

## First Countywide Baby Shower Scheduled For April 12

Members of the St. Charles County CHILD SUMMIT Task Force are preparing for the April 12 Countywide Baby Shower, a project designed to attract large donations of diapers, formula, needed baby items and cash that will help four child-serving agencies: Youth in Need's teen mom program, Crisis Nursery's St. Charles programs, Saints Joachim and Ann's Mary Queen of Angels, and Healthy Beginnings.

"We have become deeply saddened over the past several months as we learn of tragedies concerning babies and infants and we wanted to see what we as a community can do to reduce stresses that occur within families. Our thought was that if we can affect these stressors, we could help to reduce the risk of child abuse and increase the odds of helping these babies have a strong start," says Bruce Sowatsky, Executive Director of CCRB. "This Shower of Love was one of the solutions that arose from our meetings."



Many local businesses have stepped forward to help. Commerce Bank, UMB, and New Frontier Bank have agreed to serve as drop off sites for community residents to bring their "presents" as well as BJC Hospital in St. Peters, the Central Fire District stations at Timberbrook, Willott Road and Jungs Station Road, the O'Fallon and Wentzville Dollar Stores and Youth in Need. We also have volunteer civic groups such as Rotary, Kiwanis and Optimist Clubs who will work outside of local stores (Shop N'Save, Dierbergs-Zumbuhl and Mid Towne IGA) on April 12 to solicit items from customers. Volunteers to help pick up the items at the drop off sites are also needed to transport the gifts to Youth in Need on April 12. From that location, the gifts will be divided amongst the four agencies following the day's collection.

"Our goal is to collect enough items to supply 270 teenage mothers for one year. Donated items can include diapers, wipes, baby food, powder, shampoo, teething gels, formula, pedialyte. We also need new cribs and pack and plays," adds Sowatsky.

Businesses, organizations and individuals interested in helping on April 12 can call 636-939-6200 for further details.

**Representative Dempsey Steps Forward to Protect Children.....**Missouri State Representative Tom Dempsey (District 18, St. Charles) is demonstrating great leadership on behalf of children and youth by initiating and sponsoring House Bill 184. This bill calls for a stop to future diversions of tax dollars to support TIF projects from funds collected in communities that have passed Children's Services Funds legislation. In 2006, the CCRB received bills for \$121,000 for TIF reimbursement, with estimations rising to \$200,000 for 2007. Dempsey, a long-time advocate for children, believes that "when the voters designate their tax dollars to go to a certain purpose, they don't want them diverted elsewhere, particularly when it concerns the needs of our children."

## FY 07 Approved Budget by Agency

The Community and Children's Resource Board (CCRB) of St. Charles County completed its FY07 budget process in the fall 2006 with final approval of FY07 (January-December 2007) applications. CCRB is contracting with 14 agencies for 2007.

CCRB'S fiscal year operating budget totals \$5.43 million with an additional \$1 million being used from reserve funds to support capital improvements with partner agencies, bringing the total CCRB FY 2007 budget to \$6,453,327.

The Board asks that you take this opportunity to review the program descriptions and agencies funded that will support mental health, substance abuse treatment and child abuse prevention programs serving St. Charles County

children and youth under the ages of 19. If you have any questions, please contact the CCRB office at 636.939.6200 or visit the agency website at [www.stcharlescountykids.org](http://www.stcharlescountykids.org).

