



Working Together to Build Strong Communities

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Saving Money

- **Homeless Prevention Services:** Community Partnership facilitates and coordinates the Continuum of Care and its 7 sub-committees, all required to bring approximately \$1 million from HUD to our community each year to support housing and homeless prevention services.
- **Compliance Checks/Server Trainings:** Community Partnership secures additional funding for law enforcement to conduct compliance checks, and provides server trainings for alcohol retailers; both essential since Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control's Springfield office was closed due to budget cuts.
- **Child Care Payments:** Community Partnership is the only entity offering DSS subsidy training for childcare providers in our region. This training helps the Department eliminate fraud and overpayment, and in the first year it was implemented statewide, saved \$19 million.

Improving Services

- **Crisis Nursery:** Staff was instrumental in getting Isabel's House, our local crisis nursery, off the ground and continues to serve on the board, help develop policy, and assist with staff training and promotion.
- **Mandated Reporter Training:** Community Partnership developed a consistent Mandated Reporter Training in response to Greene County's very high rates of child abuse and neglect. We train over 2,000 individuals per year, not including those trained by agencies that have incorporated our curriculum into their training modalities.
- **Housing:** Community Partnership spearheaded the development of a Task Force to address homelessness, leading to the funding of two case managers for The Kitchen; received a grant from the Missouri Housing Trust Fund to provide rent and utility assistance; and partnered with a local business on a low-income housing development where a social worker will be placed on-site to provide wrap-around services designed to lift families out of poverty.
- **Environmental Issues:** The Partnership received grants from the Department of Natural Resources and the EPA to retrofit school busses and public/private fleets, reducing harmful emissions and improving air quality. A Clean Air Action Plan was also submitted to DNR and the EPA, which will be utilized by governing bodies in 15 counties.

Getting Results

- **Substance Abuse Prevention:** Community Partnership works in 21 counties in southwest Missouri providing substance abuse prevention initiatives and interventions. During 2008-09 in our Carthage school-based SPIRIT program, past 30 day use of alcohol was 10.9% as compared to 22.3% for the state, and past 30 day use of marijuana was 4% as compared to 6.1% for the state.
- **CASH Financial Literacy:** Since 2007, Community Partnership's CASH Financial Literacy Initiative has served 241 people through basic budgeting classes. 86% of those we surveyed after one year report they are currently using a budget compared to only 59% at intake.
- **School Attendance:** Over 4,000 students participated in after school programming sponsored by Community Partnership at 16 schools. School attendance for youth involved in this programming was up to 2% higher than non-participating students at 14 of the 16 schools.

Involving Community

- **Volunteers:** Over 10,400 volunteers contributed 40,428 hours, valued at \$788,750, for school, neighborhood and community-based programs, collaboratives and initiatives sponsored or organized by Community Partnership.

Developing Resources

- **New Foundations:** Community Partnership and Drury University entered into an agreement to combine resources and talents to achieve mutual goals of environmental protection and will work together to bring additional resources to the region to improve public health and environmental performance.
- **Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC):** Thanks to a generous donation of free space from Cox Health, Community Partnership opened its first NRC, which provides access to copiers, computers, internet service and a lending library of resources for neighborhoods across Springfield. The NRC also offers a volunteer center where committed volunteers share their time to help staff and residents.
- **Free Tax Clinics:** In 2009, more than 27,000 people were served, and \$1.1 million returned to working families and residents in our community through the Earned Income Tax Credit filed at free tax clinics provided by Community Partnership, the Across the Lifespan (ATLS) Coalition, United Way, and the Boys and Girls Clubs.



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The Cape Girardeau Community Caring Council is the leader of collaboration, bringing problems and needs to the community for solutions, and effectively managing resources. Our accomplishments include:

Saving Money

- **Sustaining volunteers:** The Community Caring Council arranged for AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers to serve our Missouri Re-entry Program at no cost to our partnership or the community. The volunteers have had successful results with many persons being reintegrated into our community upon release from incarceration.
- **Leveraging funds:** The Council manages a Family Transition Team composed of representatives from several community service agencies who receive client referrals where normal and customary resources are not available. Through collaborative financial partnering with churches, civic groups, local foundations and county government, over 150 individuals and families were assisted in the past year.

