



**STATE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND
(SCTF)**

**Office of Child Abuse Prevention
744 "P" Street, MS 8-11-82
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-651-6960**

www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG2289.htm

STATE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (SCTF)

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

The State Children's Trust Fund (SCTF) was established as a separate fund in the state treasury in 1983 to help fund innovative and distinctive child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention projects (Welf. & Inst. Code 18285).

II. Authorities

The Legislature specified the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) within the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) as responsible for administering programs and projects of the Fund. The Legislature provides an annual allocation from the State Children's Trust Fund to the Department of Social Services in the annual Budget Act for the Fund's purposes. Administrative costs are limited at no more than five percent (Welf. & Inst. Code 18969).

The SCTF consists of moneys from the following sources:

- 1) Donations from private sources (e.g. bequests, gifts).
- 2) Check-off donations designated on the California state income tax form.
- 3) Revenue from the "Have a Heart, Be a Star, Help Our Kids" special interest license plate program.
- 4) Birth certificate fees from counties with no County Children's Trust Fund (CCTF) as established by that county's board of supervisors.
- 5) Seven percent of the total Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment Program (CAPIT) dollars allocated annually by the Legislature.

III. Use of Funds

SCTF funds are intended for:

- Large-scale dissemination of information that promotes public awareness regarding the nature and incidence of child abuse and neglect and the availability of services for intervention. Public awareness activities include, but are not limited to, the production of public service announcements, well-designed posters, pamphlets, booklets, videos, and other media tools.
- Research and demonstration projects that explore the nature and incidence and the development of long-term solutions to the problem of child abuse. Funds may also be used for evaluation, research, or dissemination of information concerning existing successful program models.

STATE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (SCTF)

- Innovative, local child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs operated by private nonprofit agencies or public institutions of higher education with recognized expertise in fields related to child welfare. These projects will be joined to formal evaluation components.
- The development of a public-private partnership by encouraging consistent outreach to private foundations and the corporate community.
- Providing for ongoing public awareness through activities that promote the charitable tax deduction for the trust fund and seeks continued contributions.

Priority of funds will be given to child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs operated by private nonprofit agencies or public institutions of higher education with recognized expertise in fields related to child welfare in the county where the funds originated and where the county board of supervisors has not established a CCTF.

IV. References

Welfare and Institutions Code Sections [18285](#), [18963](#), [18966.1](#), [18968](#), [18969](#) and [18970](#)

Health and Safety Code Section [103625](#)

Vehicle Code Section [5072](#)

Revenue and Taxation Code Section [18711](#)