new skills. (Sue Dreher at 795-4055)

For more information, contact Raymond C. Cook, Executive Director, at (207) 289-2044.

## MAINE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

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 3726. Review.

*Chapter 1052, Maine Children's Trust Fund, was enacted by Laws 1987, c. 402, § A, 142, effective June 24, 1987.*

*The provisions of Chapter 1052, were originally enacted as Chapter 1081, Maine Children's Trust Fund, consisting of §§ 4081 to 4086 by Laws 1985, c. 441, § 3. Chapter 1081 was repealed by Laws 1987, c. 402, § A, 144, effective June 24, 1987.*

## § 3721. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. **Board.** "Board" means the Board of the Maine Children's Trust Fund.
2. **Eligible organization.** "Eligible organization" means a nonprofit organization, local government or public school system.
3. **Fund.** "Fund" means the Maine Children's Trust Fund.
4. **Prevention programs.** "Prevention programs" means programs, plans or training associated with the prevention of child abuse, child neglect or mental illness or with other factors associated with the physical and emotional well-being of the youth of the State, including strategies to alleviate problems associated with behavior prohibited by law, but not adjudicated as a juvenile crime.

1987, c. 402, § A, 142, eff. June 24, 1987.

## § 3722. Maine Children's Trust Fund

1. **Establishment.** There is established the Maine Children's Trust Fund. It shall receive money deposited by the Treasurer of State pursuant to Title 36, section 5285.

2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the Maine Children's Trust Fund is to provide a mechanism for voluntary contributions by Maine taxpayers through an income tax checkoff for funding of programs designed to prevent abuse, neglect and mental illness among Maine children. This funding is intended primarily to support local prevention programs which do not duplicate other state-funded programs.

1987, c. 402, § A, 142, eff. June 24, 1987.

## § 3723. Board; establishment

1. **Establishment.** The Board of the Maine Children's Trust Fund is established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004, subsection 8.

2. **Membership.** The board shall consist of 9 public members appointed by the Governor. They shall be appointed for terms of 3 years, except of those first appointed, 3 shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, 3 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years and 3 shall be appointed for a term of one year. The public members shall, as far as practicable, be representative of the following groups: Parents; business and labor; the legal community; the religious community; and providers of child abuse and neglect prevention services. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the term vacated.

3. **Officers.** The Governor shall annually appoint one of the public members to serve as chairman of the board. The board may elect, from among its members, other officers and committees as it deems appropriate.

4. **Compensation.** The members shall be compensated according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379.<sup>1</sup>

5. **Meetings.** The board shall meet at least once annually and 5 members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

6. **Advice and consultation.** The Commissioner of Corrections, the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, the Commissioner of Human Services, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Commissioner of Public Safety shall, upon request, provide the board with technical information and advice.

1987, c. 402, § A, 142, eff. June 24, 1987.

<sup>1</sup> Section 12001 et seq. of title 5.

### § 3724. Duties

The board shall have the following powers and duties.

1. **Plan.** The board shall develop an annual, biennial state plan for the distribution of money in the fund and distribute money in accordance with that plan. In developing the plan, the board shall:

- A. Review and evaluate existing prevention programs;
- B. Assure that an equal opportunity exists for the establishment of prevention programs and receipt of fund money among all geographic areas in the State; and
- C. Submit the plan to the Legislature annually.

2. **Exchange of information.** The board shall provide for the coordination and exchange of information on the establishment and maintenance of prevention programs.

3. **Criteria for awarding grants.** The board shall develop rules and publicize criteria for awarding grants to eligible organizations.

4. **Grants.** The board shall review applications for grants and shall approve applications which it considers best address the purposes of the fund.

5. **Review.** The board shall review, approve and monitor the expenditure of grants awarded pursuant to this chapter.

6. **Education.** The board shall provide statewide education and public information to develop public awareness concerning child abuse, neglect and mental illness.

7. **Contracts.** The board may enter into contracts with public or private agencies or accept any grants or gifts from any federal, state or private source to carry out this chapter.

8. **Recommendations.** The board shall make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature concerning changes in state laws, rules, programs or policies which will reduce the problem of child abuse, neglect and mental illness and improve coordination among agencies that provide prevention services.

9. **Rules.** The board shall promulgate rules, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375,<sup>1</sup> to carry out this chapter.

10. **Staff.** The board may employ a full-time executive director and a clerical assistant to serve at the pleasure of the board. The executive director and clerical assistant shall not be subject to the Civil Service Law.<sup>2</sup>

- A. The executive director shall be a person with knowledge and experience in:
  - (1) Writing grants and grant applications;
  - (2) Child neglect and child abuse programs;
  - (3) Review and evaluation of programs; and
  - (4) Supervising employees and implementing policies.

1987, c. 402, § A, 142, eff. June 24, 1987.

<sup>1</sup> Section 8001 et seq. of title 5.

<sup>2</sup> See § 7039 of title 5.

### § 3725. Disbursement of fund money

1. **Procedure.** The board shall, by rule, establish a procedure and form for receipt of applications under this chapter. Upon approval of an application, the board may disburse fund money to eligible organizations for the development or operation of prevention programs under this chapter.

2. **Limit on disbursements.** Of the first \$100,000 of income each year, the amount remaining after payment of operating expenses and expenses for developing public awareness shall be expended by the board in the following proportions: A minimum of 1/3 shall be allocated to the trust fund and up to 2/3 allocated for grants to local programs. One half of the amount of income each year which exceeds \$100,000, but which does not exceed \$500,000, shall be set aside for the development of the trust fund. The board may expend the remainder in accordance with the duties set out in section 4084. The board may not expend the amount of income each year which exceeds \$500,000. For purposes of this section, income includes interest attributed to the fund pursuant to Title 36, section 5285. When the total amount of the fund reaches \$4,000,000, contributions to the fund shall cease, as provided in Title 36, section 5285, and the expenditures by the board shall be limited to the amount of interest credited annually to the fund.

1987, c. 402, § A, 142, eff. June 24, 1987; 1987, c. 769, § A, 76, eff. April 26, 1988.

### § 3726. Review

Beginning in 1987 and every odd numbered year thereafter, this chapter shall be reviewed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resources which shall report its findings together with any recommended legislation to the second regular session of the Legislature.

1987, c. 402, § A, 142, eff. June 24, 1987.