Improving Services

- **Mentoring youth:** The Community Caring Council partnered with the Division of Youth Services to bring additional community resources and programming to their Day Treatment programs. This is a challenging project and it will result in many areas of community involvement for their youth and families.
- **Transporting to jobs:** Efficient public transportation has been at the top of the community needs list for years — a need that was reconfirmed by the Council's 2005 Community Assessment. Subsequent efforts by Cape County Transit Authority to establish a city-wide bus system have greatly enhanced public transportation. The Council has acquired additional resources to provide transportation to those who need it for employment. Funding from United Way is carefully administered and has helped many individuals without personal transportation to find and maintain successful employment.

Getting Results

- **Preventing homelessness:** The Community Caring Council addresses homelessness through three grant sources. Our Supportive Housing Program has provided shelter for 27 disabled individuals and their families and our Missouri Housing Trust Fund has assisted with housing deposits for six years. Recent stimulus money was awarded to our partnership to prevent homelessness through rental deposit assistance and monthly

rental support. Our Housing Needs Committee is presently supporting a new volunteer effort to open a transitional housing shelter in the city of Cape Girardeau.

- **Supporting families:** Funding to the Council from United Way provides multiple sessions of *Building Strong Families* and *Family Wellness* classes offered at no cost to parents, grandparents and caregivers. Two monthly calendars, promoting Family Fun and Learning Activities and Successful Parenting training opportunities, are distributed throughout the community. Over 12 community partners are members of our Parent and Community Education Committee who ensure that learning opportunities and support for families are ongoing throughout the year.

Involving Community

- **Graduating youth:** In January 2009, the United Way Community Impact Committee and the Community Caring Council convened an Education Solutions Team with over 50 educators and community leaders to explore ways to improve the graduation rate in Cape Girardeau School District. The team will review school district performance data and present an action plan incorporating the Communities in Schools concept and methods of practice.
- **Assessing senior needs:** The Council's most active and long-standing committee is the Aging Committee. This dedicated group examines senior issues and finds resources to address them. The committee was awarded a grant from the county's Senior Citizens Fund Board to implement a needs assessment of all seniors in the county. This survey addresses safety and security, independent living, nutrition, health care and recreation. Results will be used to determine future committee strategies and to help the Fund Board make effective funding decisions to address gaps in senior services.

Developing Resources

- **Reintegrating offenders:** The Community Caring Council opened its Re-entry Opportunity Center in June 2009 with funding from Missouri Department of Corrections. The Center offers a computer lab with internet access and personal assistance in writing résumés, submitting job applications and preparing for job interviews. A series of Life Skills classes are also offered each week, providing support as offenders seek employment to become self-sufficient.
- **Screening youth:** The Council's Oral Health Coordinator contacts schools and day cares throughout Cape Girardeau County and engages dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants to volunteer their services for annual dental screenings and bi-annual fluoride varnish applications. Screening supplies are provided by the Missouri Oral Health Preventive Services Program at no cost to the community. Our Oral Health Coalition has secured local funding to offer Dental Treatment Scholarships for youth in need.



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Saving Money

- **Collaboration:** JCCP is saving dollars by collaborating with Disability Resource Association to provide ramps for low income individuals with disabilities. The Hammers of Hope program utilizes volunteer labor to construct wheelchair ramps costing 67% less than in the past. Ramps allow citizens to remain in their homes, reducing the need for state funding to place them in group homes and improving their ability to remain active in their community.
- **Leveraging Each Dollar:** Donations are important to all nonprofits. Accurately accounting for those donations, JCCP secures more than \$9.00 for each dollar of state support received. Donations stay in our community and strengthen the local economy through purchased services and programs implemented for our citizens.

Improving Services

- **Reaching Out:** Jefferson County's high rate of unfluoridated water sources leads to dental caries. With limited opportunities for low income children to receive appropriate dental education and care, this creates the need for additional dental services. The Dental Coalition provides a platform for identification of gaps in existing services and developing ongoing supports such as the mobile dental van. In addition, clinics like our Give Kids A Smile allows dental professionals to provide volunteer services to children who are un/underinsured and experiencing formidable dental issues.
- **Moving Ideas into Action:** Addressing the need for public transit in Jefferson County, a collaborative effort created and secured funding for Jeffco Express, a general public transportation service. This effort marked the beginning of a culture shift for our county, creating a best practice for what the community can do for its own.
- **Education and Access:** By its nature, JCCP utilizes a web of supports and networking to share information, increase participation and educate leaders and citizens alike. Working towards improving the quality of life within the county, these connections are invaluable in getting information into the hands of those who are eligible for new programs like MO HealthNet.

