

How are the CHILDREN?

A newsletter of the
New Hampshire
Children's Trust Fund,
reporting on our efforts
in "keeping children safe
and families strong"
in New Hampshire.

SPRING 2002

The name of our newsletter, ***How Are the Children?***, is a reference to an African tradition, where a visitor to a new village inquires about the status of the children. The NHCTF promotes the idea that the well-being of children is the standard by which every community should be measured.

From the Chair:



As this issue of *How are the Children?* goes to print, new cases of child sexual abuse are hitting the headlines almost daily. In a sad irony, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. So, we've chosen to share a message from our Executive Director (page 4-5) and other resources and information (page 2-3) in an effort to help

parents and communities respond to the complex issues surrounding child sexual abuse.

Our balance sheet. Each spring we report to our friends and supporters on the financial activity during the past year. The events surrounding September 11 drew both national and local attention away from many New Hampshire community-based programs – including those supported by the NHCTF.

Thanks to so many of you, this was a brief phenomenon. When you review our financial activities (see page 6), you'll see we are in a stable and positive position. This reflects both the sound management of our resources, as well as a strong commitment to our mission-driven priorities.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank everyone who supported the NHCTF in 2001. I'd also like to extend a special thank you to those who gave for the *first* time following the events of September 11, and saw the wisdom of supporting local programs, local families, and local children. Your vision and commitment helped us end the year in a stable position.

A Mother's Day opportunity. Finally, I want to remind you that Mother's Day is approaching quickly! We have a wonderful way for you to recognize the many ways that a mother *you* know has nurtured, protected, challenged, and prepared *you* (or any child in your life) for the world. Make a gift to the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund! See page 7 for details on how to make a gift.

Looking forward. At a time when we are all looking to make sense of the current tragedies and working to make the world a better and safer place to live for *everyone*, I am more confident than ever that the NHCTF is a clear starting place. The programs we support – such as parenting education and healthy child development – are the *best* ways to strengthen families and protect our children.

In the year ahead, I hope you will continue to look to us as way to help *you* keep children safe, and families strong, in your community.

Sincerely,



Lucy Fowlkes Breed

Chair, New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund

Keeping Children Safe from Sexual Abuse

Recommended Reading and Resources for Parents, Teachers, and others who care for children.

The following list of reading materials and other resources are recommended to anyone interested in preventing child sexual abuse at home and in the community. This list is provided, in part, by *Sexual Assault Support Services*, a nonprofit organization founded in 1979 to help victims of sexual assault in Rockingham and Strafford counties (see article at right).

This list of resources is neither comprehensive nor complete. It is, however, intended as a helpful resource for you to explore for yourself and, if you feel comfortable, with your child.

RECOMMENDED READING

The following list of books are in print now, and available at most local bookstores. We encourage you to review *any* book before purchasing – it is important to be sure a book makes sense to you before you share it with your child.

For preschool-aged children

It's My Body, Lori Freeman, Parenting Press, 1982. (also available in Spanish, *Mia Cuerpos Es Mio*).

The Right Touch: A Read-Aloud Story to Help Prevent Child Sexual Abuse, Sandy Kleven, Illumination Arts, 1998.

Today I Feel Silly & Other Moods That Make My Day, Jamie Lee Curtis, Harper Collins Publishers, 2001.

For young children

What's the Big Secret?, Laurie Kresny Brown, Ed.D and Marc Brown, Little Brown and Company, 1997.

My Body is Private, Linda Walvoord Girard, Albert Whitman & Company, Reprinted 1992.

Being Bullied, Kate Petty and Charlotte Firmin, Barron's Educational Series, 1991.

A Very Touching Book...for Little People and for Big People, Jan Hindman, McClure-Hindman Books, 1983.

For pre-teens

The Care and Keeping of You: The Body Book for Girls, Valorie Lee Schoaefer, American Girl Library, 1999.

Feeling Safe, Feeling Strong, Susan Terkel and Janice Rench, Lerner Publications Company, 1984.

My Body, My Self for Boys: The "What's Happening to My Body?" Workbook for Boys, Lynda Maderas, Area Maderas (Contributor), Newmarket Press, 1995 & 2000. Companion workbooks for parents also available.

