

Office of Child Abuse Prevention
Family Support & Prevention Service
Statute Required Report – SFY 2008

The Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP)

OCAP is authorized by statute to create a statewide approach towards the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

OCAP awards Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) funds to community based agencies to provide services to families at risk for child maltreatment. OCAP also evaluates and monitors these programs and provides training and technical assistance. During SFY 2008, 22 programs received \$3,224,681 of state appropriated CAP funds.

Mission -

The mission of OCAP is to promote the health and safety of children and families by providing public education through **community – based activities**, support parents through **center-based services** and provide more intensive service to prevent child maltreatment through **home visitation service**.

Office of Child Abuse Prevention Programs

An OCAP program is modeled after the Healthy Families America (HFA) initiative. HFA is a national effort to establish a voluntary home visitor system for all new parents to help give their children a healthy start.

Enrollment Criteria -

An OCAP program provides home visits to first-time mothers after the 29th week of pregnancy, pregnant women expecting a subsequent child, and parents who have a baby less than 12 months of age and until the child is six years of age, if necessary.

Service Delivery -

- 23 OCAP programs provided services in 40 counties during SFY 2008.
- Screened 2,353 persons and further assessed 949 families for program enrollment.
- Enrolled 543 new families and 605 families that had enrolled in a previous year continued participating in home visitation services.
- 68 OCAP program staff provided 15,903 home visits to 1,148 families.
- 373 families attended 716 center-based parent education/ support groups.
- The average actual state expenditures per family during SFY 2008 is estimated at \$2,177. This amount was derived by adding the CAP Fund expended amount (\$3,224,681) plus the OCAP Administrative Fund (general revenue at the discretion of the commissioner \$315,540) divided by the total number of unduplicated families served by state-funded OCAP Programs (1,481).

Home Visit Participant Characteristics

- 35% of the parents were aged 20–24 years old, 99% were females and more than half were Caucasian (59%) while 17% were Hispanic.
- 62% were single/never married, 35% were high school graduates, 29% had a household income less than \$5,000, and 41% were unemployed.
- Household usually composed of two adults (56%). Most often the second adult was the child's father (43%) or child's grandparents (34%).
- 589 children were enrolled, where 77% of the children were less than 6 months of age and majority were Caucasian (45%)
- Conducted 3,295 developmental screenings for children using Ages & Stages Questionnaire.

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The Child Abuse
Training &
Coordination
(CATC) Program

OCAP also supports the CATC Program, which provides training for professionals with responsibilities for children and families in the prevention, intervention, and treatment of child maltreatment.

CATC is responsible for training, technical assistance, and assessment of the multidisciplinary child abuse and neglect teams (MDTs) throughout the state.

CATC Activities and MDT Cases Review-

1. CATC provided 34 training opportunities at 24 different locations across the state to 1,342 registrants.
2. There were 46 functioning Multidisciplinary Teams across the state.
3. MDTs reviewed 1,944 cases of child abuse and neglect.
4. 54% of the cases reviewed were female, 60% of the cases were Caucasian and 67% of the cases had parent or stepparent as the perpetrator.
5. 38% of cases involved neglect. Other conditions involved included alcohol or drugs (49%) and domestic violence (26%).

Evaluation

A Statewide evaluation of all OCAP programs began in SFY 2000. During past 18 months, evaluation activities have focused on refining the program theory through development of a program logic model and defining new measures to gather accurate data on program outcomes.

