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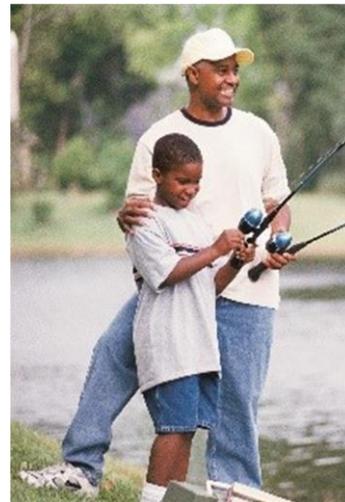


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# 2018 Annual Report



# Strengthening New York's Families

**William B. Hoyt Memorial  
Children & Family Trust Fund**

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## Investing in Prevention

The William B. Hoyt Memorial Children and Family Trust Fund (Trust Fund), was established in 1984. It serves as a dedicated source of funding for the prevention and treatment of family violence, and strengthening of family functioning, in accordance with Article 10-A of the Social Services Law (SSL §§ 481-a through 481-f). Article 10-A of the Social Services Law provides the legal framework for the Trust Fund by defining its focus, funding allocation, and spending structure for funds credited to the Trust Fund (SSL § 481-e). It also establishes the Trust Fund's advisory board (SSL § 481-d) and requires this annual report be submitted to the governor and Legislature (SSL § 481-e(8)).

For more than 30 years, the Trust Fund has been working to strengthen families and prevent family violence in all its forms. At the root of these prevention efforts is the commitment to proactively strengthen families and communities by building protective factors, including parental resiliency, social connections, concrete supports, nurturing and attachment, and knowledge of parenting and child development.

This is critical work. Investing in prevention reduces the need for costly intervention across multiple service systems resulting from child abuse and maltreatment. The significant long-term costs to society that result from child abuse and maltreatment are well documented.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) most recent data indicates that at least one in seven children have experienced child abuse and/or neglect in the past year. According to the CDC, child abuse and neglect and other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can have a tremendous impact on broader lifelong health and well-being outcomes if left untreated. The CDC-Kaiser ACEs study is one of the largest studies of childhood abuse and neglect on later-life health and well-being (<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/about.html>). The consequences of chronic abuse may result in toxic stress and make victims more vulnerable to problems such as post-traumatic stress disorder, conduct disorder, learning, attention, and memory difficulties (<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/CAN-factsheet.pdf>).

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Intimate partner violence programs work with families who are experiencing or are at risk of family violence. These programs were funded using Trust Fund state and federal dollars. Services include parenting education and support, abusive partner intervention, therapeutic visitation services, and joint planning and consultation for survivors of intimate partner violence. The CDC data indicates nearly one in four adult women and approximately one in seven adult men report having experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime.

(<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/ipv-factsheet.pdf>).

The prevention of intergenerational abuse (elder abuse), another aspect of family violence, is also addressed through the Trust Fund. In Trust Fund-supported intergenerational abuse prevention programs, services are targeted to adults over age 60 at risk of psychological, physical or sexual abuse, and financial exploitation by family members. According to the CDC, in 2008 one in 10 adults age 60 and above reported emotional, physical or sexual abuse or potential neglect

(<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/em-factsheet-a.pdf>).

The CDC estimated the total lifetime economic burden resulting from new cases of fatal and non-fatal child abuse and neglect cases arising in one year in the United States to be approximately \$124 billion. Recognizing the relationship between child abuse and maltreatment, intimate partner violence and intergenerational abuse, the Trust Fund supports three types of programs: child abuse and maltreatment prevention and parent education, including Family Resource Centers and statewide public education initiatives; intimate partner violence prevention and intervention; and intergenerational abuse prevention, intervention and community education. It does this primarily by funding community-based resources that serve to strengthen individual and community capacity to preserve the health and safety of children and vulnerable adults, promote strong and stable families, and contribute to thriving communities. The Trust Fund's investment in prevention programs improve the lives of children, youth, vulnerable adults and families. This is accomplished by increasing the protective factors of families at greater risks.

## Program Priorities

Trust Fund priorities are to build partnerships with families, support the social and emotional well-being of children and link families to critical resources. The goal is for all families to raise healthy children and contribute to their communities in meaningful ways. Programs acknowledge the challenges facing families on a daily basis. These challenges often include multiple obstacles, such as poverty, intimate partner violence, substance abuse, and mental health concerns. Through effective intervention, parents, caregivers, and families can improve their ability to develop and maintain a safe, stable environment for themselves and their children.

The Trust Fund supports both primary and secondary prevention programs. Primary prevention programs strengthen families to prevent family violence in all forms before it takes place. Secondary prevention programs address early signs or risk factors of family violence to prevent system intervention and/or further harm. Programs partner with families to identify strengths and skills, build capacities, and assist with challenges.

Trust Fund programs employ a universal approach of building on individual strengths in the context of their communities and culture. Program staff partner with families to build skills, avoid harm, reduce the need for costly interventions, and create brighter futures.

The Trust Fund priorities are aligned with strategies listed in the OCFS *Child Welfare Practice Model* <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/prevention/CW%20Practice%20Model.pdf>. Funded providers utilize these strategies, including Family Resource Centers, home visiting, parenting programs, and trauma-informed services to achieve positive outcomes for families.

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## Meaningful Outcomes

The Trust Fund provides financial supports to a wide range of services designed to strengthen and support families.

