

**SB**

**150**



# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

Title: REPEALING LIMITS ON GRANTS AWARDED BY THE ALASKA CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND RDU Children's Services  
 Component Children's Trust Programs

Sponsor: SENATE (HES)

Requester: SENATE (HES)

Component No. 2251

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The intent of Senate Bill 150 is to allow the Alaska Children's Trust (ACT) more flexibility in grant awards to benefit abused and neglected children. It's goal is to eliminate the cap or limit of dollars that can be awarded to any one grantee through the grant process. The bill also eliminates the current funding formula which is designed to allocate percentages of the cost of the program to be dispersed out over time.

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 Date 04/05/2005

## SENATOR FRED DYSON

### MEMORANDUM

April 27, 2005

To: Representative Peggy Wilson, Chair  
House H.E.S.S. Committee

From: Senator Fred Dyson 

Re: Request for Hearing SB 150

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SB 150 is a Senate H.E.S.S. Committee bill entitled "*An Act relating to the Alaska children's trust grant awards.*" I respectfully request that SB 150 be heard in the House H.E.S.S. Committee as soon as possible. In addition to the attached materials, I would be glad to answer any questions that may arise, as would my staff, Jason Hooley (ext. 3762). Thank you for your consideration. The attached packet contains:

- Sponsor Statement
- CS SB 150 (HES)
- Zero Fiscal Note
- Current Statutes
- 2004 Alaska Children's Trust Annual Report



## Health, Education, and Social Services Committee Alaska State Senate

### SPONSOR STATEMENT

CS SB 150 (HES)—*"An Act relating to the Alaska children's trust grant awards."*

The Alaska Children's Trust was created by the Legislature in 1988 to help fund programs around the state aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. Under current law, the trust may spend the net income earned by the trust to fund community based prevention programs. However, current statute limits the size of grants to \$50,000 and provides a specific formula for funding grants. The Board of Trustees has requested additional flexibility in awarding grants. SB 150 removes the \$50,000 cap and refines the funding formula. The changes proposed by the bill will allow trustees flexibility in setting grant awards, authority to reduce grants and enforce requirements for program performance, and authority to require applicants to include self-sustainability plans in their proposals. There will be a four-year limit on grant awards. A chart describing the funding formula is provided below.

<u>Grant year</u>	<u>Previous funding amount</u>	<u>New funding amount</u>
1	up to 75% of costs	up to 75% of 1 <sup>st</sup> year costs
2	up to 75% of costs	up to 50% of 1 <sup>st</sup> year costs
3	up to 50% of costs	up to 25% of 1 <sup>st</sup> year costs
4	up to 50% of costs	up to 25% of 1 <sup>st</sup> year costs
5+	up to 25% of costs	N/A



Ensuring a  
*Bright Future*  
for all of  
*Alaska's Children*

Alaska's children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment. The mission of the Alaska Children's Trust is to improve the status of children in Alaska by generating funds and committing resources to eliminate child abuse and neglect.





Never fear spoiling children by making them too happy.  
Happiness is the atmosphere in which all good affections grow.

# Alaska Children's Trust

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*We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget  
that he is someone today.*

*Stacie Tauscher*

## Message from the Chair

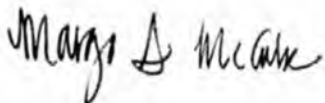


**F**inancially, it has been an exciting year for the Alaska Children's Trust (ACT). Assets held by the Trust now exceed \$10 million. In Fiscal Year 2005, the ACT awarded a total of approximately \$217,314 to 16 grantees in 12 communities around the state. For the first time in history, the ACT also received a \$600,000 federal appropriation to develop and implement a social marketing campaign aimed at preventing child abuse in Alaska. A special recognition goes to Senator Ted Stevens and Lisa Sutherland for this grant.

Though the rate of child abuse remains higher in Alaska than anywhere else in the country, the ACT is deeply grateful for an improving financial position to help address this problem. Over the next five years, the ACT will remain focused on its strategic priorities including:

- Implementing a social marketing campaign aimed at preventing child abuse in Alaska;
- Continuing to fund community-based child abuse prevention programs that deliver measurable results;
- Working with the Friends of the Alaska Children's Trust to develop a long-term funding strategy for the ACT;
- Further developing the organizational structure of the Board and related committees/entities to carry out the mission of the ACT.

