

Child Abuse and Neglect

Community Impact

The number of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect in St. Charles County is down 9.0% since 2000.

Source of Data

Missouri Department of Social Services/Missouri Kids Count

Agency Programs Impacting This Target Population

[Child Center](#)

[Nurses for Newborns](#)

[Children's Home Society](#)

[Our Lady's Inn](#)

[Community Living](#)

[St. Joachim & Ann](#)

[Crisis Nursery](#)

[Youth In Need](#)

Background

Expanded funding from the Children's Services Fund allowed for additional respite beds, which are instrumental in preventing child abuse. Along with a 24 hour hotline, follow up counseling and in-home case management, families are able to remain intact over 98% of the time. In addition, sexual abuse prevention programming was expanded to reach all elementary and middle school students and services were expanded to assist teen and indigent mothers. In 2008, the CCRB expanded respite beds even further with the addition of a third [Crisis Nursery](#) and a second Outreach Center located in Wentzville. While these expanded services seemed to make an initial difference, changes in reporting laws in 2012 have significantly increased the number of calls made, and the number of substantiations of late.