In 2018, more than 164,000 adults and children accessed crucial support and resources from 25 program providers who received funding from the Trust Fund. Outcomes attained by those individuals include the following:

- Improved factors that protect against child abuse and maltreatment

- Improved safety for children, adults, and elders exposed to family violence
- Reduced incidents of abusive head trauma (Shaken Baby Syndrome)
- Increased knowledge of safe sleep environments for infants
- Increased awareness of elder abuse
- Community awareness and education for the prevention of abuse of children and vulnerable adults

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*“This class illuminated what my strengths are and where I can improve.” Parent who attended “Thriving with Your Spirited Child” parent workshop through Cornell Cooperative Ext. Tompkins County.*

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These outcomes aligned with efforts at the local, state, and federal level to promote the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families.

## **Building Protective Factors and Promoting Well-Being**

In 2018, all prevention programs continued to focus their efforts on building protective factors in families and communities. The Trust Fund supported innovative strategies to meet the needs of individuals served by building protective factors within families and communities, and to promote well-being for children by

- providing both evidence-based and innovative parenting education strategies to build parents’ skills, confidence and knowledge;
- bringing families together to reduce social isolation, and to provide opportunities to build supportive networks;
- empowering parents to take leadership roles by serving on advisory boards and planning and leading program activities, and advocating for families in their communities;
- reaching out across systems to educate the community, collaborate, and find safety for elder abuse victims;
- providing therapeutic counseling services for children, teens, and adult survivors of intimate partner violence; and

- collaborating with providers of concrete services to expand access to needed resources, including food pantries, facilitated enrollment for health insurance, developmental screenings, and early intervention.

## **2018 Highlights**

### **Community Prevention Initiatives**

#### **New York State Parenting Education Partnership**

In 2018, the Trust Fund provided support to the New York State Parenting Education Partnership (NYSPEP) engaging four communities in parenting education work. These community initiatives were in the following counties:

- Kids on Track Steuben (Steuben County)
- Tompkins Families! (Tompkins County)
- State Island Perinatal Network (Richmond County)
- Orange County Parenting Coalition (Orange County)

Through a competitive bid process, communities were awarded \$5,000 to support their work. The communities have been immersed in the Protective Factors Framework and have been trained by NYSPEP to conduct Community Cafés in their community. Community Cafés provide a safe space for parents to connect with one another through guided conversations on current topics within their community. NYSPEP continues to provide technical support throughout the grant period by hosting monthly Learning Collaborative calls with the community leads and providing assistance in developing their respective “Strong Roots” trainings. The trainings will be held in 2019 in Orange, Steuben, Tompkins, and Richmond county. Four professional development webinars have been scheduled, on topics, including Nurturing Fathers, Designing and Leading Parenting Classes for Expectant Parents, Toxic Stress in Young Children, and Family Strengthening and Support.

#### **Prevent Child Abuse New York (PCANY)**

In 2018, with financial support from the Trust Fund, Prevent Child Abuse New York led regional child abuse prevention initiatives and events. The overarching goal was focused on implementing child abuse prevention solutions in four areas:

- Protective Factors Framework
- Parent Engagement
- Public Awareness

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*“Here I feel comfortable to talk to people about my problems, without fear of being judged.”*  
*Parent attending parent workshop*

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- Sexual Abuse Prevention (Enough Abuse Campaign).

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PCANY fulfilled the role of convener and offered training opportunities as well as provided staff support for ongoing community efforts. The existing Enough Abuse community coalition provided support with the work and assisted in identifying key participants in each of the regions. The participants included Healthy Families New York, Family Resource Centers (FRCs), parent leadership initiatives, intimate partner violence, community-based programs, child advocacy centers, child care resource and referral programs, school districts, early childhood providers, county departments of social services, BOCES, and other partners.

The three regions in which these efforts were focused include the North Country (centered in Jefferson/St. Lawrence counties), Erie County, and Albany County. The regional focus was developed around the four primary prevention strategies. Staff worked with both parent leaders and professionals to assess current efforts, identify appropriate prevention approaches, and implement strategies for achieving these approaches. Training needs of these communities were assessed and found that trainings specific to education on the Protective Factors was not readily available. This expressed need resulted in 36 trainings related to the Protective Factors. The trainings varied with intensities based on the needs of the audience. A total of 2,660 professionals and parents received education about the Protective Factors.

## **Standards of Quality**

OCFS continues to utilize the Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support (The Standards) for child abuse prevention programs funded by the Trust Fund. The standards integrate the Principles of Family Support practice and the research-based, evidence-informed Protective Factors Framework. The standards are designed to be used by various types of family-strengthening and support programs. The program's self-assessment tool addresses the following areas: family centeredness, family strengthening, embracing diversity, community building and evaluation. The tools are used for planning, providing, and assessing quality practice. The standards provide a common language and expectations in the various prevention models, including FRCs, home visiting programs, parenting education programs and clinical program that receive funding from the Trust Fund.

The standards program self-assessment tool is completed by teams of program staff and stakeholders, including parents. The tools determine the level of quality of the services that are being provided to families. In addition, the tool provides guidance as to how the program can increase quality of services. The assessments are submitted to OCFS program managers on an annual basis for review and feedback. Programs develop an implementation plan based on the findings of the self-assessments to increase the level of quality of services being offered. When completed, programs implement the necessary elements to move the quality of services to a higher standard.

