

2013 CCRB Application Deadline for Services Funding

What For: Current agency partners seeking renewal of funding for 2013 and/or current agencies and new agencies (not previously funded) who are seeking funds for new services and programs.

Restrictions: Services must be for the delivery of services to children and youth and their families under the age of 19 related to the following: **TEMPORARY SHELTER, RESPITE, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, COUNSELING, PSYCHIATRY, TEEN PARENT, CRISIS INTERENTION, HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED, SCHOOL BASED PREVENTION, AND TRANSITIONAL LIVING.**

2013 Priority Areas: Three priority services have been identified and selected for 2013: Counseling, Home and Community Based Services (school based mental health services), and School-Based Prevention.

Access to Applications: Applications can be found at the CCRB website (www.stcharlescountykids.org) and through our Sharepoint system for current partners.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

CCRB Sharepoint Computer System Initiated

As part of our strategic plan, over the summer the CCRB staff has updated its computer system in order to transition to a more paper-free system. An off-site server has developed a Sharepoint portal system and currently all existing partner agencies have access to their files through the portal.

“Sharepoint is allowing our agencies to use our drop-box system to submit their applications, financials, and other pertinent information. Files can be stored, protected, and accessed in one place. Our board members have access to the applications and, through this portal system, will be able to spend valuable time with each application before making funding decisions.

“We are hopeful this new method will save our agencies time, paper, and money,” says CCRB Executive Director, Bruce Sowatsky.

Over the next 12 months, CCRB staff will continue to upload agency files from previous years and plan to have all of our files available electronically.

Treat The Troops Program Involves CCRB Director

Linda Haberstroh, CEO of Phoenix Textiles in O'Fallon, and her staff are actively involved in a Treat the Troops program that originated out of South Carolina in 1990 during the Gulf War. Beginning in May 2008, the employees of Phoenix Textile began sending monthly boxes of homemade cookies, treats, basic toiletry items and letters of appreciation and thanks to deployed U.S. soldiers. Since that time, Phoenix Textile employees have sent 920 boxes and raised over \$18,000 to pay for the cost of postage and items to fill the boxes. In addition to the names provided through the national Treat the Troops association, Phoenix Textiles sends boxes to soldiers whose names are provided by their employees including friends and family members.

Phoenix Textiles was also a large contributor to the CCRB's Shower of Love project, which supports baby items for teen parents and babies in St. Charles County. This event raised over \$86,000 in April-May, 2012. Thank you, Phoenix Textiles' employees, for your generosity and support of our troops and the Shower of Love event.



Troops sending e-mail
thanks for October 2012 packages

Mid-Year 2012 Agency Reports (January-June 2012)

Over 45,000 St. Charles County children, youth, and families received services provided through CCRB funded-agencies during the first six months of 2012. This is an increase of nearly 3,000 children, youth, and families from the first six months in 2011. The following lists the types of services and agencies funded through CCRB:

Respite services were provided to 280 children through the Crisis Nursery, Children's Home Society, and Community Living, Inc.

School-based prevention services involved 41,627 children and youth in programs such as bullying prevention (Crider Health Center and Catholic Family Services), sexual abuse prevention (The Child Center), substance abuse prevention (Preferred Family Healthcare). Suicide prevention education is provided at the Francis Howell and Ft. Zumwalt School Districts through Kids Under Twenty One (KUTO). A new partner, ThriVe, is providing sexual abstinence education through the Best Choice Sexual Integrity program at Ft. Zumwalt and Francis Howell School Districts.

Substance abuse outpatient treatment services engaged 322 youth in programs sponsored by Bridgeway Behavioral Services and Preferred Family Healthcare.

Home and community based services reached 1,801 children and youth in St. Charles County with programs offered through Saints Joachim and Ann Care Service, Crider Health Center, the Crisis Nursery, Eleventh Circuit Court, FACT (Family Advocacy and Community Training), National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), and United Services. FACT provides a family-based component that works in conjunction with Crider Health Center's Partnership with Families program. A new partner for 2012 is the Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition, which works with families with foster and adoptive children.

Crisis intervention, counseling, and psychiatric services were provided to 830 children and youth through Catholic Family Services, Crider Health Center, Salvation Army, Kids In The Middle, Lutheran Family and Children's Services, and Youth In Need. A new partner for 2012 is Behavioral Health Response, which provides mobile crisis counseling services and a 24 hour, 7-day a week hotline.

Teen parent programs were provided to 203 youth through Nurses for Newborns, Our Lady's Inn, and Youth In Need.

Temporary shelter services were offered by Youth In Need to 36 youth. **Transitional living services** were also provided to 13 youth by Youth In Need.



Applications for the 2013 Children's Trust Fund License Plate program fund are available online (www.stcharlescountykids.org) or through the agency's Sharepoint online portal system. Funds must be used to support, develop, implement, and evaluate child abuse and neglect prevention programs and services in St. Charles County.