The Board is committed to building on the hard work of Carol Brice (outgoing chair), the entire past Board and all of its supporters. We welcome two new board members, Andrea Gelvin, an educator from Fairbanks, and Diane Kaplan, president of the Rasmuson Foundation to help us accomplish our mission of preventing child abuse in Alaska. We remain dedicated to our work and to making a difference in the lives of our children.



Margo S. McCabe  
Chair



Carol Brice






There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child.  
There are seven million.

Walt Steingliff

## Message from the FACT Chair



**T**he Friends of the Alaska Children's Trust (FACT) is comprised of a dedicated Board of Directors that has overseen the fund raising for the Alaska Children's Trust since its inception. In 2004, it raised more than \$100,000 for the Children's Trust through special events. In all, it has raised more than \$1 million to help eliminate child abuse and neglect.

### ***2004 "Mush for Kids" underwritten by Flint Hills Resources Alaska, LLC.***

In April of 2004, the Fairbanks community raised nearly \$25,000 at the annual "Mush for Kids." Alaska's popular Iditarod sled dog racer, Ramy Brooks from Healy who serves as a Trustee for the Alaska Children's Trust, signed autographs and had pictures taken with the families alongside his mother, famous sprint musher Roxy Wright. Ramy was joined by Carol Brice, founding member and former chair of the Alaska Children's Trust and long-time community leader who was honored for her many years of service.

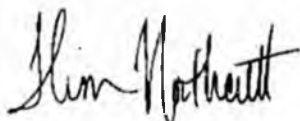
Volunteer mushers gave more than 800 children free dog sled rides on a track constructed by volunteers from Brice Inc. and Great Northwest. Inside Pike's Waterfront Lodge, crowds were entertained by Celtic Confusion, Lousiaska, the Johnson-O'Malley Dancers, Randy Smith Middle School Jazz Band and Slightly Askew. Many of Fairbanks' non-profit agencies that provide services to children conducted fun family activities and handed out information about their programs. Outside, three-time Iditarod champion Jeff King signed autographs and talked to children and their parents about mushing. The Fairbanks Police Department, Alaska State Troopers and local fire departments gave children tours of their vehicles. The day also featured ice carving and weight-pull demonstrations, the Musher's Olympics, a hockey shoot and puppy petting pens.

Once again we thank Jeri Wigdahl from Flint Hills Resources Alaska, who joined a cadre of volunteers and organizers to make this a fun and successful day for all. And a special thanks goes to our event coordinator, Lin Gale.