For teens

Changing Bodies, Changing Lives, Ruth Bell, 3rd Edition, First Vintage Books, 1998.

Treacherous Love, Beatrice Sparks, Harper Collins Publishers, 2000.

READING FOR YOU – PARENTS, CARING ADULTS, AND TEACHERS

Developing Personal Safety Skills in Children with Disabilities, Freda Briggs, Taylor and Francis Group, 1995.

If You Had to Choose, What Would You Do? Sandra McCleod Humphrey, Prometheus Books, 1995.

Understanding Your Child's Sexual Behavior, Toni Cavanaugh Johnson, New Harbinger Publications, 1999.

OTHER RESOURCES

STOP IT NOW! A nonprofit organization dedicated to education, prevention and healing of child sexual abuse.

Toll free: 888-773-8368 (1-888-PREVENT)
Monday – Friday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
(except federal holidays).
Web: www.stopitnow.com

National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information

330 C Street SW • Washington, DC 20447
Toll free: 800-384-3366

Web: www.calib.com/nccanch

This is a service provided by the US Government: *Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau*. The Clearinghouse provides information on child abuse and neglect prevention for parents and community organizations.

New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

P.O. Box 353 • Concord, NH 03302
603-224-8893 • Toll free: 800-852-3388

This network of programs assists survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, as well as family members, link with the services they need.

New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth, and Families. If you suspect child sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect, call 800-894-5533 during business hours (8:30 am – 4:30 pm). In an emergency, call your local law enforcement agency (the police).

Network New Hampshire. This rapidly emerging organization links and provides operational and programmatic support to Family Resource Centers throughout the state. If you are looking for a place to talk about your challenges as a parent or child guardian, develop your parenting skills, create new community connections, and also have some *fun*, then you need to know more about the Family Resource Center near you! To find the Center near you, and/or learn more about Family Resource Centers in NH: Call Christine Zerillo, Executive Director of Network NH at 603-226-7516, ext. 3210.

Sexual Assault Support Services

Over the last decade, this agency's work has expanded to serve adult survivors of child sexual abuse and their families, and is part of a comprehensive child sexual abuse prevention strategy in Strafford and Rockingham Counties.

Their services include:

- Grassroots Support. 24-hour advocacy and support for anyone effected by sexual violence
- Training. Professional training and consultation to police departments, hospitals, schools and concerned community members
- School Programs. Sexual harassment workshops for teachers and students
- Workplace Programs. Sexual harassment workshops for businesses and civic groups

The New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund is proud to have provided financial support to this organization to expand its sexual assault education and prevention program for New Hampshire schools: the Personal Body Safety Program (for grades K-12).

For more information call: Diane Lavoie, Director of Education and Training, 603-436-4107.

If You Suspect Sexual Abuse

A message from NHCTF Trustee
Suzanne Boulter, MD



Suzanne Boulter, MD

If you suspect that your child has been sexually abused in the past, it is important to report your suspicions to the New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth, and Families (see contact information below), and also to contact your child's doctor. Suzanne Boulter, MD, pediatrician and member of the NHCTF Board, urges parents to keep the expectations of this visit to the doctor realistic.

"For many reasons, physicians are often not able to determine whether sexual abuse might have occurred in the distant past," Boulter said. "The content of this visit may focus on the emotional health of the child and of the family unit in general, rather than any actual physical signs of abuse." The physician may be able to refer the family to a local program that will be able to offer supportive services.

If the abuse is current. A visit with your child's physician may be different when the abuse is current. If you suspect very recent sexual abuse, the same steps can be taken as mentioned above, but the nature of the visit to the doctor may be different.

"If you suspect that abuse has occurred within a few days, an examination should be conducted as soon as possible after the disclosure," Boulter continued. "A physical assessment would be an important part of this appointment but again there may be no obvious abnormal findings. This type of examination would be done by either the primary care provider or at an emergency room."

All abuse should be reported. "Remember," says Boulter, "all abuse should be reported, no matter how long ago it may have occurred. While past abuse may be difficult to prove in a clinical sense, reporting is often the first step in healing and recovery for the child and the family."

To report suspected child abuse or neglect, call the New Hampshire Department of Children, Youth, and Families at 800-894-5533, and/or contact your primary care physician.

