who we are

The Children's Trust is Massachusetts' leading family support organization. We strengthen the Commonwealth by developing, evaluating, and promoting parenting education and coaching programs to prevent child abuse and improve the lives of children.

Everyone benefits when children grow up in stable, healthy families.

The great majority of the human brain develops before the age of three. Children who, from a young age, grow up in supportive, loving families are much more likely to be emotionally and physically healthy and less likely to struggle later on. We can ensure children grow up in nurturing environments by providing parents with high-quality education and coaching.

Science clearly shows that when adverse childhood experiences occur—such as ongoing neglect by parents; physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; or an adult caregiver with substance abuse or mental health challenges—they have a devastating impact on a child’s emotional and physical well-being for her entire lifetime.

Investing early in family support programs pays large dividends. It promotes resilience in adult parents who have had adverse childhood experiences themselves and prevents today’s children from experiencing adverse events. The work of the Children's Trust leads to safer children in stable families, reducing long-term social, health, and education costs. We all gain on that investment.
what we do

We have a proven approach that gets results.

Driven by an evidence-based approach, the Children’s Trust sets the state’s highest standards for family support. Our programs are informed by rigorous research and evaluated regularly in order to ensure we continue to build on best practices and improve outcomes for children and families.

We develop and support effective programs, create and influence public policies, improve family service systems, and strengthen communities by helping families build Protective Factors that support their overall well-being.

Developed by the Center for the Study of Social Policy, the Protective Factors framework is a research-driven approach that identifies key conditions which must be in place in order for children and families to thrive.

All Children’s Trust programs help families build these factors:

1. parental resilience
2. knowledge of healthy parenting and normal child development
3. social and familial connections
4. concrete support in times of need
5. understanding of the social and emotional development of children in relating productively to others and the world around them
We at the Children’s Trust believe that all children deserve to grow up in a supportive and loving environment.

However, with more tragic stories in the news this year, it is increasingly clear that Massachusetts needs to do more to take care of our most vulnerable citizens. At the Children’s Trust, we partner with organizations and parents across the state to ensure that children are safe, nurtured, and thriving.

The latest science proves that it is critical to partner with parents early to ensure they have the skills, tools, and confidence they need to do their job well. When young children experience traumatic events at home, it has negative effects on health and behavior that last a lifetime.

This year, Tufts University released a rigorous evaluation showing that our Healthy Families program is having a dramatically positive impact on how young parents take care of their children and themselves. Thank you for doing your part in ensuring that this, and all of our evidence-based programs, can reach more families and improve the lives of children across the Commonwealth.

sincerely,

Suzin Bartley, LICSW
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“One generation full of deeply loving parents would change the brain of the next generation, and with that, the world.”

- Dr. Charles Raison
family centers and parenting education & support programs

Our seven Family Centers serve as a community hub connecting families in nearly 40 cities and towns across Massachusetts with expert parenting advice, helpful resources, and peer support.

Family Centers and other community organizations also provide group-based Parenting Education and Support Programs that help parents learn new skills and connect with other parents.

Evaluations of Family Centers and Parenting Education and Support Programs show over 90% of participating parents have a better understanding of:

- effective discipline techniques and what to expect as their children grow—which helps children thrive and parents manage stress
- where to go for information and support in times of stress (260% increase)

“The Family Center program helped me know that I have help around the community, I’m not alone, and there are resources all around me.

– parent participant
Tufts University conducted a rigorous randomized control trial of our Healthy Families program—a home-based family support and coaching program for first-time parents age 20 and under.

Proven results released this year show that the program:

- lowers parents’ risky behaviors, which likely reduces children’s exposure to traumatic events
- reduces the use of corporal punishment among mothers who had more traumatic events in their past
- increases factors for achieving family self-sufficiency, including parents being twice as likely to have completed a year of college just two years into the program
- promotes better health outcomes for the most vulnerable moms and babies
- increases healthy, stable co-parenting relationships between mothers and fathers
family support training center

Our highly sought-after training team has built a strong reputation for excellence, as indicated by frequent requests for presentations and trainings in both Massachusetts and across the nation—as well as an across the board rating of nearly 4.5 out of 5 for strength of training content on all training evaluations.

