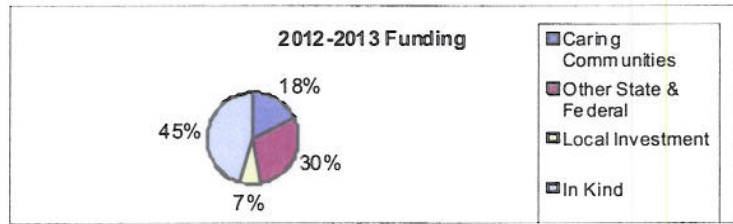


Pettis County Community Partnership (PCCP)

Established: 1996



FY13 Result Achievement: Children & Families Safer for Our Efforts

December 2013

Community Profile:

On an average day in Pettis County...

- Between 60-80 people are **unsheltered homeless**—on the streets, under a bridge, in their car, in a storage unit, or somewhere else that is not safe, decent, sanitary, nor fit for humans to stay. One-third of these people are children.
- Over 600 people are **sheltered homeless**—living with a neighbor, friend, relative, or someone else because they have nowhere else to go nor the resources to obtain housing. 50% are 16 years of age or younger and don't have beds.
- Thousands of people are **"imminently" homeless**—only 1 or 2 paychecks away from a disastrous financial situation including eviction or homelessness. About 20% are high-school age or younger. Many have lost hope and need a lot of help to make changes.
- Each month, thousands of people receive food or other assistance through local churches, social service or state agencies.
- Five (5) local shelters (domestic violence, men's and youth) serve people who are experiencing domestic violence and/or homelessness every day in Pettis County.
- Thousands of people need daily use items that they cannot purchase with their food stamps (toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap and personal care items like shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes). Many need appliances, furniture or other basic items..
- Approximately one-third of the utility accounts in Pettis County are delinquent in some form within any given 30 day period.
- Hundreds of seniors and elderly in Sedalia need assistance as simple as lawn care, painting, or minor home repair. Many more are in desperate need of roof repair or replacement.

Major Collaborative Accomplishments:

After years of diligent work to create awareness, our community acknowledged that the issue of homelessness in our area must be addressed and not ignored. As part of the effort to end homelessness in our community, our staff members are active partners with many organizations and efforts to raise awareness and serve individuals and families at risk or experiencing homelessness.

As part of these efforts, Pettis County Community Partnership leads the semi-annual homeless count each January and July. Media coverage of the results and the sharing of the data collected during these counts have helped us garner the support of elected officials, local businesses, civic and community leaders.

To continue to serve our clients better, we have led two Project Homeless Connect events (2011 and 2013). During these events we work with over 40 local agencies and over 200 volunteers to organize and execute a one-stop shop for our clients. Generous grants through the Missouri Housing Development Commission, United Way and local agencies have helped support these events providing free haircuts, toiletry kits, family photographs, medical and dental care, hats, coats, gloves and more.

The need for expanding the Partnership's services has become very clear over the last few years. As part of the first steps in expanding our services, we have focused on the service area of the housing department, Putting Roofs Over People (PROP). We were awarded state and federal funding to provide rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to Morgan and Benton county residents, as well as continued funding for Pettis County residents. We work with partner agencies in these counties to assess the need and develop a plan for expanding services. In addition to housing services, we also focused on how many of our internal programs can benefit clients from the increased service area.

Our Re-entry Opportunity Center (ROC) focuses on assisting people returning to the community from prison and/or jail. Its primary focus is to help ex-offenders adjust to life outside of prison. Being successful in obtaining employment, housing, medical and dental care, and accessing public services can be the difference between a successful reentry and a repeat offender. Our programs work together to best meet the needs of our mutual clients. We have duplicated this system of collaboration internally and externally to serve our clients to the best of our ability.

Collaborative Accomplishments continued:

While it has proven challenging to handle expanded services in adjoining counties, the benefit to these individuals and families is well worth the extra time and mileage necessary to meet their housing needs. In addition to the grant funding which provides the financial means to provide assistance to our clients, we work with many collaborative partners to provide items such as furniture, hygiene items, cleaning supplies and more.

In many areas, the assistance we are able to provide, although limited, is more than what has been offered in the past. It is our goal to continue to expand the services offered through Pettis County Community Partnership and see our service area increase to include all counties surrounding Pettis, with an emphasis on those counties with the least amount of existing services.