Dr. Boulter is a former President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, New Hampshire Chapter, and is on the faculty of the NH Dartmouth Family Practice Residency Program, Concord.

Supporting Family Resource Centers Statewide



Christine Zerillo

Network New Hampshire, a coalition of family resource centers in New Hampshire, has recently established a central office in Concord, and hired a new part-time Executive Director – Christine Zerillo.

Ms. Zerillo was previously employed by the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is the past president of the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce. She is currently employed part-time by the University System of New Hampshire College for Lifelong Learning and is a degree candidate in the Leadership and Strategic Management Program. "Much of the work that family support programs do helps families prepare for and continue their education, so the work with Network is a natural blend with my work at the College," says Zerillo.

Our Ongoing Support. The NHCTF is pleased to provide financial and administrative support to the Network. Additional funding from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and generous in-kind support from Riverbend Parent Child Centers, have also made the success of Network New Hampshire possible.

Support the Network! Network New Hampshire is a nonprofit organization that links local family resource centers and family support programs throughout the state with each other, enabling them to benefit from the latest research, standards, and emerging practices from across the country.

To learn more about Network New Hampshire, to become a member, or to locate a family support program near you, contact Christine Zerillo at 226-7516 ext. 3210, or email her at czerillo@riverbendcmhc.org



Like many of you, I have been following the news. The allegations of child sexual abuse by members of the clergy in recent weeks evokes shock, anger, and a deep sadness. It seems that each morning I am faced with another

story about a new victim.

Allegations of child sexual abuse seem to compound the sense of violation we are already experiencing as a nation. Certainly the fear, confusion, and long-term trauma of childhood sexual abuse mirrors the trauma experienced by victims of terrorism. The primary *difference* makes the reality more horrifying: Unlike a victim of terrorism, a victim of childhood sexual abuse almost always knows, trusts, and respects the perpetrator.

Reclaiming our power as caring adults and communities

While many in the media are theorizing about the causal factors of childhood sexual abuse in the clergy, and some are using recent events as a springboard for the categorical indictment of the church, I believe that these particular issues are, for the most part, a dangerous distraction.

What *is* more important, for me, is that we begin to see child sexual abuse (or child abuse of any kind) in terms of power dynamics. Only when we understand the use and misuse of power can we respond to these allegations in ways that will permanently transform our homes and communities into places that protect and honor our children.

Adults have power. Children don't.

Between children and adults, the interpersonal power dynamic is emotionally, culturally, and politically sacrosanct. Adults have power. Children don't.

As children move out into the world, they discover other layers of adult authority and power: There are adults, they learn, who have "special power." Children are taught – if not by our words, then by our actions – that the priest, minister, police officer, teacher, scout leader have authority that can eclipse even parental power!

There is a need then, to teach our children about respecting the authority of adults while also teaching them to develop, respect, and honor their own boundaries.

So, where can we start?

Almost any thoughtful discussion – and the groundwork of positive social change – begins with oneself. So, I encourage you to explore your own answers to the questions below as a starting place.

- What is appropriate and inappropriate touching between a child and an adult?
- What distinguishes expressions of affection from sexual contact?
- How comfortable am I helping children learn about their own physical and sexual development?

Once you have explored these and other questions for yourself, you will be better equipped to have meaningful discussions about the subject with your spouse, partner, neighbors, friends, or colleagues.

Explore existing definitions

It is very helpful to learn about how the government and community-based organizations define child sexual abuse.

Described below are two very different definitions. Think about the ways they are similar and different, and how they might be interpreted.

1. The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA, Public Law 104-235, Section 111;42 U.S.C. 5106g) defines child sexual abuse as:

- Employment, use, persuasion, inducement, enticement, or coercion of any child to engage in, or assist any person to engage in, any sexually explicit conduct or simulation or such conduct for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct; or
- Rape, and in cases of caretaker or inter-familial relationships, statutory rape, molestation, prostitution, or other forms of sexual exploitation of children, or incest with children.

2. The New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence assists survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence and their family members. The Concord-based group defines child sexual abuse as:

Physical, verbal or emotional and includes: sexual touching and fondling, exposing chil-

dren to adult sexual activity or pornographic movies and photographs, having children pose, undress, or perform in a sexual fashion on film or in person, "peeping" into bathrooms or bedroom to spy on a child, rape or attempted rape.