Getting Results

- **School Readiness:** JCCP's early childhood initiative called the Parenting Network provides training, resources and support to parents. It assesses the developmental levels of 100% of participating children and makes referrals for those who are identified as being below the appropriate developmental level.
- **Reducing Recidivism:** JCCP is working closely with state and community agencies to address the needs of individuals who are at risk to re-enter prison. Results of the Missouri Re-entry Process are impressive: in its first year of providing the Life Skills program, 148 were served, with greater than 95% showing improvement.

Involving Community

- **Bringing People Together:** It's a win-win situation. Through various programs and well-informed connections, JCCP assists with finding a place where people can offer time or expertise in helping a fellow resident. Averaging over 7,000 hours of volunteer service a year, JCCP creates opportunities to spend time and energy making a difference whether you are in a group of 2 or 200.
- **Avoiding Duplication:** By working in collaboration with other agencies, JCCP builds and participates in coalitions, collaborations and focus groups to address community issues. Greater perspective is achieved, varieties of solutions are explored and savings are realized as resources and supports are pooled to tackle Jefferson County issues.

Developing Resources

- **Providing Services:** JCCP's lending library provides resources to parents and providers of early care and education to young children. Training services cover a wide range of topics such as emergency practices, parenting support, health care, and health-related preventions. The Safe Babies Program offers critical education to new parents about safe-sleep environments for infants, training to prevent and raise awareness of S.I.D.S. and Shaken Baby Syndrome, and access to safe-sleep equipment such as cribs and monitors.
- **Strategic Development:** With a diverse Board of Directors and a solid network of connections, JCCP brings service providers and clients to the table to strategically map capacities of agencies and identify gaps in services. Coalitions like the Early Childhood Comprehensive System empower local stakeholders to seek federal, state, local and private funding to address identified gaps and needs.

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What can Communities do?

Communities are capable of remarkable things, particularly when they are able to work effectively and cooperatively with state agencies. In Metro St. Louis, ARCHS delivers \$31.2 million in additional community services with the annual \$1.4 million state allocation entrusted to ARCHS via FACT.

Saving Money

- **\$21 to \$1 Return on State Investment:** As a result of ARCHS' leveraging model (1+1=3), the state's annual investment of \$1.4 million for ARCHS in community partnership (FACT/Caring Communities) funding brings a \$21 to \$1 return on investment. Through its 400 community partners, ARCHS adds \$31.2 million in additional non-state funding and donated services. FY 09 data measures the overall economic impact of the partnership that includes direct as well as "leveraged" (in-kind, donated or other cash matches from partners) funding.
- **State Managed Contract Partnerships:** In partnership with the Missouri Dept. of Social Services, ARCHS manages specific funding for eight St. Louis area not-for-profits. This saves the state considerable time and money through centralized coordination, reporting and contract management. ARCHS also provides detailed technical assistance to organizations to assure maximized results. *Economic impact of partnership: \$2.1 million*

Improving Services

- **Pre-K/Early Childhood Partnerships:** ARCHS currently supports more than 80 area child care centers with a focus on increasing access and quality (start up and expansion, accreditation, stay at home parents and Educare). More than 3,000 children are served and 150 area jobs impacted. Many of ARCHS' early childhood quality standards are being used as models by the Missouri Dept. of Social Services. *Economic impact of partnership: \$14 million*
- **After School Partnerships:** ARCHS supports 45 after school locations serving more than 4,000 children each year. Additionally, 260 jobs are supported. ARCHS' after school funding includes a nationally recognized model that leverages state, city and private funds. *Economic impact of partnership: \$15 million* (includes \$400,000 in targeted state funding that is matched dollar for dollar by City of St. Louis and noted corporations such as AB-InBev, Civic Progress, Monsanto, United Way, Wells-Fargo and others).

Getting Results

- **Welfare to Work Partnerships:** Over the past three years, ARCHS has been credited with creating best practices related to the State of Missouri's Community Work Support grant. ARCHS has helped 248 TANF recipients remove sanctions. As well, more than 369 have been placed in transitional job training programs. To date, more than 80 area employers have participated, donating more than \$750,000 worth of training and supervision. More than 80 participants have been placed in full time jobs, adding \$11,000 per year to each person's household income. ARCHS presented its findings at a federal Welfare Statistics Conference in 2009. *Economic impact of partnership: \$4 million* (plus additional savings to the state by having TANF recipients in work-related activities and moving off TANF).