The majority of program staff became certified in the standards in 2017, and with the certification being valid for two years, there was less of a need for trainings in 2018. Two trainings were held, and an additional 34 participants became certified. Based on feedback from programs, there have been an expressed need for training on developing parent advisory committees. In September 2018, the Trust Fund hosted **Developing and Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committees** training. Twenty-eight participants attended.

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## Data Driven Program Improvement

OCFS is committed to using data to support ongoing program improvement efforts and for improving outcomes for families. In 2018, OCFS engaged in several key efforts to expand its capacity to collect and utilize data on program services and outcomes across the wide range of program models it supports. Specifically, OCFS focused on the following:

- Providing technical assistance and support to program sites regarding entering data into the Community-Based Prevention Programs Data Management System
- Soliciting feedback from system users as to functionality and reporting needs
- Updating and enhancing the data management system based on user feedback
- Developing and programming automated reports to support monitoring of program practices and outcomes
- Examining program activities to inform the development of performance indicators and targets,

and to support continuous quality improvement efforts.

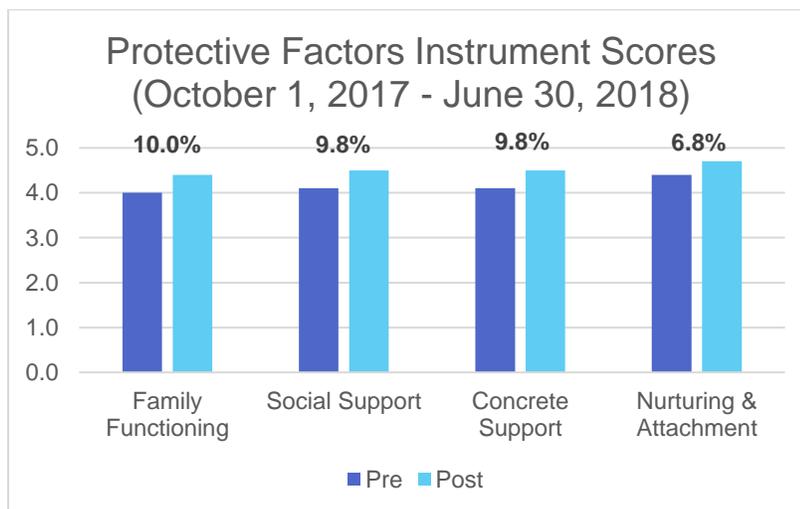
The Bureau of Program and Community Development staff partnered with the OCFS Bureau of Research, Evaluation, and Performance Analytics (BREPA) and the Center of Human Services Research (CHSR) to provide support for each of these activities. Together, this work group has developed 12 reports with documentation for each. CHSR continues to provide one-on-one telephone and email support to address any data management system issues that arise.

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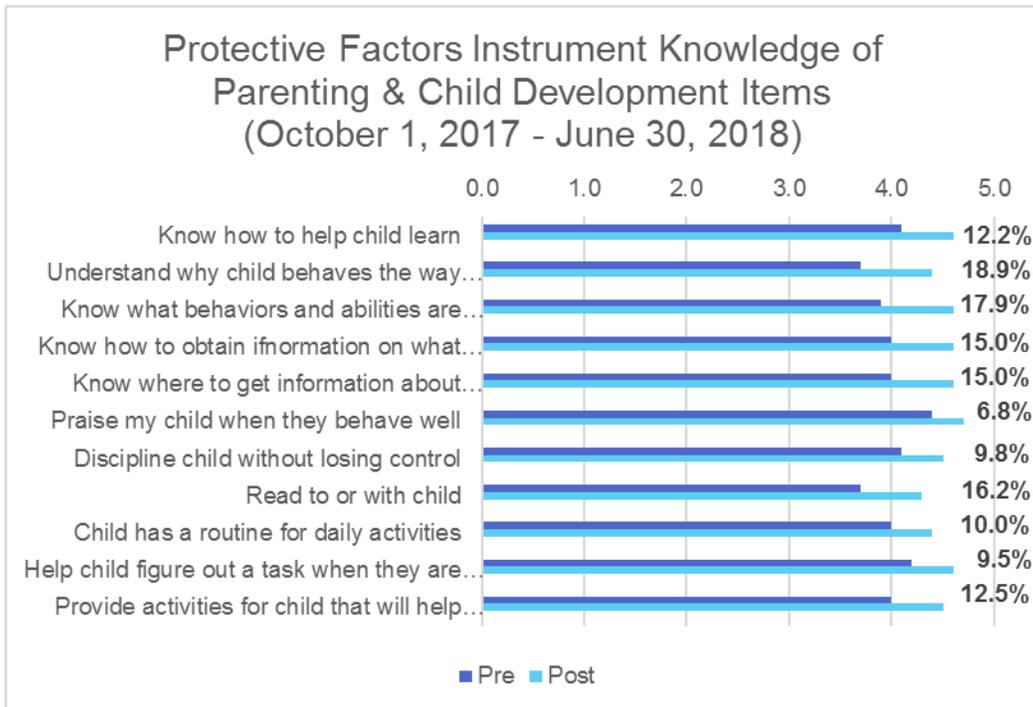
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Program results and outcomes are evaluated at the end of each quarter and annually. As shown in the figure below, there were substantial increases in each of the four categories of the Protective Factors Instrument (PFI) indicating that program services were effective in increasing protective factors for families.