Understanding the "price" of denial

While so many of the emotional, psychological, and economic costs of child sexual abuse are *impossible* to quantify, contemporary data collection capabilities (and related demographic analysis) *can* provide an important window into the "community cost" of child sexual abuse.

The **Children's Safety Network Economics and Insurance Resource Center**¹ suggests that the overall financial cost for *each* substantiated child sexual abuse case in New Hampshire is \$61,700! This *per case* cost includes the amortized analysis of medical services and mental health services, as well as the costs associated with the loss of school or work, participation in public programs, property damage, and loss of quality of life.

Understanding other community costs

More important than these estimated "hard costs," are the long-term emotional and social costs of child sexual abuse on an individual *and* the community.

Here are two quotations from recent professional literature. It is information like this that keeps me focused on the importance of preventing child abuse from occurring in the first place!

"Child sexual assault [affects] a child in many ways. Within two years of the assault a child may experience fear, hostility, guilt, shame, depression, low self-esteem, poor self-image, physical and sleep complaints, sexual behavior, sexual disturbances, and poor social functioning."²

"When sexually abused boys are not treated, society must later deal with the resulting problems, including crime, suicide, drug use, and more sexual abuse."³

What YOU can do now, as a caring adult

Child sexual abuse in New Hampshire is real. But, there are things we can all do to prevent children from becoming victims.

Here are some suggestions:

Educate yourself about child sexual abuse and pedophilia. There are many myths about child abuse in general and child *sexual* abuse in particular. Arming yourself with *facts* will help you dispel dangerous myths – for yourself, your family, and your community.

Peter Odum, Deputy Attorney for Strafford County recently said, “The idea that the child molester is the man with the greasy hair and green teeth in the dirty raincoat who grabs little children is incorrect. It’s more likely to be the man in the Boy Scout uniform, or the coach’s cap or the frock...” In his comments, Odum also cited examples from recent cases he has prosecuted: a former mayor, a pediatrician, a police officer, and former “Father of the Year.”⁴

Learn the “warning signs” of child sexual abuse. Although child *sexual* abuse is more difficult to identify than *physical* abuse, there are clear signs. Get to know them. As a starting place, refer to the www.stopitnow.com or call “STOP IT NOW” directly (See “Resources” on page 2). They offer helpful checklists for parents and concerned adults, to help identify the behavioral signs *and* physical signs of child sexual abuse, and how to distinguish abuse from the healthy sexual exploration by children.

Ask for help in learning how to talk with your children, your grandchildren, or any child in your life about ‘good touches’ and ‘bad touches’ – at home and at school. There are skilled professionals in many New Hampshire communities who are ready to share constructive and helpful suggestions about how to bring up this sensitive subject effectively with children, and how respond effectively when questions are asked. (See “Resources” on page 2)

Find out about awareness programs now available to schools in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Children’s Trust Fund has funded several child sexual abuse prevention programs over the years. One we highly recommend to parents is a curriculum called, “The Personal Body Safety Program.” For infor-

mation about the “Personal Body Safety Program” call Diane Lavoie, Director of Education and Training at Sexual Assault Support Services in Portsmouth, NH: 603-436-4107. Talk with your child’s teacher, PTA, or school board about bringing the “Personal Body Safety Program” (or another quality educational program) into the classroom.

Trust your instincts whenever you feel “uneasy.” If you have *any* suspicions about a person with whom your child interacts, ask questions! Don’t worry about being perceived as a “problem,” or *overly* suspicious. By asking questions, you are being responsible for your child’s safety and well being. Most child care professionals will welcome your questions and concerns.⁵

If you are worried, look for the following symptoms:

- **“Something is wrong with me.”** Victims of child sexual abuse often report feelings like “something is wrong with me.” Child sexual abuse victims often feel that the abuse is *their* fault.
- **“I’m different.”** Victims of child sexual abuse may express “guilt” as feeling ‘different’ from peers.
- **“I hate you!”** Harboring strong vengeful feelings toward parents *can* be a sign of sexual abuse.
- **Disloyalty.** Disclosure of any kind can be perceived as disloyalty to the family – no matter *who* the adult perpetrator may be. This is a *very* real fear of any child sexual abuse victim.