We’ve developed numerous trainings that respond to the evolving needs of family-serving professionals, ensuring they have the skills they need to address increasingly complex family situations. **New topics this year include:**

- helping parents create healthy attachment with children
- effective ways of working with families impacted by traumatic events

In addition this year, the 22nd Annual “View from All Sides” Conference brought together more than 550 professionals from around the region to exchange ideas with peers and learn from over 20 workshops on cutting-edge practices.
Long seen as a leader in engaging fathers in family support programs, the Children’s Trust partners with local programs to provide funding, as well as extensive training and technical assistance on strategies for working with fathers and co-parents.

Last year, the Children’s Trust conducted a comprehensive assessment of the Fathers and Family Network - the only statewide training and networking resource for professionals who work with fathers. Stakeholders reported a high degree of satisfaction with the program and an overwhelming desire to continue education and support in this manner. The Children’s Trust has begun implementing several recommendations, including the expansion of sites and increased communication regarding activities across the state.
highlights of the year

step up for kids

Governor Charlie Baker joined the Children’s Trust and 150 guests to announce April as Child Abuse Prevention Month at our 10th annual “Step Up for Kids” event featuring a display of 390 shoes covering the Grand Staircase of the State House.

The display represented the average number of children confirmed as abused or neglected each week in Massachusetts. The TJX Companies, Inc. donated the shoes which the Children’s Trust donated to families in its programs.

At the event, the Children’s Trust honored two legislators whose work has benefitted the children and families of Massachusetts with the Valuing Our Children award. Senate President Stanley Rosenberg presented the award to Majority Leader Harriette Chandler. House Speaker Robert DeLeo received the award from George Atanasov, a Children’s Trust Board Member.
The “Step Up for Kids” event, held at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, featured a display of 60 shoes that represented the average number of children confirmed as abused or neglected each month in Berkshire County.

The Children’s Trust joined with Child Care of the Berkshires to recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and honor State Senator Benjamin Downing and Representative Gailanne Cariddi for their work to benefit the children and families of Berkshire County and the entire Commonwealth. Executive Director Suzin Bartley presented the Children’s Trust’s Western Massachusetts Champion for Children Award to each legislator.
Almost 500 guests attended our Evening of Promise gala, which raised over $500,000 – a new record!

The event honored Senator William “Mo” Cowan for his steadfast commitment to ensuring every child has the opportunity to reach their highest potential.
Our onetoughjob.org parenting website was relaunched in a cutting-edge, user-friendly design.

The new website builds on the reliable parenting information of the old site and adds a one-of-a-kind resource finder, live discussion forums, and blog posts written by parents and parenting experts from a wide-variety of perspectives. Parents can now get the most current and reliable information in a fun, fresh format while connecting with each other and their communities.
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attleboroschools.com/project-connect/index.php

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Valuing Our Children
valuingourchildren.org

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plymouth.k12.ma.us

**South Boston**
South Boston Neighborhood House Parents’ Group
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sbnh.org

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The 5 “Rs” of Parenting: Respect for Others, Respect for Self, Routines, Rapport, Role Modeling
The United Arc of Franklin and Hampshire Counties
unitedarc.org

**Worthington**
Family Education and Support - Nurturing Your Infant/Toddler
Hilltown Community Health Centers
hchcweb.org

**Massachusetts Family Centers**

**Athol/Orange**
Valuing Our Children
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valuingourchildren.org

**Cambridge**
Center for Families
City of Cambridge Department of Human Service Programs
cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programs-forfamilies/centerforfamilies.aspx

**Eastham**
Lower Cape Massachusetts Family Center Project
Cape Cod Children’s Place
capecodchildrensplace.com

**Greenfield**
Franklin County Family Center Community Action of the Franklin, Hampshire and North Quabbin Regions, Inc.
communityaction.us

**Medford**
Medford Family Network
Medford Public Schools
medfordpublicschools.org/departments-programs/medford-family-network

**North Adams**
Family Resource Center of Northern Berkshire County
Child Care of the Berkshires, Inc.
ceberkshire.org/2013/08/family-resource-center

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**combined expenses by category**

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**notes:**

*Unaudited figures*

*The Children’s Trust 501c3 figures are on accrual basis*

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