

What is the Ohio Children's Trust Fund?

As Ohio's largest public funding source for child abuse and neglect prevention, OCTF is in the forefront of prevention activities throughout the state. From establishing guidelines for program development – to accessing up-to-date prevention curricula – to producing educational and public awareness materials – to impacting related social policy initiatives, OCTF provides expertise and resources for legislators, the media, state agencies, and the public.

In 1984, the Ohio General Assembly created the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board. Revenues from surcharges on birth and death certificates and divorce and dissolution decrees provide the funding for OCTF. These funds are earmarked for each county through a formula based on the number of children living in each county. In addition, OCTF earns investment income and has been awarded Community Based Child Abuse Prevention federal grant which is made available for additional prevention programs and special initiatives.

Local Allocations are awarded on a biennial basis for primary and secondary prevention programs, serving children and families in all of Ohio's 88 counties.