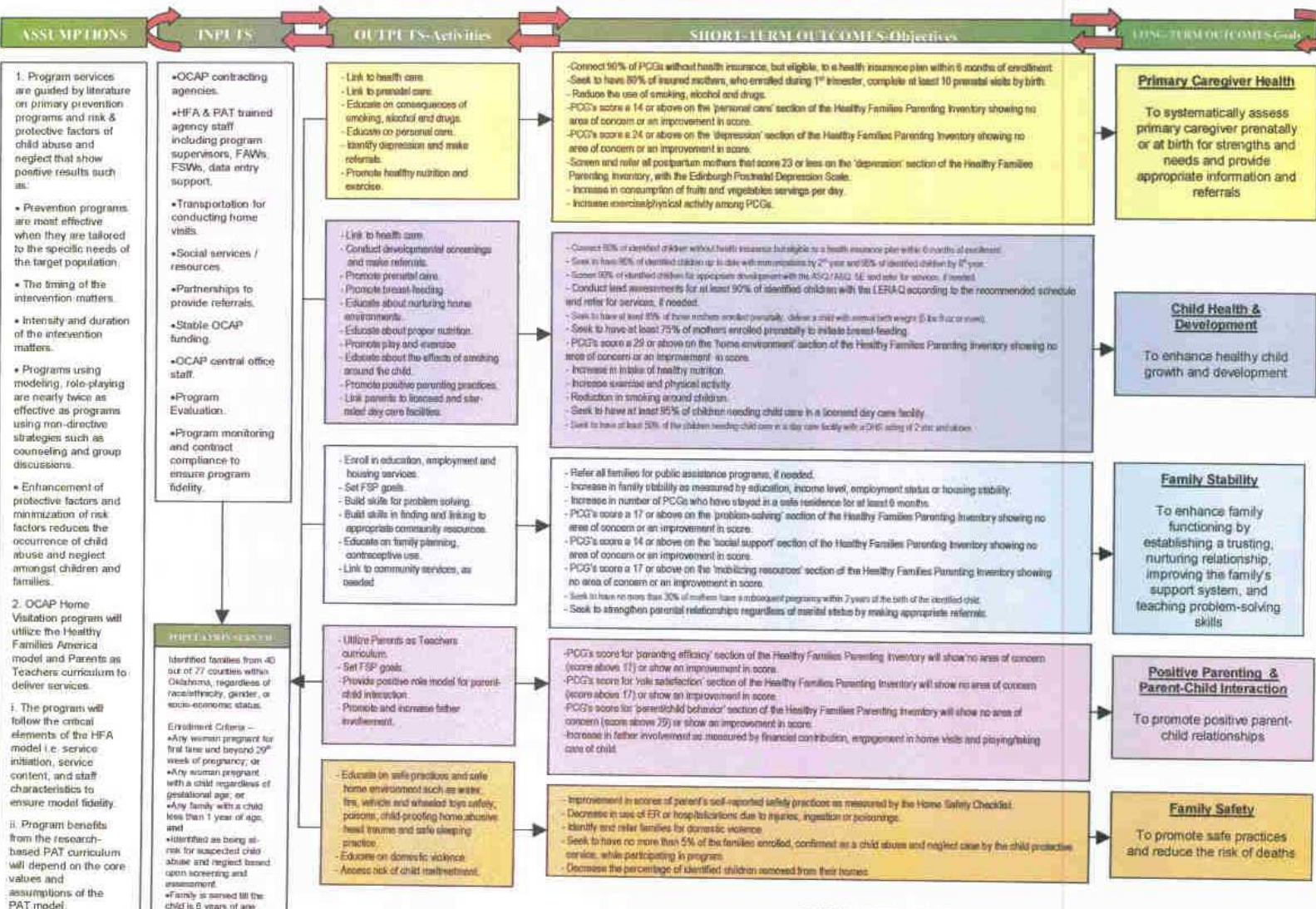
Revisions made to the standardized evaluation forms and the statewide database (OCAPPA) was implemented in February of 2008. The activities, objectives and goals of the OCAP programs fall into the following evaluation domains:

1. Primary caregiver health
2. Child health and development
3. Family stability
4. Positive parenting and parent-child interaction
5. Family safety

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Office of Child Abuse Prevention Home Visitation Program - Logic Model



DCAP GOALS COLOR GUIDE

- Yellow: PGC Health
- Purple: Child Health & Development
- Blue: Family Stability
- Pink: Positive Parenting & Parent-Child Interaction
- Gold: Family Safety