

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA STATE CHAPTERS AND CHILDREN'S TRUST FUNDS



Currently 12 state chapters of Prevent Child Abuse America (PCA America) also serve as the state's Children's Trust Fund (CTF) and are members of the Children's Trust Fund Alliance. Children's Trust Funds operate as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations (NPO), quasi-governmental agencies, or part of state governments as identified below:

Alabama (state government)

www.ctf.alabama.gov

Alaska (NPO)

www.alaskachildrenstrust.org

Arkansas (state government)

Idaho (quasi-governmental)

www.idahochildrenstrustfund.org

Maine (NPO)

www.mechildrenstrust.org

Michigan (NPO/quasi-governmental)

www.michigan.gov/ctf

New Hampshire (NPO)

www.nhchildrenstrust.org

Ohio (quasi-governmental)

www.octf.ohio.gov

South Carolina (NPO)/quasi-governmental)

www.scchildren.org

Washington (state government)

www.dcyf.wa.gov

West Virginia (NPO)

www.preventchildabusewv.org

Wyoming (quasi-governmental)

www.pcawy.org

Dual PCA America/CTF Alliance affiliation supports organizations in focusing wholistically on the needs and opportunities in their state for strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect (primary, secondary and tertiary) and deciding how “prevention funds” are best used in the state, i.e., evidence-based or informed strategies. Additionally, these dual roles enable statewide coordination of prevention strategies in partnership with community-based organizations. (11 of the 12 joint PCA America/CTF organizations are the CBCAP lead in the state—in addition to dedicated state funds, these agencies also receive and direct decisions on the use of Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funds. This is especially important as these agencies will receive their state's portion of the \$250 million emergency CBCAP funding as part of the American Rescue Plan.

There is a noteworthy distinction among the organizations based on their operational structure:

- Most PCA America state chapters are nonprofit organizations or operate under an umbrella organization with the 501(c)(3) designation. As a result, they are able to fundraise, advocate and educate state lawmakers on issues, and develop their own board of directors.
- CTFs that are part of state government often cannot fundraise or have unrestricted revenue, are often limited in their ability to advocate and educate state lawmakers on issues, and, in most cases, the majority of the board of directors are appointed by their governor.

Overarchingly, being part of state government can offer sustainability, stability, and valuable connections to lawmakers through the governor-appointed board, as well as other opportunities to help educate policymakers within state systems and in the legislature. However, being part of state government usually does not allow the organization to fundraise or advocate for issues.

In many states where the PCA Chapter and the CTF are not the same organization, they collaborate closely to achieve common goals.