

Spring 2012

A REPORT ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUNDING PARTNERSHIPS
ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI

In Memory of Frank Martinez CCRB Founding Board Member and Emeritus

There are special people that come into your life that leave a lasting impression; Frank Martinez was one of those people for me. I met Frank for the first time in the mid '90s as my wife and I frequently shopped at Something Special, a children's clothing store in the mall run by Frank and his wife Charline, because they carried the same dress in numerous sizes. While my wife loved being able to find matching dresses for our three daughters, the girls loved going there because they frequently saved us the newest editions of Beanie Babies.



Yet it wasn't until I applied for and received the position of Executive Director of the CCRB in 1999 that I got to know Frank more deeply. Frank was a true champion for children. Once we became the license plate partner for the Children's Trust Fund, Frank's dedication became even more apparent. Each week he would travel across the county, delivering resource materials to day care centers, schools and hospitals, and would make sure that all of the license bureaus were stocked with CTF applications. In no time, St. Charles County became the most prolific partner of specialty plates in the state. He never missed a week unless he was in the hospital or on vacation. He advocated for Grandparents as Caregivers, and he personally donated to numerous non-profit organizations. He was the epitome of what it meant to be a volunteer and a civic leader.

Frank and I got the chance to play golf every so often. These times gave me a wonderful opportunity to hear about his service time in the Marines, his love for his family, and the importance of giving to his community. He inspired me to do better and to do more, and along the way he coached me in how to play better golf, breaking 100 for the first time on a non-putt-putt golf course several years ago.

Frank passed away suddenly on February 25th at the age of 83. He leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Charline, three children, eight grandchildren, four great-children and thousands of lives touched for the better. He often quoted George Bernard Shaw, "My life belongs to the whole community. It is a privilege to do for it whatever I can. Life is no brief candle to me; it is a sort of splendid torch, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations." Frank was and is that splendid torch; he was a great mentor, a wonderful example and inspiration, and most importantly, he was my friend. I miss him every day. *Bruce Sowatsky, CCRB Executive*

CCRB Adds Three New Agencies as Partners

Three agencies have been added to the list of funded CCRB partners for 2012. Behavioral Health Response, an organization that offers access and crisis intervention services in metropolitan St. Louis, will implement the St. Charles County Youth Connection Helpline. This program partners with Youth In Need to provide intensive crisis services to include telephone and mobile crisis support and linkages to resources for children, youth, and their families. It is anticipated that up to 400 youth will access one of the BHR services during the year. The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition, headquartered in St. Louis, works with families in St. Charles County who are fostering children and youth. The agency will provide the Adoption Preservation and Crisis Management for foster youth ages 3 to 19 who live in St. Charles County and who are at risk of out-of-home placement. ThriVe St. Louis will offer the Best Choice Sexual Integrity program to 4,000 middle and high school-aged youth. This prevention program provides information on sexual abstinence with its goal to help reduce the occurrence of teen pregnancy and reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases.

2011 Year End Clinical Results

2011 utilization of CCRB-funded services remained high for the third year in a row. Agencies reported an average of 94 percent utilization for the year with many agencies reporting greater demand of services as well as increasing numbers of children on wait lists. On top of the higher demand, many agencies reported that the intensity level of the needs was even greater during 2011. Many programs ran out of funds well before the end of the year.

In total, CCRB partner agencies provided services to 78,462 children and youth and 14,386 parents and professionals. The breakdown of children served is as follows:

Shelter Services	529
Respite Services	492
Teen Parents	283
Substance Abuse Treatment	419
Psychiatric Services	58
Transitional Living Services	12
Crisis Interventions	96
Counseling Services	737
Home & Community Based Family Interventions	2,336
School Based Prevention Programs	73,500
Total Children and Youth	78,462
Total Parents/Professionals	14,386
Total of St. Charles Co. Service Recipients	92,848

The number of children and youth seen by CCRB-funded agencies grew by 8.3 percent in 2011. Not only were a larger number of children served, but 93 percent of all clinical outcomes were met or exceeded! These results are testimony to the outstanding work of our agencies' front line staff, who achieved these results under the difficult circumstances mentioned above. We are fortunate to have these caring professionals in our community.

