The Children’s Trust Fund of New Mexico

The Children’s Trust Fund was created by State statute in 1978. Our mission is to provide funding and support for the development of innovative and pioneering community-based programs that strengthen the social and emotional bonds between parents and their children.

The primary mission focuses on the importance of preventing child abuse and neglect among all children from birth to adolescence.

Funding from the Children’s Trust Fund is used by agencies to develop and provide new and distinctive programs that are unavailable in a community or geographic area. These unique and innovative projects will address one or more of the following issues:

- Preventing the abuse and neglect of children living in New Mexico;
- Providing medical, psychological or other appropriate treatment for children who are victims of abuse or neglect;
- Developing community-based services aimed at the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect within the State.

The Children’s Trust Fund programs are funded by the sale of marriage license fees, the sale of license plate fees, interest income earned from the fund and the State general fund.

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You can help, too!

By purchasing a license plate for your car, truck or motorcycle, the fee you pay will support the programs funded by the Children’s Trust Fund.

Vehicle License Plates: $42
Motorcycle License Plates: $22
Available at your local Motor Vehicle Office

Programs funded by the Children’s Trust Fund
State Fiscal Year 2012-2013

- Holy Cross Hospital (Taos)
- Las Cumbres Community Services (Española)
- PB&J Family Services Inc. (Albuquerque)
- Sexual Assault Services Northwest (Farmington)
- Socorro General Hospital (Socorro)

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act defines child abuse and neglect as an “act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker, which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation, or an act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm.”

Each year between 2005 and 2010, CYFD Protective Services received over 30,000 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. Almost half of the reports accepted for investigation involved children age five or younger.

The vulnerability of very young children is even more evident in statistics related to child fatalities. Nationally, children younger than four years accounted for nearly 80 percent of child fatalities, while children younger than one year represented approximately 47 percent.
To receive more information about the Children’s Trust Fund or the programs funded by the Children’s Trust Fund, please call:

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Let’s keep our children safe!

Help! Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect!
If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call:

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