

# The Children's Bureau centennial year begins

## April 9, 2012!

Trends come and go, but some things never change. Many of the initiatives and values that formed the foundation of the Children's Bureau in 1912 remain at the core of our work today:

**Research and Data.** One of the Bureau's first undertakings was a groundbreaking study of infant health and mortality rates in Johnstown, PA. Today, we fund national research, data collection, and rigorous evaluations to identify evidence-based practices.

**Public Campaigns.** Throughout our history, Children's Bureau campaigns have highlighted critical issues such as infant mortality, child labor, and child maltreatment. In one of our most visible campaigns, AdoptUSKids and the Ad Council now collaborate to promote the adoption of children from foster care through television, radio, and print PSAs.



**Publications.** Early Bureau publications included guides on prenatal and infant care that helped millions keep their babies safe. We continue to develop publications that bridge science and practice, including the popular User Manual Series from our Office of Child Abuse and Neglect. Our clearinghouse website, Child Welfare Information Gateway, links users to thousands of child welfare publications from trusted sources: <http://www.childwelfare.gov>

**Workforce Development.** Since 1935, the Children's Bureau has supported the professional development of child welfare workers. We continue to foster the training, recruitment, and retention of an effective workforce, with a focus on supervisors and middle managers through our Leadership Academy.

**Assistance to States and Tribes.** The Bureau began assisting States by authorizing grants through the Maternity and Infancy Act of 1922. Today, we help States and Tribes fund their child welfare systems through such programs as titles IV-E and IV-B of the Social Security Act, the Children's Justice Act, and the Court Improvement Program. In addition, our Training and Technical Assistance Network provides the knowledge and resources States need to enhance their systems and support better outcomes for children and families.

**Collaboration.** The Children's Bureau has always relied on its close relationships with Federal agencies, local and State governments, Tribes, universities, and other organizations to carry out its mission. We couldn't have come this far without you!



*100 years of serving our nation's children and families*



### When the Children's Bureau was founded in 1912 ...

- Its budget was \$59,859. Approximately half of that figure represented staff salaries.
- It operated with a staff of just 15 employees.
- It was created under the Department of Commerce and Labor. Over the years, it has also been part of the Social Security Agency; the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and the Public Health Service.
- Topics of study encompassed "all issues pertaining to children," including maternal and infant mortality rates, child labor, and juvenile delinquency.
- There were more than 31 million children and youth under 16 years of age in the United States.



### Today ...

- The Children's Bureau has an annual budget of nearly \$8 billion, including grants to States, Tribes, and other organizations.
- More than 150 employees carry out the Bureau's mission, working from Washington, DC, and in 10 Regional Offices around the country.
- The Children's Bureau is part of the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, under the Administration on Children, Youth and Families.
- The Bureau focuses on helping States and Tribes improve outcomes for children and families in the child welfare system or at risk of entering the system.
- More than 75 million children and youth under the age of 18 live in the United States.

*Please join us in commemorating our centennial year!*

**For more information about Children's Bureau (CB) history, check out these resources:**

- **CB website:**  
<http://transition.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb>
- **CB centennial website:**  
<https://cb100.acf.hhs.gov>
- **CB e-brochure:**  
[https://cb100.acf.hhs.gov/CB\\_ebrochure](https://cb100.acf.hhs.gov/CB_ebrochure)
- **Children's Bureau Express Centennial Series:**  
<http://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm?event=website.viewArticles&issueid=125&articleID=3131>



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