"We receive funds annually from the Children's Trust Fund through the sale of specialty license plates. Since 1990, this program has provided nearly \$225,000 for child abuse prevention services in our community," says Jan Lewien, Grants Administrator for the CCRB.

The deadline for submitting applications is 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28, 2012. Applications are reviewed by the CCRB Directors and allocation decisions will be announced in January 2013.

CCRB and Partner Agency News

Two of the CCRB directors, Chuck Gross and Linda Haberstroh, are lending their talents to the Pedal the Cause event. This community-wide fundraising bike challenge takes place on October 6 & 7, 2012, for riders of all ages and abilities with 100% of the proceeds staying in the St. Louis region to fund cancer research through the Children's Discovery Institute at St. Louis Children's Hospital and the Cancer Frontier Fund, an initiative of Barnes-Jewish Hospital that benefits the Siteman Cancer Center.

Denise Gould, Executive Director of F.A.C.T., is leading the charge to form a mental health coalition of service providers for agencies currently funded through the CCRB or who are involved in providing behavioral health services for consumers in St. Charles County. This coalition hosts its first meeting on September 26 and will be laying the framework for its goals and objectives for the coming months. A similar organization currently exists in St. Charles County that works with the DDRB (Developmental Disabilities Resource Board), and its emphasis is to provide networking opportunity through partnerships, present a unified approach to community education, and to address the needs of individuals with disabilities in St. Charles County.

You may have heard that Kids In The Middle has closed its satellite office in St. Charles as part of an agency restructuring and consolidation of services from Kirkwood into a newer, larger office in Maplewood, which will open in November 2012. Kids In The Middle will continue to serve St. Charles County children and families through their partnership with CCRB and families who are continuing to receive services at their St. Louis location.

The Katee Hessler Memorial Golf Classic took place on September 14 at the Missouri Bluffs Golf Club. This annual event honors the memory of Katee Hessler and proceeds are designated for programs that help teens. Preferred Family Healthcare, Crider Center, Youth In Need, and D.A.R.E. benefited from this event.

A parent wrote to NAMI: "The NAMI Basics class could just as easily be named an empowerment course for caregivers. While the class addresses the grieving process inherent in caring for a child with mental illness, it moves the participant behind a state of despair and into action. NAMI Basics provides tangible skills and tools to manage the day-to-day processes of not only coping but functioning in a positive way. Additionally, the class recognizes that the illness encompasses and affects the entire family dynamic and therefore addresses those needs as well. The course further prepares caregivers for future potential issues, enabling them to be in a position of strength and readiness."

Congratulations to Karl Wilson, Ph.D., on his retirement. Karl has given a lifetime of service to ensuring mental health services for both adults and children/youth and their families in the four-county area (St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren, and Franklin). Laura Heebner, senior vice-president at Crider, has succeeded Wilson as president of the agency.

F.A.C.T. sponsored their back-to-school event in July, which provided 328 children with backpacks. All children in the Partnership with Families (PWF) program and their siblings received a backpack and the entire family enjoyed a BBQ dinner. Fred Bird was a special guest and PWF parents had an opportunity to meet each other.

The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition reports that they provide 24-hour crisis intervention services (in-home and free of cost for pre- and post-adoptive/guardianship families). For more information, contact Dawn Milburn at 314-614-2342.

Good news is reported from Youth In Need! The agency has received a full, four year accreditation from the Council on Accreditation (COA). Congratulations on your achievement.



Bruce Sowatsky,
CCRB Executive Director

St. Charles County was recently ranked number one by Missouri Kids Count for 2011, moving up from the second position in 2010. Improvements were made in the areas of births to teens, high school dropout rates, out of home placements, child deaths, infant mortality and births to mothers without a high school diploma. However, the number of children enrolled in free or reduced lunches, low birth weight babies, child abuse and neglect, and violent deaths among teenagers went up. While we are proud of the advancements our community has made, we can do better; not only in both the areas where trends are getting worse, but also in areas where we have improved.

So how do we continue to improve in all trends? There has been a recent ground swelling of communities across the country that have invested in collective impact efforts designed to address the needs of the whole child from the womb to adulthood. These efforts require the collaboration of business, educational, healthcare, governmental, non-profit and civic leaders all working together on the various aspects of our children’s lives to move them in the right direction. The CCRB possesses a lot of baseline data, but we need to convene interested and passionate groups of leaders who will set goals and develop strategies to achieve these goals.

St. Charles County has a rich history of cooperation across sectors, and I believe that if we prioritize our children and youth, we can put together a comprehensive plan to improve their quality of life. I invite you to join me in this important endeavor as we take the next steps in putting our kids first.

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Child Center.....	636.332.0899
Children’s Home Society.....	636.940.1119
Community Living, Inc.....	636.970.2800
Crider Health Center.....	636.332.6000
Crisis Nursery-St. Charles/Wentzville.....	636.947.0600
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F.A.C.T.....	636.949.2425
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Lutheran Family & Children’s Services.....	314.787.5100
NAMI	314.962.4670
Nurses for Newborns.....	314.544.3433
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