



Planning Ahead for Children

ChildPlan Inc. is a non-profit collaborative advocacy group made up of 15 different organizations and agencies in East Hartford which provide programs and services to children in East Hartford.

The mission of ChildPlan Inc. is to proactively and effectively collaborate with the East Hartford Community to improve the quality of lives of our children and families.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

The role of ChildPlan is to advocate for families and children ages birth to 21. Highlights of our 2004-2005 ChildPlan work, which was funded by the William Graustein Memorial Fund, the Children's Trust Fund, the East Hartford Board of Education, the Town of East Hartford, Pratt & Whitney, and the League of Woman Voters includes the following:

- A town-wide distribution of a Family Resource Directory
- A Parent Leadership Program (PEP) with 8 graduates
- First Community Forum of Early Childhood Task Force
- 2 Holiday Parties at Hockanum and Veterans Terrace
- Recipient of the Children's Trust Fund Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Grant
- Completion of the Community Assessment Summary Brochure
- A Family Miniature Golf Day
- A Second Parent Leadership Training (PLTI) to begin next fall

ChildPlan's slogan is *PREVENTION, PARTNERS AND PARENTS*. It is easy to tell from our projects that we believe prevention in the early years saves the expense of more costly services later on. We partner and network with organizations, agencies and parents to build an awareness of all the programs and services in our town, to increase and enhance programs and to avoid duplication of services. We are a strong supporter of the East Hartford community.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE OUR WORK. PLEASE RESPOND WHEN YOU RECEIVE OUR ANNUAL APPEAL LETTER IN OCTOBER OR SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION NOW IF WE MISSED YOU IN 2004.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2004 DONORS AND TO GEORGE AND JAY STEWART AND ART CHARLOTTE BRADBURY WHO WERE THE HONARARY CHAIRMEN.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT ROSEMARY AND TIMOTHY MOYNIHAN WILL BE THE HONORARY CO-CHAIRMEN FOR THE 2005 APPEAL.

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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

On March 22, 2005, the Children's Trust Fund awarded ChildPlan Inc. a two-year \$100,000 grant to develop a coordinated array of educational and prevention/intervention services in the area of child sexual abuse. Since that time individuals from the East Hartford community have volunteered their time and talents to form a task force to help address the issues of child sexual abuse.

At the first Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force meeting, Cephus Nolan, Director of the East Hartford Youth Service Bureau, who researched and wrote the grant, presented an overview of the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention grant. Additionally, Commander Robert Kenary, from the East Hartford Police Department, who is Chair of the Task Force, presented some of the issues

surrounding child sexual abuse offenders.

Presently both the community and the professional surveys have been distributed throughout East Hartford. The surveys will assist us in getting a benchmark for the awareness and understanding of child sexual abuse issues within East Hartford, as well as providing us with input from the community as to the needed contents of several workshops and handbooks.

Discovery Programs – For Children Ages 0–8

EARLY CHILDHOOD TASK FORCE

The Early Childhood Task Force will be sponsoring three new programs for families with young children in East Hartford: The Teddy Bear Picnic, a Community Forum, and a CPR and First Aid Class for home care and licensed providers.

The 1st Annual Teddy Bear Picnic was held on May 25th at the Community Cultural. The event was a great success with over 50 children and families in attendance. Children enjoyed the tunes of the Sunshine Road Interactive Band and a Teddy Bear Parade.

A CPR and First Aid Course will be available free of charge for East Hartford residents who take care of children in their homes. You could qualify for this course if you are taking care of grandchildren, nephews or nieces, friends' children, etc. This program is designed for caregivers who are not licensed and would otherwise not have the opportunity to learn CPR.

Space is limited, registration for the day of the course

at 8:00 am is required.

The course will be given on June 18th at the YMCA 770 Main Street, East Hartford. Please call ChildPlan: 568-0181 if interested for pre-registration.

Our Second Community Forum will be held on June 16th at The East Hartford Community Cultural Center starting from 5:30-8:30. The purpose of the forum is to assess the childcare needs of families with young children in East Hartford.