### ***Seventh Annual Golf Classic sponsored by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.***

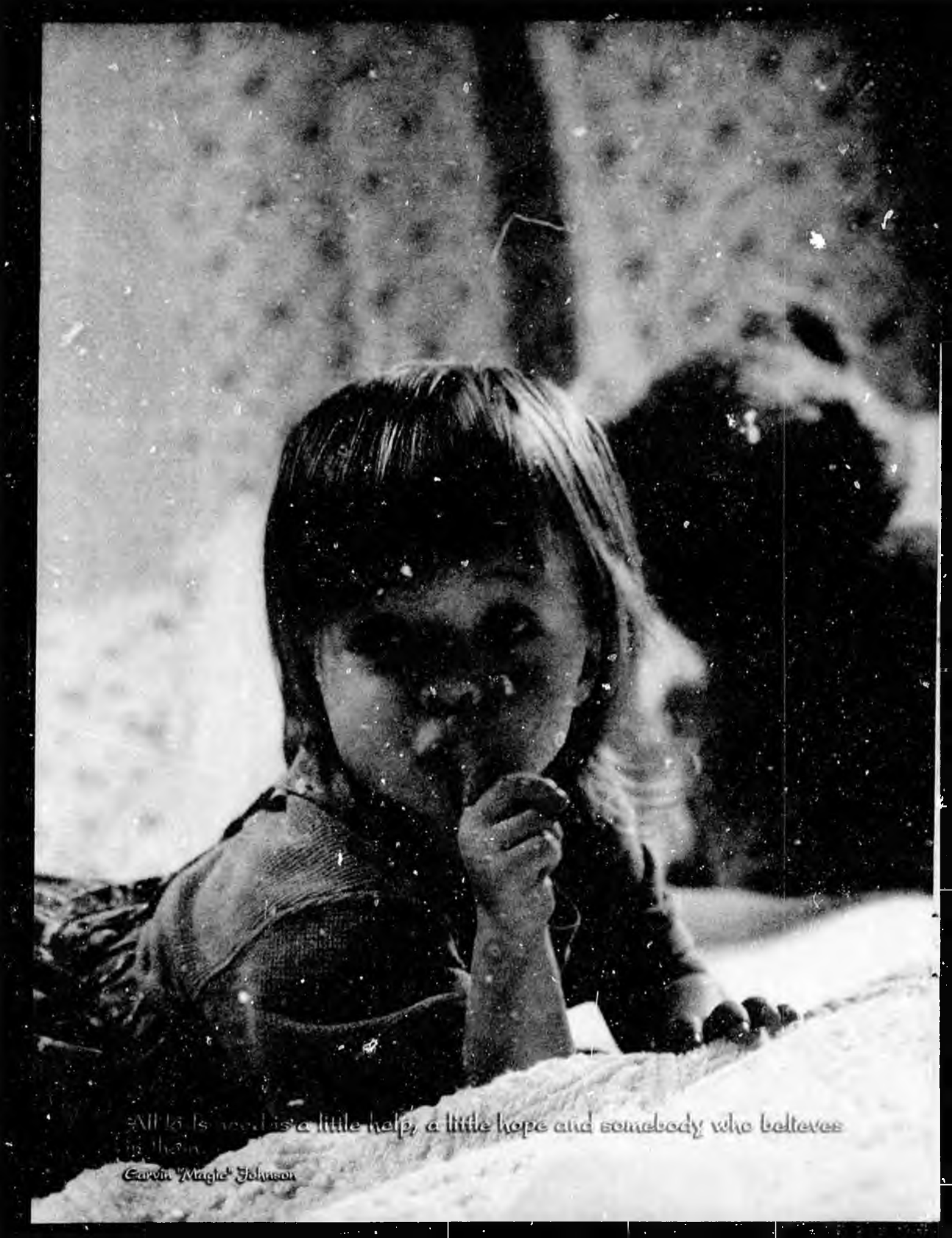
In August, nearly 100 supporters came out on a chilly Saturday morning to golf for kids. This year, FACT raised \$80,000 for the Alaska Children's Trust. The ongoing success of this tournament is due in large part to the support that we receive from Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and its many employees. I would like to thank Alyeska's president David Whyte, Janie Leask, director of Public Affairs, and all of the sponsors and volunteers that help to make this event such a success.

As we look to the new year, FACT will be joining the Alaska Children's Trust to roll out a major campaign to eliminate child abuse and neglect in Alaska. Please join us as we continue our efforts on behalf of Alaska's children.



Thisa A. Northcutt

Chair



*All that is needed is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes  
in them.*

*Garvin "Magie" Johnson*

## Alaska Children's Trust Overview

**T**he Alaska Children's Trust was established in 1988 with the goal of preventing child abuse and neglect throughout the state. The first legislative appropriation was made in 1996 for \$6.8 million. Today, the Alaska Children's Trust boasts a total of \$10.3 million dollars.

Seven Trustees, appointed by the Governor, oversee the fiduciary and grant making functions of the Alaska Children's Trust.

The Alaska Children's Trust operates as a savings account. The Fund's principal continues to grow through grants and donations, while the interest from the earnings fund small grants of \$30,000 or less to small nonprofits providing prevention programs for child abuse and neglect.

In 2004, the Trustees awarded a total of \$217,314 to 16 nonprofits in 12 communities across the state. In all, more than \$2 million has been granted to prevention programs and projects.

In 1997, a nonprofit arm of the Trust was formed - the Friends of the Alaska Children's Trust (FACT). The FACT fundraises solely for the Alaska Children's Trust, and annually contributes proceeds in excess of \$100,000.