- **Ex-Offender Re-entry Job Placement and Mentoring Partnerships:** ARCHS has a history of successfully implementing federally-funded re-entry life skills and job training/placement programs. In 2007 ARCHS implemented a highly successful U.S. Dept. of Labor grant that resulted in 650 ex-offenders being served – 350 of which were placed in jobs valued annually at \$5.6 million (vs. a comparable \$5.2 million estimated cost to the state to incarcerate the same number of people). In 2009, ARCHS was the only organization in Missouri to be awarded the first round "Second Chance" funding from the U.S. Dept. of Justice. ARCHS is partnering with the Missouri Dept. of Corrections to implement an innovative mentoring program at two Missouri prisons (Pacific and Vandalia, MO). *Economic impact of partnership: \$9 million*

Involving Community

- **U.S. Dept. of Justice Gang Prevention Partnerships:** More than 2,200 area K-8 students have completed courses taught by area law enforcement officers aimed at improving life skills and decision making to help reduce impact of gangs and drugs. *Economic impact of partnership: \$500,000*
- **U.S. EPA Environmental Partnerships:** Implementing two federal national demonstration projects aimed at increasing environmental protection for urban and senior residents. To date, more than 300,000 doses of unwanted medicines returned and more than 6.5 tons of hazardous waste collected. ARCHS has been asked to present its findings at federal EPA-related conferences. *Economic impact of partnership: \$300,000*
- **America's Promise High School Dropout Partnership:** Co-sponsored series of three high school student summits to gain regional input on ways to help reduce high school drop out rates. *Economic impact of partnership: \$15,000*
- **MOHealthNet Outreach Partnerships:** Provide support to a regional MHN education and outreach committee of community volunteers who annually distribute thousands of MHN enrollment forms and make presentations to schools, places of worship and businesses. *Economic impact of partnership: \$50,000*
- **City of St. Louis Adult Life Skills and Recreation Partnerships:** Provide courses to young men ages 18-35 on topics ranging from financial literacy to health issues. Includes sports recreation component to help develop relationships with local law enforcement. Specifically asked to manage program by St. Louis Dept. of Parks in coordination with the St. Louis Police Dept. *Economic impact of partnership: \$55,000*

Developing Resources

- **Ex-Offender Re-entry Partnerships:** Partnership with Missouri Dept. of Corrections, the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis and other key area ex-offender providers to coordinate and share information about best practices and trends regarding re-entry programming in Metro St. Louis. ARCHS also partners with the Missouri Dept. of Corrections to annually host Missouri's Reentry Conference. *Economic impact of partnership: \$50,000*
- **Health Partnerships:** Partnership with United Way, BJC and SSM Healthcare to provide social worker services at urban based "Health and Dental Care for Kids" clinic. Focus on St. Louis' diverse immigrant populations. An additional partnership with Crown Vision Center provides eye screenings and eyewear for underinsured or uninsured children. *Economic impact of partnership: \$3.1 million*
- **Professional Development Partnerships:** ARCHS provides professional development and technical assistance as part of its support to funded partners. This includes clock hour and continuing education credit activities reaching more than 2,000 adults per year with a focus on early childhood, after school and workforce development training. *Economic impact of partnership: \$250,000*



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Saving Money

- **Out of school time:** PIN provides a Child Abuse Prevention program which saves thousands of dollars in health care and justice system expenses. Also, PIN provides an academic and recreation program after school hours, to 4,500 students in Pemiscot County annually. The program reduces the dropout rate, improves academic achievement, and provides child care for working parents. To date, PIN has leveraged approximately \$8 million for the program, which saves Pemiscot County Public Schools thousands of dollars annually.
- **Support:** In FY09, \$168,463 of in-kind support was received by the Community Partnership.
- **Funding:** In FY09, \$1,208,987 in grants, contracts, and donations were received by the Community Partnership.

Improving Services

- **MoHealthNet:** PIN has distributed MoHealthNet information (brochures, etc.) to all families in Pemiscot County and assists families in enrolling in the Children's Health Insurance Program and MoHealthNet.
- **Welfare to Work:** Since FY 2000 PIN has provided more than 1,000 Pemiscot County individuals with assistance in finding jobs, on-the-job training, continuing education and career education.
- **Housing:** PIN provides rental assistance, repairs, insurance and other assistance to help low income families keep their homes.
- **Public Transportation:** In FY2000 PIN implemented a public transportation system which provides transportation to approximately 200 adults per year for essential travel to locations such as doctor, grocery store and work.
- **Foster Youth:** PIN provides assistance to foster youth in the Mentoring, Child Abuse and Prevention, Prisoner Re-entry and other programs, helping them with housing, employment, health care, education, and other essential services.

