

## 2012 Year End Clinical Results

Utilization of contracted dollars remained extremely high at a 96% rate by 2012 year end. Many of our funded agencies reported that the intensity level of the needs has remained high over the past two years. A few of the contracted programs ran out of funds well before the end of the year, with nine agencies applying for and receiving supplemental funds for eight programs and three capital projects. Not only were there a large number of children and youth served, but 96% of all clinical outcomes were met or exceeded! The breakdown of children served is as follows:

Shelter Services	77
Respite Services	428
Teen Parents	334
Substance Abuse Treatment	330
Psychiatric Services	74
Transitional Living Services	16
Crisis Interventions	690
Counseling Services	1,320
Home & Community Based Family Interventions	2,132
School Based Prevention Programs	77,594
<b>Total Children and Youth</b>	<b>82,995</b>
<b>Total Parents/Professionals</b>	<b>9,445</b>

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## CCRB Welcomes New Board Members

Three area residents have been appointed to the Community and Children's Resource Board (CCRB) by recommendation of County Executive Steve Ehlmann and confirmation by the St. Charles County Council. Luanne Cundiff, Larry Marty, and Andrea Robertson have joined the CCRB for three year terms, beginning December 2012 through December 2015. Retiring from the Board are Ron Berrey, Dan Kunz, and Betty Kramer.

Ms. Cundiff is Executive Vice President of First State Bank of St. Charles. She is active with the St. Charles Rotary Club, Workforce Investment Board and the Barnes-Jewish Progress West Foundation Board. She previously served on the United Way's Allocation Committee.



Luanne Cundiff



Andrea Robertson

Larry Marty retired in 2012 from his position as principal of Lutheran High School of St. Charles County for 22 years. He has been active with the St. Charles County Ministry to Men, serves on the St. Charles Sister Cities Board of Directors, and is a volunteer teacher's aide at Immanuel Lutheran School.

Andrea Robertson recently started her own clothing company, Triflare LLC. She won the title of Mrs. America in 2010 and was named first runner-up in the Mrs. World 2010 competition. She is an ambassador for the Women's Sports Foundation and is a board member of the St. Charles Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



Larry Marty

## 2013 Children's Trust Fund Awards

At the January 2013 meeting, the Board allocated \$20,000 in Children's Trust Fund dollars to five agencies to provide child abuse and neglect prevention services.

The recipients were the Boys and Girls Club (\$6,010), Crider Health Center (\$5,157), Crisis Nursery (\$3,900), St. Charles County Health and the Environment (\$4,383), and United Services (\$550).

You can support the Children's Trust Fund through the purchase of specialty license plates (\$25/year) and your entire donation is tax deductible and is made available each year in the form of grants to serve St. Charles County children.

Remember that April is Child Abuse Prevention month!



CCRB Board Members and Agency Representatives at Children's Trust Fund Recipient Ceremony



## Shower of Love - Giving Babies a Strong Start in Life

The 7th annual Shower of Love has added Birthright of Wentzville and The Sparrow's Nest Maternity Home as two new partnering agencies to the annual event. These agencies along with Birthright-St. Charles, Crisis Nursery, Youth in Need, Nurses for Newborns, Our Lady's Inn, Thrive St. Louis and Mary Queen of Angels will receive basic baby-care items for their clients from the 7th annual Shower of Love.

The Shower of Love was first organized in 2007 in response to several tragedies occurring to infants and children of young parents in St. Charles County in 2006. The Shower of Love was created to provide a tangible means of helping young parents and to give babies a strong start in life. Over \$370,000 in donations have been collected since the first annual Shower of Love to benefit families in St. Charles County.

From April 1 to 23, businesses, churches, clubs and individuals are needed to host collection drives, baby showers and loose-change collections. A coordinator's kit with flyers and tips on hosting a collection drive is available by contacting the CCRB. Also from April 1 to 23, residents can drop off their donation at a community drop-off location. These include Mid Rivers Mall near Customer Service, New Frontier Banks in St. Charles County, St. Charles City-County Library District branches: Spencer Road, Linnemann, Middendorf-Kredell, Corporate Parkway, Kisker Road, Deer Run, McClay, Boone's Trail, Library Express at WingHaven and Library Express at Discovery Village.

On April 25, volunteers are needed to staff participating Dierbergs, Schnucks, Shop 'n Save, Mid Towne IGA and Walmart grocery stores. Volunteers are needed from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Michelle McElfresh at 636.939.6200 or [mmcelfresh@sckids.org](mailto:mmcelfresh@sckids.org) or visit [www.freewebs.com/showeroflove](http://www.freewebs.com/showeroflove).