Take responsibility as an adult. It is *your* responsibility to teach the children in your life that their bodies belong to them, and that their thoughts and feelings are important. Many victims of child sexual abuse report that their abusers made them feel “special.” Sexual predators often trick their victims to ‘keeping silent’ by bestowing favors, making threats, exerting physical aggression, and bribing with gifts. Learn new ways to help the children in your life feel special, and incorporate these skills into your interactions with children *every* day!

Contact your local family resource center. There is a family resource center near you that can help you deal with a crisis, explore options, and meet with others who are asking the same questions you are. Your local family resource center can help you learn more about child sexual abuse prevention activities in your community, help you deal with a crisis, and explore options. They will also help you organize a community-wide forum to discuss abuse issues, identify resources that exist *now*, and help you create new resources where needed.

For information on family resource centers or to locate a family resource center near you, call Christine Zerillo, at 603-226-7516 ext. 3210.

Get involved in the life of a child! Child physical or sexual abuse will almost *never* occur in the presence of another adult. And remember: Being involved will enrich your life, too!

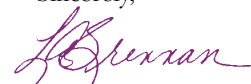
What “Toto” knows...

With all the revelations about the sexual abuse of children by the clergy over the last few weeks, I have been reminded of one of the final scenes from the *Wizard of Oz*, when Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Man, and the Scarecrow have returned to the Emerald City and are approaching the altar of the Wizard.

It is Toto – the smallest of this troupe of friends – who pulls at the curtain and exposes the “All-Powerful Oz” for what he really is: An ordinary man. At this moment, the characters are faced with reality. Ultimately, the characters see that they had the power *themselves* to get what they were looking for all along.

The message? Perhaps more than anything else in the *Wizard of Oz*, it is this “lifting of the curtain” – and seeing reality – that ultimately points the way home for everyone.

Sincerely,



Lisa A. Brennan
Executive Director

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Thank you to our donors!

We recognize that the past several months have presented some challenges to our donor community. Many of you were faced with new requests for help, and had to make some difficult choices as you planned your charitable giving priorities. Thank you to everyone who supported the work of the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund during 2001! We are especially grateful to those who donated to our work in New Hampshire in the wake of the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington D.C. on September 11, 2001. Your contributions are working every day to keep children safe and families strong in New Hampshire.

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On Mother's Day... give a gift that honors a mother in your life!

We have a wonderful way to help you recognize and honor your mother, or an important mother figure, this Mother's Day: Make a contribution in her name to the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund!

When you make a gift to the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund in the name of someone you love, your gift will not only honor her, but also help other women become strong, effective mothers, too.

Gifts may also be made in memory of someone special.

How to make your gift

Send your gift to the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund office at the address below, and include the following information:

- Your name, address, and phone number.
- The name and address of the person you wish to honor and/or memorialize with your gift.
- Unless otherwise requested, the card will include the following message:

[Your name: _____] has made a generous gift in your honor to the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund.

This gift celebrates the important role you have played in his/her life, and will help keep children safe and families strong in New Hampshire.



Personal messages will be gladly accommodated. Call 603-224-1279 to request your special message.

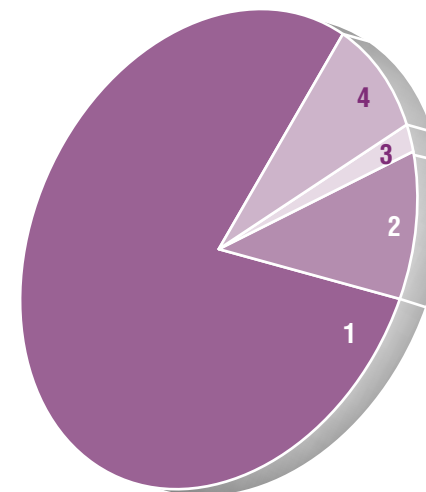
Don't forget to make your gift in time for Mother's Day. Please send your gift and message by **May 2, 2002**. Remember to include the full name and mailing address of each individual you would like to honor.