Getting Results

- **Prisoner re-entry:** In FY 2010 PIN implemented a Missouri Community Re-entry Program in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Corrections. The goal is to provide a minimum of 300 offenders (including sex offenders) services including housing, career education, job readiness education, and counseling; parenting and anger management classes; employment services; medical and mental health services; family and financial services; transportation assistance; food, clothing and other basic essentials assistance; and personal identification. Serving these needs will support our efforts to reduce recidivism.
- **Child Welfare:** At least three PIN programs deal directly with the welfare of children by providing parenting classes, child abuse prevention, car safety seats, baby beds, etc., and assisting parents in preparing for and finding jobs. PIN has provided at least \$151,435 worth of car safety seats and baby beds to families.

Involving Community

- **Volunteers:** PIN has received volunteer assistance for many activities valued at, on average, approximately \$150,000 per year for the past 12 years.
- **Disasters:** PIN provided staff volunteers to the community in the tornado of 2006 and the ice storm of 2009. Activities included organizing short-term assistance and long-term recovery for needy families who were affected by tornado and ice-storm damage.
- **Partnerships:** The Career Education, Teen Parent Mentoring, and Child Abuse Prevention programs provide volunteers to various community organizations for events and activities. For example: Salvation Army "Ring of the Bells"; Parents As Teachers Christmas party for younger youth; volunteering services to nursing centers; Police Department's Child I.D. Day; community food drives; Christmas in the Park; Back to School Fair; The Day of Hope; University of Mo. Extension; and many other community activities.

Developing Resources

- **New Foundations:** PIN cooperates in the development of new organizations with the objective of improving the quality of life in Pemiscot County.
- **Dental services:** PIN's Child Abuse Prevention Program provides dental assistance to needy children of Pemiscot County.
- **Local Resources Development:** Members of the PIN staff meet regularly with various civic organizations whose goal is to improve economic conditions in the county by increasing job opportunities, entrepreneurship, expansion of existing businesses, etc.



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Saving Money

- **Connecting Resources:** F.A.C.T. supports subsidized child care providers for the Dept. of Social Services, serving 1,200 children and 70 child care providers. Administrative costs are lower, customer service is better and child care providers are being connected to early education training opportunities. Access to quality childcare is increased in Northeast Missouri.
- **Stretching Dollars:** F.A.C.T. tracks and leverages monetary as well as material donations and in-kind services from the local community. In FY09, F.A.C.T. was able to leverage \$447,888.

Improving Services

- **MO HealthNet:** F.A.C.T. assists in getting families enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program and MO HealthNet. F.A.C.T. collaborates with the Family Support Division and provides support when needed. FSD provides local F.A.C.T. Board representation.
- **Community Health:** F.A.C.T. has been directly involved in developing and supporting our local federally qualified health clinic. F.A.C.T. also partners with the American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, local doctors, hospitals, clinics and other organizations to support health education, smoking cessation and clean indoor air policy adoption. F.A.C.T. mentors for area Smokebusters and is an active member of the Breathe Easy Hannibal Coalition.
- **Welfare to Work:** F.A.C.T. partners are working with those on Temporary Assistance to Needy Families to get jobs or training before the household loses state benefits or lifetime eligibility. F.A.C.T. partners with GMM, a program that helps individuals learn employment skills through hands-on experience, and is an approved GMM, Experience Works and Community Service site.
- **Housing:** F.A.C.T. collaborates with the American Red Cross, Northeast MO Community Action Corporation and Salvation Army to serve the housing and disaster relief needs of the community.
- **Foster Youth:** F.A.C.T. works directly with foster parents offering resources, training and services. Local foster parents have advisory representation on the F.A.C.T. Board.

Getting Results

- **Prisoner Re-entry:** F.A.C.T. works closely with the Department of Corrections and Juvenile Office, chairs the Northeast Missouri MRP Steering Committee, and partners with community agencies on prisoner re-entry, juvenile offenses and the needs of ex-offenders to reduce recidivism and integrate this population into the Northeast Missouri community.
- **Child Welfare:** F.A.C.T. collaborates with the domestic violence shelter Avenues, the Marion County Health Department, the Juvenile Office, local mental health providers, childcare providers, Parents As Teachers, Head Start, and the Family Support Division. F.A.C.T. provides Love & Logic training to help parents raise their children in a peaceful, loving atmosphere.
- **School Success:** The "Show Me Friends Mentoring Program" is a F.A.C.T. initiative offered to Marion County school districts. Volunteers serve as mentors for children, taking time to make a difference in their lives and helping them achieve success in school.