Given the diversity in activities that it assesses, Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development is not measured in the same manner as the other categories. However, examination of this area suggests that program services are also very effective in developing families' capacity to support their children in a positive way. Some of the greatest improvements in scores from pretest to posttest were for items such as "I understand why my child behaves the way he/she does" (18.9 percent), "I know what behaviors and abilities are normal for my child's current developmental stage" (17.9 percent), and "I read to or with my child" (16.2 percent).

See the figure below for additional items.



Each funded program is required to use some form of a participant satisfaction survey, and programs include feedback from surveys in their quarterly program reports. The PFI posttest survey also includes questions on participant satisfaction with the program. Responses are entered into the Community-Based Prevention Programs Data Management System. A report is currently being programmed that will allow individual program sites and OCFS to summarize this information.

## **Public Education Enough Abuse Campaign**

The Trust Fund continued to provide support to address the ongoing problem of child sexual abuse. The campaign focuses on building community and individual adult responsibility for preventing child sexual abuse. Its three key strategies are to 1) educate adults and mobilize communities to establish formal infrastructures to plan, implement and evaluate local prevention programs and strategies; 2) educate parents, youth, professionals, and other adults about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it; and 3) strengthen the capacity of youth-serving organizations to prevent sexual abuse of the children in their care.

There are currently eight sites in the following counties:

Broome, Cayuga, Erie, Jefferson/Lewis/St. Lawrence/Clinton counties (including the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation), Nassau, Rensselaer, Steuben and Yates, Inc., and Tompkins. Each site receives guidance and support from a local partnership of community programs and agencies, the statewide New York Partnership for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention, and its Community Site Support Committee.

In 2018, one 126 trainings were delivered and 1,977 individuals received education. The campaign also hosted five training-of-the-trainer sessions, resulting in 40 additional trainers to support the campaign.

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*In 2018, one hundred and twenty-six trainings were delivered and one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven individuals received education about the prevention of child sexual abuse.*

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## **Safe Babies New York Program (SBNY)**

The Trust Fund began supporting the project in 1998, then known as the New York State Shaken Baby Prevention Project, in a few counties in western New York. Education was provided to the parents of newborns around preventing abusive head trauma (AHT). After research documented a 50 percent decrease in AHT in those counties, the project expanded and covered all of New York State.

SBNY continued to flourish by expanding to provide education around safe sleep environments. In conjunction with educational videos, nurses distributed literature, which delivered both the “safe sleep” and the “never shake a baby” messages, to support these strategies for keeping children safe. Since the inception of SBNY and with the successful outcomes of the project, legislation was created requiring hospitals to offer parents of newborns the option to view a video on the dangers of shaking a baby as well as ways to cope with a crying child. More recent legislation expanded the requirements to include providing parents of newborns with information about safe sleep practices. This information is to be offered to parents prior to discharge from the hospital. There were challenges with the legislative mandates and the SBNY project. These challenges included OCFS and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) having similar requirements and providing various materials around the same subject matter. A decision was made for OCFS to bring SBNY to a close. In preparation for this, OCFS provided leadership by bringing together the SBNY programs and DOH, sharing lessons learned and identifying effective information delivery methods for hospitals to meet the legislative requirement, while retaining the quality of the SBNY services delivery. OCFS funded an extension period to support the SBNY

programs in providing guidance and technical assistance to hospitals in transitioning solely to DOH materials.

## Educational Materials Provided

In an ongoing effort to enhance public education around critical child safety issues, the Trust Fund facilitates the distribution of publications to local departments of social services, health agencies, child care agencies, and community programs. These materials include tip sheets, brochures, magnets, and other items with information about safe sleep environments, coping with infant crying, and additional topics available through the OCFS website: [http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/safe\\_sleep\\_video.asp](http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/safe_sleep_video.asp)

In 2018, 50,834 publications were provided, reaching families throughout New York State.

Publications can be ordered or downloaded from the OCFS website at:

<http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/prevention/resources.asp>

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## Funding

OCFS continues to administer funds from two sources to financially support Trust Fund programs: the federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) grant, which is part of Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and a state funded appropriation. OCFS administers these funds in accordance with Article 10-A of the Social Services Law section 481-e.

In 2018, the federal funds portion supported work related to child abuse and maltreatment prevention programs, intimate partner violence prevention programs, and statewide prevention education, including Prevent Child Abuse New York and Safe Babies New York. State funds supported child abuse and maltreatment prevention programs, intergenerational abuse prevention programs, and intimate partner violence prevention programs.

In addition to state and federal funding, Trust Fund programs attract other sources of support. In the funding cycle beginning September 1, 2017, Trust Fund programs secured more than **\$1,763,532** of their budgets from sources outside of the Trust Fund. These sources included grants from private foundations, in-kind services, cash donations, and local government support. Trust Fund

