




Senate of Pennsylvania

# Senator LeAnna M. Washington

## 4<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 2, 2011  
**To:** All Senators  
**From:** Senator LeAnna M. Washington   
**Subject:** Co-sponsorship request – Children's Trust Fund

I will be reintroducing SB 919 of the 2009-2010 legislative session. I invite you to join me as a cosponsor of legislation that will help fund programs that help prevent child abuse and neglect.

The Pennsylvania Children's Trust Fund (PA CTF) is dedicated to funding innovative and creative community-based child abuse and neglect prevention programs. Specific emphasis for funding is placed on primary prevention programs that focus on the prevention of abuse before it occurs for the first time. PA CTF was established pursuant to Act 151 of 1988, the Children's Trust Fund Act.

The Pennsylvania Children's Trust Fund is funded through revenue generated from a surcharge of \$10 on all marriage and divorce applications filed in the Commonwealth. This bill will raise the fee to \$25 for marriage licenses and \$35 for divorce applications.

Pennsylvania's CTF has been investing in prevention efforts since 1990, and through 2008, a total of \$29,819,001 has been awarded to 234 programs.

Co-sponsored previously by WASHINGTON , COSTA , FARNESE, FERLO , FONTANA , HUGHES , KITCHEN , LOGAN , O'PAKE , RAFFERTY , STOUT , TARTAGLIONE , WILLIAMS and BROWNE

To indicate your interest in co-sponsoring this important legislation, please contact Cindie Watkins in my office by calling 7-1427 or emailing [cwatkins@pasenate.com](mailto:cwatkins@pasenate.com).