Involving Community

- **Volunteers:** F.A.C.T. has volunteers from many nonprofits, schools, agencies and corporations. They are placed with programs that need and benefit from volunteer service such as the F.A.C.T. Show Me Friends mentoring program. F.A.C.T. is also a registered Disney Volunteer organization.
- **Disasters:** F.A.C.T. helps communities respond to disasters such as the recent flooding of the Mississippi River. Volunteers came from all over to sandbag, serve food, help remove those in danger and counsel those devastated by the flood waters.
- **Family Support:** The Back to School Health Fair provides haircuts, eye exams, school physicals, hearing tests and dental exams to area elementary and middle school students. In the past two years, over 1,500 students were given a backpack filled with school supplies.

Developing Resources

- **New Coalitions:** F.A.C.T. was instrumental in forming several new coalitions including CORA (Council of Related Agencies), PATH (Peace At Home), HAYS (Hannibal Alliance for Youth Success) and Breathe Easy Hannibal.
- **Health Services:** F.A.C.T. and the Community Health Center have created a survey for children in need of dental sealants. The Dental Center will be operational in Marion County by August 1, 2010.
- **Resource Guide:** The F.A.C.T. sponsored program Educare has created an online resource guide and extensive lending library for childcare providers. F.A.C.T. also has an online resource guide for the MRP population and those in need of housing and emergency services.



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- **Stretching the Dollars:** Northeast Missouri Caring Communities (NEMOCC) partners with non-profits, libraries, schools, city halls, churches and nursing homes to minimize costs associated with renting space to house programs, presentations, and classes. Annually these partnerships save over \$50,850.
- **Leveraging the Dollars:** \$10.41 for every \$1.00 invested in Faith-Based Trainings: NEMOCC provides monthly trainings for pastors and faith leaders to develop skills to assist congregation members with accessing services, making referrals, counseling skills, developing family budgets, disaster preparedness, and other topics. Participants come from 10 counties – Knox, Schuyler, Clark, Shelby, Macon, Adair, Linn, Sullivan, Putnam and Lewis – with over 625 church leaders attending.

Improving Services

- **MoHealthNet:** NEMOCC distributed 5,000 brochures to seven northeast Missouri school districts, which distributed the brochures with each child's grade card, thus assuring all families received information on enrolling in MoHealthNet.
- **After-School Transportation:** NEMOCC partners with the local school district to provide late buses for rural families whose children participate in after-school activities including tutoring, supervised homework/absent work, Special Olympics, physical exercise, character education and more.
- **Rural Public Transportation:** NEMOCC partners with community members on an annual fundraiser to provide door-stop rural public transportation. The Oats bus collects fares from those who utilize this service, but no ride is denied if a rider is unable to donate.
- **Continuing Education for Child Care Providers:** NEMOCC provides early education training to child care providers. In FY10 we offered 12 three-hour training sessions, held at three different sites to allow greater provider participation. We also provided an additional 20 hours of curriculum-specific trainings. In all, 29 providers from six counties participated.
- **Baby Bright:** NEMOCC provides a nurse to collaborate with Parents as Teachers, Early Headstart, and others to provide monthly home visits during the first year of a child's life. Participants must meet income eligibility requirements and are generally considered "at-risk." The Baby Bright program assists families with pre-literacy skills and identifies areas of concern, allowing for earlier intervention.

Getting Results

- **Adult Education and Literacy:** Our GED classes are offered at sites in rural communities in five counties, making them accessible to participants, many of them lacking transportation, who would otherwise have to travel 40-plus miles, one-way, for a GED class. We partner with libraries, city halls, nursing homes, businesses, education centers, and the courts to provide space and referrals. In the past two years 175 students have participated, with 25 receiving their GED and four currently testing.
- **Family Well-Being:** NEMOCC provides counseling services to youth and parents at no cost to families. Services are offered at schools and homes, reducing barriers to access. Sessions include positive parenting techniques.
- **Tutoring:** NEMOCC contracts with local school districts to provide after-school math and reading tutoring to elementary students who are eligible by being at-risk for grade level retention or working below grade level. In Schuyler County 84.7% of tutoring students improved or made adequate progress on pre and post literacy skills testing.