2012 Children's Trust Fund Awards

The Missouri Children's Trust Fund provides funding to the CCRB on an annually basis as part of their child abuse prevention mission. In 2012, six St. Charles County based organizations will receive funds for providing child services and programs in St. Charles County for children and youth. These organizations include: *Our Lady's Inn*, \$3,000 for aftercare services for new mothers leaving the shelter; *Youth In Need*, \$3,000 for Head Start/ Early Head Start programs; *Crisis Nursery*, \$3,000 for respite services; *Community Living, Inc.*, \$1,500 for respite services; *St. Charles County Department of Health and Environment*, \$3,500 for their car seat program and *Lutheran Family & Children's Services*, \$1,000 for teen mom services.



Sixth Annual Shower of Love



The 6th annual Shower of Love has added Thrive St. Louis as a new agency to the Shower of Love. Joining Birthright-St Charles, Crisis Nursery, Nurses for Newborns, Youth In Need, Our Lady's Inn, and Mary Queen of Angels, all agencies will receive essential baby-care items for their clients from the 6th annual Shower of Love.

The Shower of Love was first organized in 2007 in response to several tragedies occurring to infant 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 \$280,000 in donations have been collected since the first annual Shower of Love to benefit families in St. Charles County.

During the month of April, businesses, churches and individuals are needed to host collection drives and baby showers. A coordinator's kit with flyers and tips on hosting a collection drive is available by contacting the CCRB. Also during the month of April, residents can drop off their donation at a community drop-off location. They include St. Charles City-County Library District branches: Spencer Road, Linnemann, Middendorf-Kredell, Corporate Parkway, Kisker Road, Deer Run, McClay, Library Express at WingHaven and Library Express and Discovery Village, New Frontier banks, Mid Rivers Mall, St. Johns bank locations (Cave Springs, Highway K, and old highway 94 south).

Collection dates are scheduled for May 12, 17, and 19th and volunteers are needed to staff participating Dierbergs, Schnucks, Shop 'n Save grocery stores, Mid Towne IGA and Walmarts. 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 mmelfresh@sckkids.org or visit www.freewebs.com/showeroflove.

New Technology Benefits CCRB Partners

Changes in technology are promising to enhance CCRB's ability to communicate more easily with stakeholders, including our partner agencies, board of directors, and the general public.

"First, we have a new off-site server through Avatara. This new system has provided the CCRB with a dedicated email address, new Windows 7 PCs, widescreen monitors, and access to Share Point software," says Jan Lewien, Grants Administrator.

"Sharepoint will allow us to provide a drop-box system. This will help to greatly reduce the volume of paperwork we receive from our partner agencies. We are currently defining the parameters of our needs for this system. The CCRB will be working with partner agencies and board members to provide assistance during this transition."

To reach CCRB staff via email, please note the following addresses: Bruce Sowatsky (bsowatsky@sckkids.org); Jan Lewien (jlewie@sckkids.org); Michelle McElfresh (mmelfresh@sckkids.org).

Upcoming CCRB Meetings: A Manager's Meeting for all partner agencies will be held on May 30th. The goal of the meeting is to introduce new partners to CCRB to on-going agencies and to receive feedback on program progress and/or concerns. In late summer, CCRB is also planning an application workshop to review the upcoming 2013 narrative and budget application. It is essential for all re-applying and new agencies to attend the pre-application meeting.

Meeting Location: Non-Profit Center, St. Charles City-County Library, 427 Spencer Rd, St. Peters, MO
Use Boone Hill entrance. We will meet from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Room 259.

Newly Appointed CCRB Members

The Community and Children’s Resource Board has added two new members on the Board. Appointed by County Executive, Steve Ehlmann, for three-year terms are Linda Haberstroh and Jill Skyles. Steve Stahl is returning for another three-year term.



Jill Skyles is Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer for Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital and Progress West Healthcare. She holds a Master in Business Administration degree from Lindenwood University.

Linda Haberstroh is President of Phoenix Textile Corporation. She holds a Master in Business Administration from Washington University.



Steve Stahl has retired from a 32-year career as a teacher and coach in St. Charles County schools and he hold a Master in Arts in Teaching degree from Southeast Missouri State University.



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Catholic Family Services.....	636.498.2273
Child Center.....	636.332.0899
Children’s Home Society.....	636.940.1119
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Lutheran Family & Children’s Services.....	314.787.5100
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