*To make a gift, please make check payable to:*

The Friends of the Alaska Children's Trust (FACT)

P.O. Box 240249

Anchorage, AK 99524-0249

[www.friendsofact.org](http://www.friendsofact.org)

(907-248-7676)

FACT Tax ID #91-1765129





*Good parents give their children roots and wings. Roots where home is, wings to fly away and exercise what's best.*

*John Salk*

## Financial Statements

(Amounts rounded to nearest thousand)

### **Statement of Invested Assets**

June 30, 2004

Cash and Equivalents	\$	266,000
Marketable Debt Securities		5,593,000
Equity Securities		4,424,000
Interest and Dividends Receivable		18,000
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,301,000</b>

### **Statement of Investment Income and Changes in Invested Assets**

June 30, 2004

Investment Income	\$	812,000
Total Invested Assets, Beginning of Year		9,595,000
Net Contributions (Withdrawals)		(106,000)
<b>Total Invested Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,301,000</b>

**NOTE:** The June 30, 2004, audited financial statements are available from the Department of Revenue, Treasury Division, by calling Betty Martin, Comptroller, at (907) 465-2350.

## Grantees

### **Alaska Legal Services Corporation**

Anchorage \$18,000

Through its Children At Risk program, Alaska Legal Services helps empower parents and children to use the legal system to increase family safety, stability and self-sufficiency.

### **Bartlett Regional Hospital**

Juneau \$6,688

The Fathers Project provides support for new fathers and encourages their involvement in child care.





**Center for Community  
Sitka \$20,000**

Teach Your Children Well is a parent support project featuring a radio program promoting parent and child health. The project also provides prenatal and parenting classes.

**Covenant House Alaska  
Anchorage \$7,000**

Project Nurture offers support services for young new mothers between the ages of 16 and 20.

**Fairbanks Counseling & Adoption  
Fairbanks \$3,333**

Responsible Fathers is a program aimed at helping teen fathers increase their involvement with—and responsibility for—their children. Services include parenting education, supervised playtime and teen parent mediation.

**Homer Children's Services, Inc.  
Homer \$4,902**

The Birth 2 Three Project is a prenatal and early childhood family education and support program.

**Hoonah City Schools  
Hoonah \$19,810**

Parents as Teachers provides primary prevention services including parenting education and support, home visits and assistance to all families seeking Denali KidCare health benefits.

**Juneau Family Birth Center  
Juneau \$7,110**

The Young Families Program supports teen families through the pregnancy and parenting experience with a combination of pregnancy and parenting education, labor and birth support, home-based support and referral services.

**Resource Center for Parents & Children (RCPC)  
Fairbanks \$20,000**

RCPC is the coordinator for parent education, information and support in the northern region of Alaska. Program grants include the RCPC Community Outreach Video Project, a series of parenting videos focusing on promoting culturally respectful and appropriate parenting skills in rural villages and small communities

**REACH, Inc.  
Juneau \$18,650**

The Family Support Project provides behavioral and infant mental health training and consultation to community outreach programs throughout Juneau.

**Safe & Fear-Free Environment, Inc. (S.A.F.E.)  
Dillingham \$7,483**

SAFE for LIFE provides children and their families with the tools and information they need to prevent domestic violence and child abuse.

**Saxman/Gateway Center  
Ketchikan/Saxman \$15,000**

The Youth Breakfast and Homework Club offers kids a nutritious morning snack at the center before they go to school. Students participate in a variety of activities and discussions that teach them skills to handle conflicts and build confidence. In addition, they receive after school assistance with school projects and homework.

**SeaView Community Services  
Seward \$18,381**

SeaView's Incest Awareness Campaign employs education and prevention programs, and early intervention strategies to raise awareness about sexual abuse in families.

**Sutton Elementary School  
Sutton \$10,957**

The Eagle's Nest Transitional Preschool, which shares its learning environment with the kindergarten class at Sutton Elementary School, is a unique family resource center that focuses on abuse prevention by promoting early intervention and parental involvement.

**Talkeetna Elementary School  
Talkeetna \$20,000**

The Early Childhood Initiative is a program designed to target at-risk children and their families, offering support through home visits and parenting classes.

**Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC)  
Bethel \$20,000**

The TWC Children's Program provides after-school group activities for at-risk K-6 children, in addition to a support group for teen girls, parenting sessions with shelter residents, and the Talking About Touching child sexual abuse prevention curriculum.

**Total Amount Awarded = \$217,314**