



Center for Children
& Families, Inc.

CCFI Stories, Events, Updates, and News

January 2011



Upcoming Events

Miracles on Ice: OKC Barons Fundraiser
February 4, 2011 at 7:05 p.m.



Come watch the Barons take it to the ice and support CCFI! For every ticket purchased for the February 4th Barons hockey game under the Center for Children and Families, Inc. name, \$4 will be contributed to the organization. You must purchase tickets in advance in order for the contribution to be made. Find out more information at www.ccfnorman.org/miracles.

Children: Front & Center

Attend a Tour and Learn More!

50-minute presentation about the needs of children and families in our community. It's also a chance to tour the CCFI facility, meet some of the staff and see the play therapy rooms!

January

29th at 8:30 a.m. | Saturday

February

10th at 8:00 a.m. | Thursday

18th at 11:00 a.m. | Friday

RSVP Katy at:
kschilthuis@ccfinorman.org.

Volunteer

Spring 2011 After School Program: Neighborhood Centers volunteers needed, [click here](#) for more information.

Trauma Focused Services: we need volunteers to come play with toddlers and young children the second Monday of every month!

Please contact Katy if you are interested or have any questions at 405.364.1420 or kschilthuis@ccfinorman.org

Wish List

Most needed:

Baby Formula: Goodstart

Items to help educate and equip parents in our programs with positive skills:

Active Parenting for Stepfamilies

DVD: Standard Program Kit

20 Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Parents Knew: by Sherri Eldridge

Click [here](#) to see the full wish list. Please bring all wish list donations to the CCFI main office Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.



The Center for Children and Families, Inc. (CCFI) is preparing for the future with its Next Generation CCFI Project supported by a three-year, \$385,000 organizational development grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

For more than 40 years, CCFI has adapted to the ever-changing dynamics of families in the community and has positively impacted the lives of thousands of children.

Just this past year, 98% of the pregnant or parenting teens in CCFI's TeenAge Parenting Program that were eligible for graduation, graduated from high school on time – the national graduation rate for teen parents is 40% according to the National March of Dimes. In CCFI's Trauma-Focused Services only one child has experienced a change in his/her foster care placement and the agency has witnessed 15 adoptions of children from that program since it began in 2007.

The Kellogg Foundation's funding for the Next Generation CCFI Project is focused on strengthening the organization's systems and infrastructure to ensure that CCFI will continue to be a viable source of assistance to children and families for many years to come.



Thank You

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"We are so honored and pleased that the Kellogg Foundation believes in CCFI enough to provide us with this significant grant," said CCFI Executive Director Katie Fitzgerald. "But, it is important that the community understand that this grant is not intended to fund our current services. We will still be dependent on the generosity of our community to support the vital services we provide to children every day.

The three central goals of the Next Generation Project include:

- A comprehensive review of CCFI's services and the establishment of new or expanded partnerships to meet the current and projected needs of children and families, including the needs of diverse communities in Cleveland County and surrounding areas;
- The development of a strategic communications plan to increase awareness regarding the impact of abuse and neglect on children and the broader community, as well as increasing the number of clients and supporters engaged with the agency's mission;
- A set of infrastructure improvements that will support expanded services including a new management information system.

"The Kellogg Foundation grant gives us a rare opportunity to invest in our infrastructure so that all of our community-based support can continue to go directly toward much needed services for children," said Jennifer Newell, CCFI Board President.

The first step in the Next Generation CCFI Project is focused on collecting input and ideas from community members interested in molding the future of the agency through monthly Community Roundtable Sessions.

The first Community Roundtable for former CCFI board members is scheduled for **Friday, January 21st at 11:30 a.m.** The next Community Roundtable is open to the public and is scheduled for Friday, **February 25th at 7:30 a.m.** at CCFI located at 1151 E. Main Street with Community Roundtables continuing monthly throughout 2011. To RSVP for a roundtable, contact April at 364-1420

New Faces of CCFI

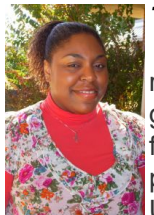
Next Generation Project Coordinator



Christi Mackey

Christi joined CCFI at the beginning of 2011 and will coordinate and track the implementation of the three-year organizational development project. She earned a Bachelor's of Arts in Sociology-Criminology from the University of Oklahoma in May 2007 and is currently pursuing her Master's of Arts in Sociology and Master's of Public Administration at the University of Oklahoma.

Parents Assistance: Children's Program Specialist



Tracy Dickens, PhD

Tracy joined CCFI during the fall of 2010 and will be responsible for facilitating children's therapeutic play groups, supervising volunteers and providing counseling to families and children in the Parents Assistance program. Tracy received her Doctorate at Georgia State University and is now a licensed Clinical Psychologist.



Host a Diaper Drive for 2011

Looking for a way to get involved? Organize a month-long diaper drive for you office, civic club, neighborhood, or other organization! Click [here](#) for more information or call Katy at (405)364-1420.

Please visit our website at www.ccfi-norman.org.
Donate to our cause at www.ccfi-norman.org/give.