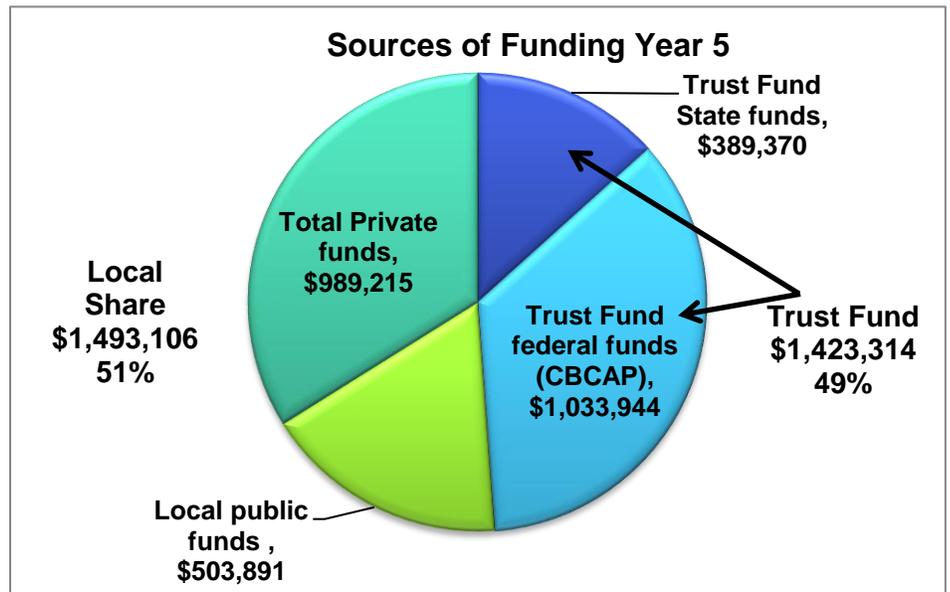
financial support is spread across three program types. The chart below delineates funding awarded in 2017 for each type of program.

Service Type	Trust Fund <i>state allocation</i>	Trust Fund <i>federal funds (CBCAP)</i>	Local Public Funds <i>other public entities</i>	Private Funds <i>donations, in-kind services, other grants</i>	Value <i>of Services delivered to children and adults</i>
Child Abuse Prevention	\$192,055	\$978,339	\$357,284	\$968,672	\$2,496,350
Intimate Partner Violence Prevention	\$77,315	\$55,605	\$71,607	\$500	\$205,027
Elder Abuse Prevention	\$120,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$20,043	\$215,043
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$389,370</b>	<b>\$1,033,944</b>	<b>\$503,891</b>	<b>\$989,215</b>	<b>\$2,916,420</b>

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Trust Fund programs secured more than **\$1,493,106** of their budgets from sources outside of the Trust Fund.

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The chart below depicts the amount of Trust Fund dollars programs spent on administrative costs.

Program Type	Child Abuse Prevention	Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Programs	Elder Abuse Prevention	Totals
Amount	\$64,152	\$3,651	\$15,626	\$83,429

## Funded Programs

### Child Abuse Prevention

The largest portion of Trust Fund dollars is devoted to the prevention of child abuse and maltreatment. In 2018, 15 child abuse and maltreatment prevention programs provided services in 18 counties. Programs provided home visits with families, formal and informal parenting education, kinship services, and therapeutic services for children and caregivers. Programs are targeted to families with children aged 0-5 years with identified risk factors for child abuse and maltreatment. This includes families living in poverty, families experiencing intimate partner violence, pregnant and parenting teens, rural families, families with disabilities, and refugee populations.

The Protective Factors Framework is incorporated in all Trust Fund work related to child abuse and maltreatment prevention. This includes contracts with community-based organizations, collaborations with other state agencies, and initiatives with federal funders.

### Family Resource Centers

Family Resource Centers (FRCs) continue to be a key program model that is used in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. FRCs are community-based, family focused and culturally sensitive. They are based on local needs, building on existing partnerships, including local department of social services, and expanding collaboration with other community organizations. FRCs are accessible for all, but have an emphasis on families caring for children from birth to five years of age, with stressors that place them at higher

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*“This program has helped me and my children learn positive and helpful ways to handle stress”- Parent who attended the Niagara Falls School District FRC*

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risk of child abuse or maltreatment. FRCs that receive financial support from the Trust Fund provide the following:

- Evidence-based parenting education curriculum
- Informal parenting education
- Child development activities
- Caregiver-child interactions
- Peer socialization and support
- Nutrition and health related education
- Parent leadership development
- Referral and resource information

Additional strength-based services and resources are provided depending on the specific needs and resources of the communities they serve.

In 2018, the Trust Fund staff facilitated one statewide meeting, and there were regional meetings of Trust Fund programs. The meetings provide opportunities for staff to participate in discussions about issues, including training and technical assistance for evaluations, service delivery, creative outreach, and community education. The regional meetings focused on local and regional concerns and matters. In addition to funded programs, FRCs that did not receive Trust Fund financial support were invited to attend the meetings as well.