A few of the baby items collected during the Shower of Love 2012

## CCRB & Partner Agency News.....

With the assistance of CCRB funding, *Children's Home Society of MO* offers counseling services by licensed counselors or social workers with experience in the needs of children who have been abused or neglected and who have now joined a new family through foster care, adoption or other means. These children and families have unique challenges as they work to blend the experiences of the child with those of the parents and form trusting, stable relationships. St. Charles residents ages 18 and below may be eligible for services at little or no cost to the family. Services are provided at the CHS corporate office located at Olive and Lindbergh, conveniently located near the Page Avenue Extension. Please call (314) 968-2350 to speak to a counseling intake worker.

*Crider Health Center* had a visit from Senator Roy Blunt in February. Senator Blunt is co-sponsoring three bills in the U.S. Senate that have ties to helping provide more Americans with access to mental health facilities. One bill would improve Medicaid's reimbursement for community behavioral health services. Another bill allows for funding of the mental health and first aid training programs and a third bill would reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004. Senator Blunt met with Crider CEO, Laura Heebner, to learn more about the agency's integrated approach to mental health care and toured the agency, which is both a community mental health center and a federally qualified health center. Blunt praised Crider for its ability to provide both primary health care and mental health services.

The *Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition* has been selected as one of only seven replication sites in the country to provide TAC (Training for Adoption Competency), with the purpose to increase the number of adoption-competent mental health professionals in our region. TAC is a professional training program developed by the Baltimore-based Center for Adoption Support and Education to meet the unique and complex clinical needs of adoptive families. Beginning in April, the Coalition will offer the 78-hour, post-master's curriculum.

Scott Snodgrass was recently promoted to Director of Adolescent Services at *Bridgeway Behavioral Health*. Scott now manages the Bridges to Success adolescent programs in St. Charles County and St. Louis County. The Bridges to Success programs provide after school, day treatment, community based and in-custody treatment services.

*Catholic Family Services* announces the schedule for two workshops: Divorce Groups for Children (for children ages 6 to 12) will be offered in the Spring at their O'Fallon office (311 South Main Street) - call 636-281-1990 for information. The Love and Logic parent workshops (all caregivers) are also scheduled for their O'Fallon office. The four-session workshops will begin on March 20 and three workshops are planned for the Spring. Contact 314-544-3800, ext. 1321 for information.

*Thrive St. Louis* reports that they have seen 1,564 students in St. Charles County so far in 2013. The new schools added to their schedule in St. Charles County are Hardin Middle, Jefferson Intermediate, St. Charles High and St. Charles West High. They will also be hosting their annual ThriVe Alive 5K run/walk coming on Saturday, May 18th at the Arch.

*United Services for Children* invites the public to a free autism information event. "Exploring the Spectrum" will feature presentations by autism specialists from Washington University, Cardinal Glennon and Mercy health systems. The event runs 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., April 6, at the Spencer Road Library Community Commons in St. Peters.

Mental health service providers have been meeting with Governor Nixon as he travels around the state discussing the proposed Medicaid expansion. Many CCRB-funded agencies are supporting the Governor's proposal and encourage citizens to learn more about the implications of the expansion.

Miriam Mahan of *Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service* says: "What a huge blessing to us and most of all to our children to have the Resource Board. All together as partners we're seeing the gift of joy in the eyes of all those we collectively serve." Thank you, Miriam, for reminding us about the value of our collaborative efforts and the impact we all make, together, for children and youth in our community.

### Notes from Executive Director

For the past six months, I have been serving as the vice president of the St. Charles County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD). We have been developing protocols on how to activate, collect, and distribute needed items and resources when we are impacted by disaster situations. The more coordinated plans we can have developed and communicated to the public before a disaster strikes, the better.

Does your agency have an emergency plan should a disaster strike your facility(es)? Do you have the means to contact your clientele who may have been impacted by a disaster? Do you know where you would refer people to? Are you willing to be a volunteer or have your agency act as a resource?

If you need help in developing a safety or response plan, or if you are willing to serve as a resource, I encourage you to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm at St. Joachim and Ann Care Services for the COAD meetings .



Bruce Sowatsky, Executive Director

### CCRB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### CCRB FUNDED AGENCIES

Behavioral Health Response.....	314.628.6216
Bridgeway Behavioral Health.....	636.757.2300
Catholic Family Services.....	636.498.2273
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
	.....636-887.3070
Eleventh Circuit Family Court .....	636.949.3040
F.A.C.T.....	636.949.2425
Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition.....	314.367.8373
Kids Under Twenty One.....	314.963.7571
Lutheran Family & Children’s Services.....	314.787.5100
NAMI .....	314.962.4670
Nurses for Newborns.....	314.544-433
Our Ladies Inn.....	636.398.5375
Preferred Family Healthcare.....	636.946.6376
Saints Joachim and Ann Care Service.....	636.441.1302
Salvation Army.....	636.240.4969
Thrive St. Louis.....	314.991.7990
United Services for Children .....	636.926.2700
Youth In Need .....	636.946.5600