



COUNTY CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (CCTF)

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I. What is the County Children's Trust Fund?

In 1983, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 2994, which authorized the creation of a County Children's Trust Fund (CCTF) in any California county in which the board of supervisors establishes a commission, board or council to coordinate child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention activities (Welf. & Inst. Code 18285).

The purpose of the CCTF is to support child abuse prevention services in the community and to fund child abuse prevention coordinating councils (CAPCs), along with child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs operated by private nonprofit organizations or public institutions of higher education, with recognized expertise in fields related to child welfare.

II. Authorities

The county Board of Supervisors (BOS) for each respective county is responsible for the CCTF. The BOS may designate an existing local voluntary commission, board or council to manage the CCTF. In those counties where the BOS does establish a commission, board or council, the county shall establish a CCTF.

In any county where the BOS does not designate a commission to manage the CCTF, fees collected from birth certificates shall be transferred for deposit in the State Children's Trust Fund (SCTF). In the event that the county does not create a CCTF, the BOS shall apply for funds from the SCTF to fund the local CAPC.

The commission designated by the BOS will:

- A. Accept all program proposals that meet criteria set by the commission
- B. Prioritize the proposals
- C. Recommend to the BOS those proposals that the commission feels should receive funding

The BOS may establish criteria for determining which programs are funded by CCTF or this may be determined by the designated commission. The BOS makes the final decision as to which programs are funded.

THE CCTF consists of moneys derived from the following sources:

- A. Fees from birth certificates
- B. Restitution fines for child abuse/molestation crimes
- C. Revenue from the "Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids" special interest license plate program.

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- D. Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP) grants
- E. Donations, i.e. grants, gifts, bequests from private sources to be used for child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs
- F. Any funds appropriated to the county to the trust fund by local government entities or by the Legislature Fund Oversight

According to the statute, counties receiving less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per year in their county Children's Trust Fund (CCTF) from birth certificate fees must use the amount of CBCAP funds necessary to bring the trust fund balance up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). CBCAP funds deposited into the CCTF must adhere to CBCAP requirements.

III. Program Requirements:

- A. CCTF funds are intended for the support of child abuse prevention services in the community and will be used to fund child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs operated by private nonprofit organizations or public institutions of higher education with recognized expertise in fields related to child welfare.
- B. Assurances are required by the county and will be provided to the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) and will include all information necessary to meet federal reporting mandates for receipt of any federal funds for deposit in the CCTF.
- C. The county shall use no more than 5 percent of the amounts in the trust fund for administrative costs.

The OCAP and the local commission designated by the county BOS are required to annually collect and report the following data relevant to the SCTF and the local CCTF:

- A. Descriptions of the types of programs and services funded by the CCTF and SCTF.
- B. The target populations served from the funded programs.
- C. The amount in each portion of the SCTF and CCTF (e.g. CBCAP grants, birth certificate fees, special interest plate fees, and donations, etc.) as of June 30 each year.
- D. The amount disbursed in the preceding fiscal year.

IV. References

Regulations:

- Welfare and Institutions Code Sections [18285](#), [18965](#), [18966.1](#), [18967](#), [18968](#) and [18970\(c\)\(1-2\)](#); [18983](#)
- Health and Safety Code Section [103625](#)

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- Penal Code Section [294](#)
- Vehicle Code section [5072](#)
- Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP) Fact Sheet
http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/res/OCAP/CBCAP_FactSheet.pdf