Please join us and have your voice be heard.



**If you have questions,
or are interested in
one of our programs -
please call
ChildPlan
at 568-0181**

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Parent Involvement Committee is made up of parents and professionals who work together to empower East Hartford parents. Currently, the group is working on several projects to benefit families in town including: The Parent Leadership Training Program, The Family Resource Directory and Welcome to East Hartford Packages.

The Parent Leadership Training Institute is a 20-week course that will enable parents and other interested adults to become leaders and advocates for children.

In partnership with The Connecticut Assembly Commission on Children, ChildPlan and the Parent Involvement Committee are looking for 25 East Hartford parents and/or guardians interested in attending this comprehensive course. The course will begin in October and run for 20 weeks. Classes will run from 5:30pm - 9:30pm. Dinner and child care will be provided at no cost.

If you are interested in attending, please call ChildPlan - 860-568-0181, or email ChildPlan@sbcglobal.net.

The Family Resource Directory is a handy guide to services in East Hartford and is available at many locations. It was developed by ChildPlan volunteers and generously printed by Pratt & Whitney. Copies are in the process of being distributed to families throughout the school system and are also available at the ChildPlan Office (in the Youth Services building at 2 King Court) and other locations throughout East Hartford.

In conjunction with the East Hartford Democratic Women's Club, we are in the early stages of putting together a **Welcome to East Hartford Package** for new families in East Hartford.

If you are interested in being a member of this committee, or would like a Family Resource Directory, please call ChildPlan - 568-0181.



**These programs are funded by the William Graustein Memorial Fund,
The League of Women Voters, Town of East Hartford and East Hartford Board of Education.**

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As a non-profit organization, ChildPlan relies heavily on grants from foundations and donations from people like you. Please consider becoming a member and helping us serve the children of East Hartford and their families.

Membership Levels:
Individuals \$25 Families \$50 Businesses \$100

As a member, you will receive a quarterly newsletter and other information on ChildPlans' programs and events. You will also be invited to quarterly meetings, a member/volunteer breakfast and listed in our year end newsletter.

If you are interested in joining please call ChildPlan at 568-0181
 or mail your donation to: ChildPlan Inc., 2 King Court, East Hartford, CT 06108

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

👏👏👏👏 **RAFFLE** 👏👏👏👏

May through July ChildPlan will be selling raffle tickets for ONLY \$1 to win great prizes.

- 1st. Prize: \$500 Gift Certificate from Bob's Discount Furniture (towards new purchase only)
 - 2nd Prize: \$300 Gift Certificate for Fred Stewart Florists—12 Months of Flowers!
 - 3rd Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate towards a 2-night stay at the Hyannis Inn, Cape Cod, MA
- AND MANY MORE!!**

**Please join us at the
 ChildPlan Family Mini
 Golf Outing**

Saturday, July 23, 2005

**Hillside Golf Course
 Hillside Ave. East Hartford**

11:00am—2:00pm

Prizes to be awarded



**\$10 per person,
 Includes golf,
 hot dog, soda
 and ice cream**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 16th:

Community Forum

5:30 - 8:30

The East Hartford Community Cultural
Center, 50 Chapman St. East Hartford

*Please join us to help assess the childcare needs of
young children in East Hartford. Free childcare
and a light supper provided at no cost.*

Saturday, June 18:

CPR Course for Home Care Providers

8:00am - Registration

8:30am - Start

YMCA, Main Street, East Hartford

Pre-registration is required - call ChildPlan at
568-0181 to pre-register.

Saturday, July 23:

Mini Golf Tournament

Hillside Golf Course

Hillside St., East Hartford

11:00 - 2:00pm

May - July

Raffle tickets are being sold for ONLY \$1 for some
great prizes (see inside for details). The drawing
will be held on July 23rd at the Mini Golf Tourna-
ment — you need not be present to win.

Upcoming:

October: Parent Leadership Training Institute

October: Annual Appeal

Please call
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for more
information or
to register at
568-0181

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