## CCRB Programs and Supports for Fiscal Year 2007

### BRIDGEWAY COUNSELING SERVICES

*Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Services* - The program is designed to work with children and youth who are experiencing drug and alcohol usage. The goals of the program include to reduce chemical usage, improve school performance and, with family input and participation, improve family relationships..... \$ 205,562

### CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

*Outpatient Psychiatric Services* -Professionals work with children and youth to evaluate, monitor, and measure clinical goals including reduction in psychiatric symptoms, and meeting treatment goals, through assessments, counseling and psychiatric services.....\$ 173,100

*Crisis Intervention* - Providing parochial schools in St. Charles County with crisis intervention services to help students develop coping strategies related to stress-inducing incidents..... \$ 11,216

*School-Based Prevention* - A prevention specialist provides an anti-bullying program in parochial schools to help youth identify strategies for

conflict resolution and to reduce school-related reports involving violence... \$23,209

### CHILD CENTER

*School-based Prevention* - Sexual abuse prevention specialists provide programs for elementary and middle school aged children and youth in all five school districts in St. Charles County that are designed to increase their knowledge and awareness skills on sexual abuse prevention..... \$ 197,219

### CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF MISSOURI

*Respite Care Services* - Short-term respite care services are provided in a licensed facility to special needs children with both mental illness and developmental delay. .... \$12,030

### CRIDER HEALTH CENTER

*Home and Community-based Intervention Services* - Care coordinators and family assistants provide services for children and youth with a serious emotional disturbance and their families. Program goals include keeping the child/youth safely at home, successful in school with no involvement with law enforcement..... \$885,570

*School-based Prevention* - Crider Health Center prevention specialists provide anti-violence and anti-bullying programs to all five St. Charles County public schools for children and youth in grades 1 through 5 and 7 through 8. .... \$ 148,191

### Outpatient Psychiatry Services

Crider Health Center child psychiatrists and nursing staff provide services designed to help children and youth meet their treatment goals and reduce psychiatric symptoms and maintain medication compliance..... \$ 58,272

### Home and Community-based Intervention Services

Mental Health Specialists provide school and home-based services to at-risk children and youth. Specialists help the youth and their families determine treatment plan objectives and work to help the youth achieve school success and remain free from law enforcement and/or juvenile justice referrals..... \$ 596,080

### FAMILY ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY TRAINING (F.A.C.T.)

*Home and Community-based Intervention Services* - Parent partners interact with parents and families of chil-

dren and youth who have a serious emotional disturbance. The program helps families to advocate for their child and themselves, design their own crisis intervention plan, and to work with school personnel and other community organizations to determine the best strategies for their child's success in school and in life. .... \$ 350,406

### FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

*Respite Care Services* - Short-term respite care services are provided to special needs children and youth who have both mental illness and developmental delay. .... \$ 26,833

### LUTHERAN FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

*Individual, Group and Family Counseling* -Children and youth in need of crisis related counseling services work with trained counselors and therapists with goals to reduce the psychological symptoms related to the trauma experienced and to improve behavioral problems and to improve family functioning. ....\$ 64,922

**OUR LADY’S INN**

*Services to Unwed and Teenage Mothers -*  
This program offers parenting education and child advocacy for children involved in the agency’s transitional living program..... \$ 20,500

**PREFERRED FAMILY HEALTHCARE**

*Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Services -*  
Treatment specialists work one-on-one with youth and their families who are dealing with substance abuse issues and addiction. The goals include reducing and eliminating substance abuse at program completion, improving school, employment or peer relationships and reducing family conflicts..... \$ 683,514

*School-based Prevention Services -*

The program offers anti-drug curriculum in St. Charles County schools and has developed school-based Teams of Concern consisting of school personnel and substance abuse

prevention specialists. These teams identify at-risk youth who may be in need of counseling services related to drug and alcohol abuse..... \$285,516

**SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANN CARE SERVICE**

*Services to Unwed and Teenage Mothers -*  
Saints Joachim and Ann Care Service’s Mary Queen of Angels program provides baby items such as cribs, diapers, and other essential baby items to St. Charles County teen moms.....\$5,000

*Individual, Group and Family Counseling Services -*

Saints Joachim and Ann Care Service provides direct care services to homeless families with children and youth ..... \$ 49,791

**SALVATION ARMY**

*Individual, Group and Family Counseling Services -*  
This program offers counseling support for children and youth who are in homeless situations. .... \$ 30,000