Thank you for choosing to give a gift that promotes the meaningful involvement of adults in the lives of children.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY (for the year ended 12-31-01)

Statement of Financial Activities

Revenue and Other Support	UNRESTRICTED	Expenses	PROGRAM	MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	TOTAL
Grants and Contributions	\$ 209,244	Salaries and wages	\$ 34,761	\$ 13,888	\$ 48,649
Investment income	4,446	Payroll taxes and benefits	4,160	1,662	5,822
In-kind donations	1,730	Occupancy	6,336	3,884	10,220
Change in value of Trust	101,870	Office	1,321	810	2,131
Unrealized gain (loss) of investments	(9,156)	Travel and conferences	2,945		2,945
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$ 308,134	Grants	257,640		257,640
		Telephone	1,397	856	2,253
		Dues and subscriptions	239	146	385
		Printing	8,690	5,326	14,016
		Professional fees	1,461	895	2,356
		Contracted Services	2,153		2,153
		Depreciation	903	554	1,457
		Insurance	632	388	1,020
		Special events	446		446
		Program evaluation	1,722		1,722
		Other	2,151	1,319	3,470
		Total Expenses	\$ 326,957	\$ 29,728	\$ 356,685



Summary of Expenses

1. Grants	79%
2. Public Awareness	10%
3. Network NH	2%
4. Management and General	9%

How you can help Your gift to the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund can help us address the critical issues that face families today. Cash. Cash gifts are the most simple type of contribution.

Stocks and Bonds. Depending on your circumstances, it may be advantageous to make your donation in the form of appreciated securities. In most cases, this type of donation has the same tax-deductibility as cash gifts, while eliminating capital gains taxes.

Real Estate and Other Appreciated Property. Gifts of real estate and other properties can offer advantages similar to contributions of stocks and bonds. Be sure to call us to discuss any potential gifts of property.

Bequests. You can remember the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund in your will, either by a specific dollar amount or percentage, or as the residual beneficiary of your estate. A bequest can serve as an enduring memorial to the children of New Hampshire, in your name, or in the name of someone you wish to honor.

Life Insurance. You can name the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund an

irrevocable beneficiary of a life insurance policy – a way of making a generous contribution, as well as receiving a tax deduction.

Memory/Honor Gifts. Some individuals and families have generously named the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund as the recipient of memorial gifts, or have made one-time gifts to honor someone on a birthday or other holiday/anniversary. These gifts help us to build our general fund.

Other Ways of Giving. There are several other ways to make a gift, while also receiving income from the gift throughout your lifetime, experience significant tax advantages, and meet your philanthropic goals. We can meet with you and/or your financial advisor at your convenience to discuss these "life income" options.

For more information or questions about making a gift, contact Lisa Brennan at 603-224-1279.



NEW HAMPSHIRE Children's Trust Fund

The New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund (NHCTF) was created in 1986 by legislative statute RSA 169-C:39 to build a permanent endowment to support programs in New Hampshire that prevent child abuse and neglect.

In 1988, the State of New Hampshire allocated \$500,000 in public funds to match the same amount of privately raised dollars. The income generated from this growing endowment is dispersed annually to organizations that work to strengthen and support families. Since its inception, the NHCTF has awarded \$1,342,638 to community-based organizations statewide.

In addition to grantmaking, the NHCTF works to raise awareness about the causes of child abuse and the means by which it can be prevented through public awareness campaigns and informational forums. Finally, the NHCTF works to advance the family support movement and insure the highest quality of services to families through a statewide leadership coalition called *Network New Hampshire*.

How to get involved. If you are interested in learning more about the work of the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund or want to explore your charitable giving options, please call Lisa Brennan, Executive Director, at (603) 224-1279.

For information about applying for a grant. Contact Kara Popkin, Administrative Assistant, at (603) 224-1279.

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Remember these dates!

April 22- 25: Family support America's 9th Biennial National Conference, Chicago.

For details see: www.familysupportamerica.org

April 30: Grant application deadline. Child Abuse Prevention and Family Support Grant Applications must be received by the NHCTF office by 5:00 PM.

May 14: Network NH planning meeting for statewide Outcomes Accountability project with Carolyn Beaver and Sue Devich, consultants from FRIENDS National Resource Center, in North Carolina. Location: Families First, Portsmouth. To register call NHCTF at 224-1279. For directions to Families First call: 422-8218.

June 10: Grantmaking day at the NHCTF. Award letters will be mailed by June 30, 2002.

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