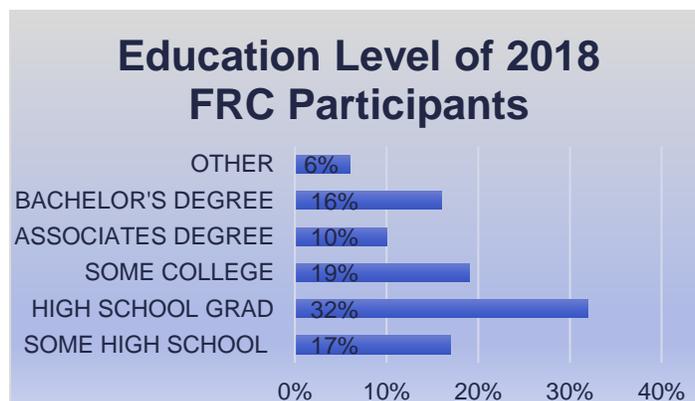
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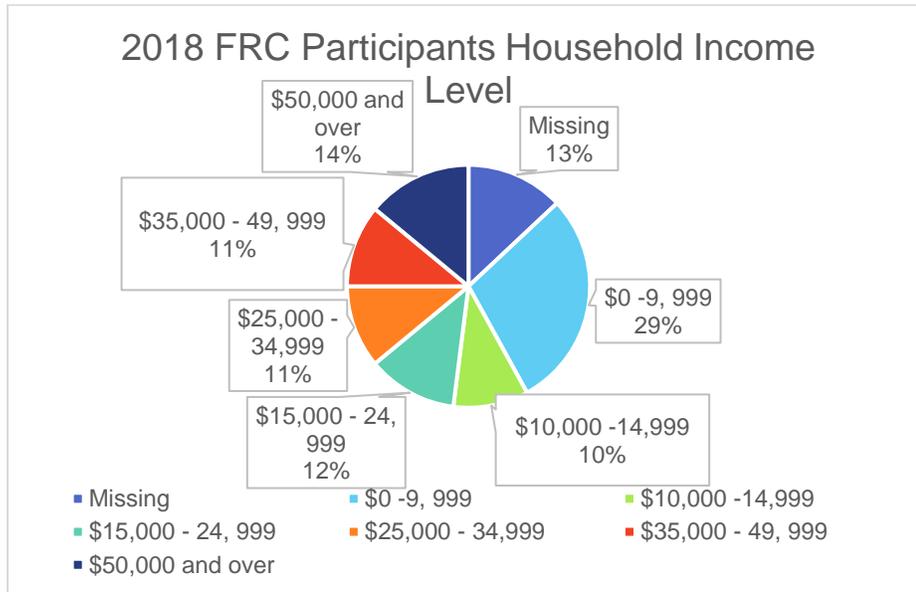
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## Populations Served

In 2018, forty-nine percent of participants reported not having additional education beyond a high school diploma or GED. Seventeen percent of participants report not having completed high school.



In 2018, 82 percent of families served in FRC programs had household incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold. Twenty-nine percent of FRC participants had household incomes below \$10,000, regardless of family size. The proportion of participants with incomes below \$15,000 was 39 percent, and 51 percent of families had incomes below \$25,000.




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*In 2018, 63 percent of families served in FRC programs had household incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold.*

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A review of utilization data from FRCs indicates that the centers have successfully engaged families with the following risk factors: those with low income, those with low educational attainment, those coping with unemployment, single parents, teen parents, families with a parent/guardian with a disability and those with a child with a disability, and those concerned about meeting basic needs for food, housing, and safety. In 2018, 29 percent of families registered at FRCs reported at least one of these risk factors; 57 percent reported two or more.

The following is a list of FRCs funded by the Trust Fund in 2018 using federal dollars from the federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention grant. The amounts below reflect the fifth-year spend-down number of 50 percent of the original grants, except where indicated.

### **Association to Benefit Children**

New York County/East Harlem

\$49,000

This FRC offers support to low-income families, single parents, and families receiving preventive services through the New York City Administration for Children's Services. Services include *Child-Parent Psychotherapy*, case management, and *Parenting Journey* – an evidence-based parenting education curriculum.

### **Child Care Coordinating Council of the North Country**

Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties/Plattsburgh, Tupper Lake, Elizabethtown, Malone

\$49,000

The Adirondack Family Resource Center Network is comprised of three FRCs with an emphasis on engaging families with low-income, low educational attainment, or a family member with a disability. Services include parenting support groups, *Incredible Years* evidence-based parenting education curricula, parent support, developmental screenings, parent-child play and social groups, and connection to community resources.

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*“My kids will come and tell me that things are different! I am different! I can see that change too! And we all like it. Things are working better now”.*

*Parent*

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### **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tioga County**

Tioga County/Owego, Waverly

\$49,000

The Owego and Waverly FRCs provide targeted outreach to families referred by the local departments of social services, and to low-income, single, and teen parents. Services include a safe, comfortable well-equipped indoor play space for parents and their children, regular drop-in play hours, educational programming, recreational family activities, parenting education, and *Incredible Years* evidence-based parenting education delivered in the home.

### **Hillside Children's Center**

Monroe County/Rochester

\$49,000

Peter Castle and Southwest FRCs, while welcoming all families, target outreach on engaging Latino parents, fathers with young children, teen parents, and kinship households. Services include *Parents As Teachers* (PAT) home visiting and *Incredible Years* – both evidence-based parenting education curricula, kinship support, and early childhood education classrooms.

**Rising Ground, Inc. (formerly Leake and Watts)**

Bronx County/Bronx

\$49,000 (Year 4)

The Soundview FRC targets outreach to teen parents, kinship caregivers, caregivers with mental health needs, families with children with disabilities, and low-income residents of Community District Nine. Program activities include: *Strengthening Families Program* and *Parenting Journey*, an evidence-informed, promising practice model for parenting education and peer support; infant and toddler play groups; parenting skills classes; recreational family activities; computer lab and résumé writing/job search workshops; facilitated access to medical and mental health services; and linkage to community supports and opportunities for community involvement and parent leadership.

**Niagara Falls City School District**

Niagara County/Niagara Falls

\$49,000

Focus on Families FRC Network comprises four centers located in three elementary schools and the school district's Community Education Center. With targeted outreach to teen parents, low income families, and parents with children with disabilities, the centers provide parenting education using the evidence-based *Incredible Years*, structured playgroups, story hour, and family recreational activities. Van transportation is provided to programs, and home visits by Family Support Workers provide assistance with accessing needed services and resources.