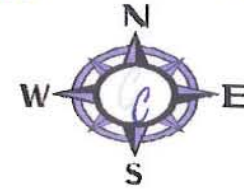
Involving Community

- **Disasters:** NEMOCC assisted the Red Cross and Northeast Medical Reserve in assessing damage, checking on people, staffing the emergency center, and distributing aid after a tornado devastated areas of Adair County in May 2009.
- **Volunteers:** NEMOCC works with local media, businesses, churches, organizations and the Toys-for-Tots program to provide holiday support for low-income/at-risk families and foster children.
- **Hunters Education:** NEMOCC facilitates Hunters Education Classes in Schuyler County using state-certified volunteer instructors. Classes are held at the local school district with Missouri Department of Conservation materials provided at no cost to participants. Volunteers donate prizes of \$200 per class. Class sizes average 25 students aged 11-67 years.
- **After-Prom:** NEMOCC works with the local school district, community members, businesses, parents, and organizations to provide high-school students a safe, supervised environment for prom night. NEMOCC coordinates the fundraisers and collects the donated and purchased prizes for the participants.

Developing Resources

- **Med-Evac Helipad:** NEMOCC provided funds for concrete to build an emergency helicopter landing pad in Knox City. The community raised additional funds for labor and maintenance. Helicopter landing sites are vital to our communities where the nearest hospital is over 30 miles away.
- **Schuyler County Youth Organization (SCYO):** NEMOCC provided funds to establish the SCYO in 2003. The organization continues to grow, with soccer league play in the fall. SCYO is now self-supporting.

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- Every Community Partnership dollar that was appropriated to The Community Partnership in FY09 leveraged \$12.82 of additional funds to address community needs and issues. \$1,110,026 in additional contracts, grants and financial donations was received. \$562,142 of in-kind support was received.
- **Reduced Teen Pregnancy** - Repeat births to teenagers result in significant medical, welfare, and lost education costs to society and the teens. One percent of girls in our Young Parents program had a repeat teen birth over the last two years compared to 19% of all teen mothers in Missouri.
- **Improved Kindergarten Readiness** - Early Care and Education programs invest in the children in our community by providing training and business planning assistance to child care teachers. ECE assisted programs consistently demonstrate higher Kindergarten readiness assessment scores than non-ECE assisted programs which reduces the need for remedial education services.

Improving Services

- **Training Childcare Teachers** - The Community Partnership supports childcare teachers with training opportunities to help them better care for children. When children are safe and learning, parents are better able to work and support their families.
- **Preparing Foster Youth** - The Chafee program works to prepare foster youth for independence. Through individualized life skills training, educational planning, and financial assistance, we provide tools youth need to be successful adults.
- **Removing Employment Barriers** - The Community Work Support Program works with families receiving temporary assistance and supports them in becoming economically self-sufficient. By helping them overcome barriers that prevent their return to work, we empower them to meet their TANF requirements and to reenter the work force.

Getting Results

- **Supporting Families** - Capable Kids and Families provides rehabilitative therapy equipment to families with children with special needs, helping increase developmental gains.
- **Empowering Families** - 83% of clients participating in the Community Work Support program have either had their temporary assistance (TANF) sanctions lifted or prevented - allowing them to pursue work or continue working.
- **Obesity Prevention** - Our Fit Phelps program focuses on reducing and preventing obesity through community awareness events, fitness challenges in schools, nutrition education, and environmental change.

Involving Community

- **Community Mentoring** - Volunteer community mentors serve as a support system and positive role model to our young parents. Our mentors teach and encourage our participants through the promotion of positive parenting skills, personal development, employment and educational goals.
- **Linking Hearts** - Linking Hearts is a state-wide adoption event that gives youth of all ages seeking permanent homes the opportunity to interact with families interested in becoming foster and/or adoptive parents. Linking Hearts is run entirely by community volunteers.
- **Community Assistance** - The Partnership Resale Shop helps needy families by providing store vouchers to local charities and agencies.
- **Volunteer hours** - 21,443 volunteer hours were devoted to The Community Partnership initiatives in FY09.

Developing Resources

- **Transportation** - The MOTOR (Making Opportunities for Transportation Ownership a Reality) program allows clients on TANF with poor or no credit to finance reliable transportation.
- **Uniting Families** - The Transportation Assistance Grant works with the families of youth who are in State custody. TAG provides gas vouchers for family visits, individual counseling, family therapy, psychological evaluations and court appearances.
- **Children's Dental Services** - The Community Partnership secured funding for a mobile dental unit that serves a seven-county area. The Smile Mobile has provided 11,500 children with over 40,000 dental treatments including sealants, cleanings and restorative care.



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Saving Money

- The Randolph County Caring Community Partnership offers "Transformational Services" that help individuals and families transition from governmental assistance and dependency on poverty inducing systems to a place of economic self sufficiency. Families are provided skills for work preparation and job search.
- Provided services through the "Pathway to Reentry" program for over 75 unduplicated ex-offenders, reducing the county recidivism rate and saving our county dollars.

