



- ### Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Board
- Created by Act 397 of 1987
 - 9 Member Governor Appointed Board
 - Oversee distribution of funds from the Children's Trust Fund
 - Promote primary prevention activities

- ### Children's Trust Fund
- \$10 Surcharge on the Marriage License Fee
 - 80% Expended on Grants and Administration
 - 20% Remains in Trust until \$10 Million
 - Funds dispersed to Prevention Programs via a competitive grant making process.

- ### County Local Councils
- Composition:
 - DHS / DCFS Representative
 - Div. Of Health Representative
 - Local Education Representative
 - Local Law Enforcement Representative
 - Citizen At-Large
 - Review and approve all applications from their county

- ### Community Based Grants
- RFP issued annually
 - 2 year awards
 - Average \$20,000 - \$40,000
 - 12 - 15 Grants per year
 - Strictly Primary Prevention: BEFORE ABUSE OCCURS!

- ### Training & Professional Development
- APEN Conference - Arkansas Parenting Education Network
 - Curriculum Trainings
 - Networking Days

Findings Exhibit A

One Percent to Prevent Fund

- To serve children of incarcerated parents and their caregivers
- \$200,000 from General Improvement Fund FY 04-05 Biennium
- Used as match for Federal grant and established mentoring programs across the state

Strengthening Families Initiative

- Partnering with DCCECC
- AR is 1 of 7 pilot states
- Encourage child care providers to support and assist parents
- Child care providers as a gateway to services
- Early warning system
- Incorporate into Quality Rating System

STAR TEAM

Newborn Home Visiting Initiative

- 5 year, Federally funded project to promote the establishment of newborn home visiting programs in AR
- Healthy Connections in Mena and Centers For Youth & Families in Little Rock
- CTF approved 2 new programs at \$90,000 each

How can we
PREVENT
child abuse?



Protective Factors

- Resiliency Skills
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Social Connections
- Concrete Support in Times of Need
- Social and Emotional Development of the Child

Some Proven Strategies

- Newborn Home Visiting Programs
- Parenting Classes & Support Groups
- Family Resource Centers
- Targeting Specific Populations / Systems