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*“My worker has an open mind and listens to me without judging me, there are no negatives about this program, and I think more people need to be aware of it.” Parent participant at Pro Action of Steuben and Yates*

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### **Pro Action of Steuben and Yates**

Steuben County/Addison, Bath, Corning, Hornell  
\$49,000

The Steuben Family Enrichment Collaborative includes four FRCs with services to support teen parents, fathers, and families with mental health needs and disabilities. Services include evidence-informed parenting education models *Parenting with Heart*, *Flexible Families* and *24/7 Dads*. Home visits are provided for more isolated families.

### **Other Child Abuse Prevention Programs**

In addition to FRCs, the Trust Fund awarded funds to eight other child abuse and maltreatment prevention programs in 2018. These programs partner with families to provide home visits, parenting education, therapeutic services for children and parents, and engagement of teen parents and refugee families. Programs collaborate with local departments of social services, when appropriate, to promote stretching New York's safety net for children and families. These programs were funded using Trust Fund state and federal dollars.

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*"I liked how the parenting class was taught and that I was able to understand everything, and that extra time was allocated for me to be able to complete the program."*

Parent

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### **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany**

Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady counties/Albany, Troy, Schenectady  
\$49,000

Community Maternity Services provides intervention and support services to relative caregivers and their children including peer support groups and parenting education, utilizing the *Families Organized to Cope, Understand and Succeed* (FOCUS) curriculum to identify and strengthen protective factors in kinship caregiver families.

### **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County**

Tompkins County/Groton, Ithaca, Dryden and Newfield  
\$49,000

Groton's Families, in partnership with the Tompkins County DSS Family Assessment Response (FAR) initiative, offers *Cornell Parenting Series* parenting workshops, mutual support groups, family fun events, and Community Café conversations to complement local activities for families with young children.

**Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families**

New York County/Central and East Harlem

\$49,000

The Children’s Therapy Program addresses trauma symptoms for children who have witnessed intimate partner violence through *Child-Parent Psychotherapy* (CPP) for children ages five and younger, *Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy* (TF-CBT) for children five and older, and case management and support services for parents.

**The Children’s Village (formerly Inwood House)**

New York City/All five boroughs

\$49,000

The *Parenting Support through Video Programming* (PSV) enhances parent and child bonding and builds positive parenting skills of young parents. The program uses video to capture parent-child interaction and assists parents in identifying their strengths to increase their skills. The program is offered through 13 weeks of home visits.

**Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County**

Erie County/Buffalo

\$49,000 (federal funds)

Parenting education and support services provided to resettled refugees using the evidence-based program the *Incredible Years*, modified for the languages and cultures of the target population. Services are offered in partnership and coordination with other agencies providing services to refugees.

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*“Now I know how to approach my child in a better way” -Father attending classes at The Family Center*

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**Sunset Park Health Council dba Lutheran Family Health Centers**

Kings County/Brooklyn

\$49,000 (federal funds)

This expansion of the evidence-based *Parent Child Home Program* provides home visits twice a week for two years to new immigrants to support family literacy, build on parenting skills, including age-appropriate expectations and limit setting, and offers new approaches to parenting.

**The Family Center**

Kings County/Brooklyn

\$49,000 (federal funds)

Early Support for Lifelong Success (ESLS)-Brooklyn provides parenting education, support, and family activities

to promote healthy parent/child relationships and parent responsiveness to children's needs. ESLS is offering the evidence-based *Triple P: Positive Parenting Program* as well as *Parenting Journey* for parenting education and peer support.

**Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.**

Westchester County/Yonkers

\$49,000 (federal funds)

This program is designed to support parents and children (ages six and younger) who have experienced intimate partner violence by providing 10 weeks of evidence-informed *Moms' Empowerment Group* sessions with a parallel *Preschool Kids' Club Program*. Home visits and case management services are also provided.

**Intimate Partner Violence Prevention**

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) prevention programs work with families experiencing, or at risk of, family violence. These programs were funded using Trust Fund state and federal dollars. Services include parenting education and support, abusive partner intervention, therapeutic visitation services, and joint planning and consultation for intimate partner victims.

The following is a list of IPV programs awarded funding in 2018.

**The Children's Aid Society**

New York County/Manhattan

\$40,000

Innovative program providing victim support services, abusive partner education and intervention, child therapy, and therapeutic visitation services. Recipients are referred from the New York City Administration for Children's Services or the court system.

**Orange County Safe Homes, Inc.**

Orange County/Newburgh

\$40,000

Co-location of an IPV advocate at the Child Protective Services office provides protocol development, case

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*"I realize and feel one hundred percent that my daughters deserve what I never received, and that is to see me own up to my actions, apologize, and talk with them."*

*Father attending The Children's Aid Society*

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consultation, home visits, cross-training, and joint safety planning for IPV victims and their children.

**My Sister's Place, Inc.**

Westchester County/ Mt. Vernon

\$55,605 (federal funds) (Year4)

Co-location of an IPV advocate at the Mount Vernon Child Protective Services office. The IPV advocate provides protocol development, case consultation, home visits, cross-training, and joint safety planning for IPV victims and their children.

**Intergenerational Abuse Prevention**

The prevention of intergenerational abuse, another aspect of family violence, is also addressed through the Trust Fund. In Trust Fund supported intergenerational abuse prevention programs, services are targeted to adults over age 60 at risk of psychological, physical or sexual abuse, and financial exploitation by family members. Services include case management, counseling, advocacy, and community education. Three intergenerational abuse prevention programs were awarded funding in 2018. These programs provided services to 337 elders experiencing abuse or exploitation. In addition, education was provided to 2,291 professionals and community members.