**ST. LOUIS CRISIS NURSERY - ST. CHARLES**

*Respite Services -*  
Crisis Nursery staff offer services designed to prevent the risk of child abuse for children up to the age of 11 by providing up to three days of respite care..... \$ 291,500

*Home-based Family Intervention Services -*

The agency provides home-based services to families needing respite assistance and on-going supervision and parent support services..... \$ 98,100

**YOUTH IN NEED**

*Temporary Shelter -*

Runaway and homeless youth are provided a safe and stable living environment while working on goals to increase coping and problem-solving skills and improving family relationships.....\$ 537,422

*Transitional Living -*

Housing support is offered to homeless teens while they complete their education, learn

living skills, and find employment..... \$ 118,319

*Individual, Group and Family Counseling -* Supports are provided to youth with program goals related to improving individual well-being and improvement with family and social functioning....\$ 154,500

*Services to Unwed and Teen Mothers -* This program provides support to pregnant teens so they can have healthy pregnancies and births, continue educational pursuits and receiving parenting supports..... \$ 159,695

*St. Charles County..... where the needs of our young people are our highest priority.*

**PUTTING KIDS FIRST - SUMMER CONFERENCE PLANNED**

A one-day conference focusing on working with communities interested in designing local funding resources is being planned for Monday, July 30 in Columbia, Missouri. “We have been receiving increasing numbers of calls from around the state asking how St. Charles County put together its 2004 campaign (Putting Kids First). Over the past several years, St. Louis City, Jefferson, Lafayette and Lincoln Counties have passed local sales tax and property tax initiatives to fund children and youth services,” says Executive Director Bruce Sowatsky.

The Putting Kids First workshop will include discussion of strategies and tools useful in public education campaigns, development of needs assessments, working with local governments, building community alliances and leadership, campaign finance, and media relations.

“Our program is designed to help each participant create a systematic approach to achieving a successful children and youth campaign. A grassroots campaign involves every sector of the community, and our workshop materials allows each participant to build a campaign tailored to their own location,” reports Jan Lewien, Grants Administrator for CCRB.

For more information on the workshop, call 636-939-6200.

## CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND RECIPIENTS

Six St. Charles County area agencies providing child abuse prevention services were named the recipients of the 2007 Children's Trust Fund License Plate Campaign. Frank Martinez, CCRB board member and chair of the License Plate committee, thanked the agency representatives for the work being done by the agencies to curb violence against children and youth. "What you are doing is so important to the welfare of our community children and youth."



Martinez also added that, "I hope community residents will help with this effort by purchasing these specialized Children's Trust Fund license plates. Seeing these license plates serves as a reminder of our commitment to ensuring the safety of all of our children."

Receiving funds were: Crisis Nursery of St. Charles (counseling and support services), Crider Center for Mental Health (respite care), Youth in Need (Head Start/Early Head Start), Saints Joachim and Ann Care Service (Mary Queen of Angels teen mom program), Bridgeway Counseling (domestic violence education program), and Community Living (respite program). Funds received through the License Plate program are overseen and distributed by the CCRB and distributed in the form of reimbursable grants to local agencies providing child abuse and neglect prevention services.

St. Charles County is one of 29 license plate partners with the Children's Trust Fund of Missouri. Over \$120,000 has been raised in St. Charles County since the program began in 1998.

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Bridgeway Counseling.....	636.757.2300
Catholic Family Services.....	636.498.2273
Child Center.....	636.332.0899
Children's Home Society.....	636.940.1119
Crider Health Center.....	636.332.6000
(formerly Crider Center for Mental Health)	
Crisis Nursery-St. Charles.....	636.947.0600
F.A.C.T.....	636.949.2425
Family Support Services.....	636.949.2546
Lutheran Family & Children's.....	314.787.5100
Services	
Our Ladies Inn.....	636.398.5375
Preferred Family Healthcare.....	636.946.6376
Saints Joachim and Ann.....	636.441.1302
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