Improving Services

- The Randolph County Caring Community Partnership has developed a "One Stop Shop" Family Resource Center to assist individuals locating resources and maximizing services.
- Provides coordinated service delivery through Family Support Team Meetings. This "family-driven" process offers a multi-agency approach to helping families become healthy and self-reliant.
- Focuses on system-wide coordination improvement with local state agencies representing the Department of Social Services, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Mental Health, Department of Corrections, and Department of Transportation.

Getting Results

- The Randolph County Caring Community Partnership's Even Start Family Literacy Program has served over 150 families and 300 plus children with parent education and child development activities. To date, 44 program participants have returned to school to complete and receive either a high school diploma or GED. Many have continued to post-secondary education or into the workforce.
- The "Project HOPE" Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Project has provided services for over 175 families and their children and allowed them to remain intact. In addition, 70 families have participated in parent enrichment and support group sessions.
- The Randolph County Caring Community Partnership leveraged an additional \$769,331 through state contracts and grants from private foundations.

Involving Community

- The Randolph County Caring Community Partnership engages community residents and key stakeholders in the local decision-making process through Five County-Wide Action Teams designed to address emerging community issues.
- Uses the Community Readiness Model to develop and implement prevention efforts and programming that enhances the quality of life for all residents.

Developing Resources

- The Randolph County Caring Community Partnership secured funding from the Missouri Department of Transportation and local support to provide public transportation through its Magic City Express program. Over 1,500 one-way rides are provided to residents monthly.
- Provides capacity building and training on grant writing, program development, and fund development for local partners at no cost, enabling them to operate more efficiently and effectively.



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Saving Money

- **Leveraging Dollars:** The New Madrid County Community Partnership in FY10 is leveraging \$4 for every community partnership dollar received.
- **Reduced costs to the State/Medicaid:** The New Madrid County Community Partnership assists in significantly reducing Medicaid costs associated with teen childbearing as well as costs to the State associated with child welfare, incarceration and lost tax revenue due to decreased earnings and spending. Savings are achieved by mentoring at-risk youth and teen parents and providing them with the tools necessary to stop repeat pregnancies, increase graduation rates and improve their quality of life.

Improving Services

- **Improving Access to Resources:** The New Madrid County Community Partnership oversees a Family Resource Center for all community members in New Madrid County. The Center offers access to services that lead to self sufficiency: job search/readiness, child development, clothing, mentoring, parenting, life skills, food, housing and access to technology. The Center serves approximately 7,600 community members per year.
- **MoHealthNet:** The New Madrid County Community Partnership assists in getting families enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program and MoHealthNet. This direct contact with families is an effective outreach effort supporting state eligibility workers.
- **At Risk Youth:** The New Madrid County Community Partnership works directly with Division of Youth Services to facilitate training in life skills, mentoring, parenting, Becoming a Responsible Teen and job shadowing to give at-risk youth the tools necessary to lead productive lives.

Getting Results

- **Prisoner Re-Entry:** The New Madrid County Community Partnership works closely with the Department of Corrections, Probation and Parole on prisoner re-entry. To date more than 194 ex-offenders have been served; 139 graduated from training programs; and 49 ex-offenders found employment.
- **Child Welfare:** Successful strategies have been implemented in New Madrid County to reduce instances of child abuse and neglect by wrapping services around families to reduce stress and teach coping skills. In FY09, 202 families were served, with 60% showing a decrease in risk of child abuse and neglect. The child abuse and neglect rate for New Madrid County has steadily decreased over the past years from 49.6 in 2005 to 38.8 in 2008.

Involving Community

- **Volunteers:** The New Madrid County Community Partnership logged over 5,575 community volunteer hours in FY 09, valued at \$104,614.
- **Disasters:** The New Madrid County Community Partnership works closely with the community to respond to disasters. The Partnership facilitates the Long Term Recovery Team and is a member of the Board of the Citizens Corps of New Madrid County. During the 2009 ice storm, the Partnership worked with over 325 families for debris and tree removal.

Developing Resources

- **Skatepark:** The New Madrid County Community Partnership facilitated the construction of a skatepark for youth by securing donations from local businesses for 75% of cost and a grant for 25%. The skatepark promotes healthy activities and gets the youth up and moving.
- **Safety Uniforms for Firemen:** The New Madrid County Community Partnership secured funding for the City of New Madrid Firemen to replace outdated uniforms. The new uniforms will save lives and protect those who protect the community.



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