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*"I am more confident in what to do after our conversation." Adult daughter of parent receiving services from Life Span of Greater Rochester, Inc."*

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**Family Services of Westchester, Inc.**

Westchester County/Mount Vernon

\$40,000

Program serves the elderly at risk of or experiencing abuse in Westchester County, to increase safety, provide case management, and support services. Community education and training are also provided. Participation in an enhanced multidisciplinary team (EMDT) provides coordinated community response.

**Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc.**

Monroe County/Rochester

\$40,000

Lifespan partners with Ibero, Inc. to serve elder Latinos and elders in health care settings who are not eligible for Adult Protective Services Information and referral and investigations, case management, and respite services are provided to improve safety. Training is provided to

healthcare providers in elder abuse identification and appropriate response.

### **Victim Information Bureau of Suffolk, Inc. (VIBS)**

Suffolk County

\$40,000

VIBS expanded existing elder abuse services to focus on at-risk seniors with mild cognitive impairment, and language and cultural barriers within the Latino community. Services include court advocacy and accompaniment, counseling and support for elders experiencing abuse, training for Adult Protective Services staff and other professionals working with the elder population, and educational workshops for seniors.

### **Statewide Initiatives**

The Trust Fund allocated state and federal resources to support statewide training, public education, and a parent helpline in collaboration with key community partners.

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New York reached  
more than 159, 000  
families of newborns.*

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### **Prevent Child Abuse New York (PCANY)**

\$250,000

Prevent Child Abuse New York, a long-standing partner of the Trust Fund, shares the mission to support the safety and well-being of all children and families. The agency addresses individual, community, and societal responsibility for child abuse prevention through four interrelated strategies: the Parent Helpline, NYSPEP, and prevention education, including the New York State Enough Abuse Campaign and the Regional Child Abuse Prevention Initiatives and Events that were described in the Public Education and Community Prevention Initiatives sections.

The Trust Fund continues to provide support to the Parent Helpline. The Parent Helpline provides direct assistance in the form of information and referrals to parents, family members, service providers and other community members. Eight hundred and thirty-six families and professionals were served in 2018.

### **Safe Babies New York**

Safe Babies New York (SBNY) engaged nurses at 125 hospitals to provide education on Abusive Head Trauma, also known as Shaken Baby Syndrome, and safe sleeping practices before families leave the hospital with their

newborn children. Families meet with a nurse, receive written materials, view videos, and may choose to sign a statement affirming their participation in the program. In 2018, the program reached 159,641 families.

SBNY is administered by WMC-NY and Kaleida Health.

**WMC-NY (Westchester Medical Center)**

Hudson Valley Region/New York City/Long Island  
\$100,000

**Kaleida Health (Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo)**

Upstate New York/Central New York/Western New York  
\$100,000

## **Other Partnerships and Initiatives**

In addition to working directly with funded programs, the Trust Fund participates in initiatives and partnerships at the state and national level. This work builds community capacity and promotes the protective factors that all families need to provide a nurturing and safe environment for their children.

### **New York State Parenting Education Partnership (NYSPEP)**

NYSPEP was created to increase the availability of high quality parenting education programs. NYSPEP is jointly led by Prevent Child Abuse New York, the New York State Council on Children and Families, OCFS (Trust Fund), and the New York State Office of Mental Health. NYSPEP initiatives include issuing a Parenting Educator credential, and providing professional development trainings and community initiatives across the state, both in person and via webinars. With support from the Trust Fund, NYSPEP sponsored a presentation called *“Understanding the Impact of ACEs and PTSD on Parenting: Moving from What's Wrong to What Happened?”* as part of the annual Spring 2018 meeting. The focus was on the impact of trauma on parenting. Following the keynote address, participants engaged in Community café-style discussions. There were 108 attendees.

NYSPEP also offers mini grants annually to improve access to evidence-based parenting education programs with a focus on building protective factors. For more information, visit the NYSPEP website at [www.nyspep.org](http://www.nyspep.org).

## **National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds**

The National Alliance of Children’s Trust and Prevention Funds (National Alliance) is the member organization for trust funds including all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. As a member of the National Alliance, the Trust Fund is part of the national voice for strengthening families and reducing child abuse and neglect across the country. For more information on the National Alliance, go to [www.ctfalliance.org](http://www.ctfalliance.org).

## **National Family Support Network**

The National Family Support Network (NFSN) consists of existing and emerging networks of Family Resource Centers and other family support and strengthening organizations. Membership provides opportunities to learn about other models of family strengthening and support programs, best practices in the field. Membership offers opportunities to participate in trainings, conferences and webinars. In addition, membership also allows OCFS to connect with other member networks to enhance the effectiveness of services.

## **Publications**

The Trust Fund issues publications related to children and families. These publications can be requested at <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/prevention/resources.asp>. Many of these publications are available in languages other than English and can be downloaded directly from the website. Publications include:

- Trust Fund Annual Reports
- Safe sleep and abusive head trauma materials
- Tip sheets and brochures addressing child health and safety issue

## **Additional Information**

Further information about the Trust Fund is available by contacting the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

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### **2018 Trust Fund Advisory Board**

The Trust Fund Advisory Board supports the work of the Trust Fund. In 2018, the Board was comprised of the following members:

Holly Adams	Linda James
Maryanne Banks	Lauren Perrotto
Alicia Borns	Marion White
Carolyn Hoyt-Stevens	