From November 1, 2012 to November 1, 2013 we served 5,671 people through our housing program. We assisted our clients with rent and/or deposits, mortgage payments, utility payments, transportation, food, books & materials, paper products, diapers, dishes, and counseling. Volunteer hours donated to the housing department this year totaled over 3,000 hours. The total in-kind pledged for this same time period was \$350,000.

We have received notice that our existing housing programs are being re-funded for the 2014-15 program year. An additional program has been newly awarded..

Here are some of the faces of our efforts:

- Four senior citizens facing imminent eviction have obtained safe, decent, and sanitary housing which will be affordable for them long term, thus ending their housing crisis. In addition to successfully housing them, we were able to provide them with household furniture, cleaning supplies, and hygiene items as needed. One reported that this was the first time in his life he would have heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer.
- A single mom with an infant child fleeing domestic violence entered the program early last spring. We were able to successfully house her and her child. She was able to complete her education and has successfully remained stably housed.
- A single father with two young children entered our housing program in early winter after living in his truck for over three weeks. He was not able to care for his children and had placed them in the care of friends and acquaintances while he tried to find a place to live and secure employment. We were able to assist him with past due utility bills so he could get utilities on in his name at his new home. He has worked diligently for several months to complete his education, obtain employment and be the father he has always wanted to be. We were recently able to work with community partners to assist him with Christmas gifts for his children

and were able to provide him with a pair of work boots for his new job.

- A single mom with young children who had fled a domestic violence situation was living in the local emergency shelter while searching for employment and housing. She entered our supportive housing program in late fall and now has a full-time job and has already been promoted. For the first time in several years, she is able to provide a stable home environment for her children and is making great strides in getting her life under control and being completely independent.

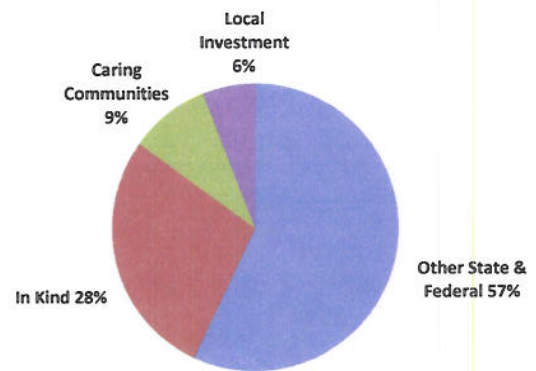
P.R.O.P. Coalition and Collaborative Partners:

American Red Cross
 Burrell Behavioral Health--Sedalia
 Citizen's Against Spousal Abuse (C.A.S.A.)
 Center for Human Services
 Community Cafe
 Department of Social Services and Family Support
 Early Head Start
 The Embassy
 Emerging Leaders Program--SFCC
 Girl Scouts Local Troop #303
 Habitat for Humanity
 Katy Trail Community Health
 Local and Area Churches
 Missouri Career Center
 Missouri Housing Development Commission
 Missouri Valley Community Action Agency
 Open Door Ministries
 Osage Trails Boy Scouts of America
 Pathways Behavioral Health
 Pettis County Early Childhood Co-Op
 Pettis County Health Department
 Powerhouse Ministries
 The Salvation Army
 Sedalia Housing Authority
 Sedalia-Pettis County United Way
 Sedalia Public Schools
 State Fair Best Western Hotel
 State Fair Community College
 Third National Bank
 U.S. Bank
 Vocational Rehabilitation
 West-Central Independent Living Solutions
 Many concerned citizens, civic groups and local businesses

Benton County Public Schools
 Burrell Behavioral Health--Versailles
 Morgan County Agency Team
 Morgan County Public Schools
 Probation & Parole
 The Place at the Lake
 The Warm House
 Versailles City Hall
 West Central MO Community Action Agency

Local Investment Commission

Established: 1995



FY13 Result Achievement: Engaging the community to place TANF participants in work activities

December 2013

Because of LINC's engagement with community partners to develop the local welfare to work system, on a monthly average there are:

- 553 participants working in paid employment
- 310 participants no longer receiving state cash assistance

COMMUNITY PROFILE

The **Local Investment Commission (LINC)** is the State of Missouri's Community Partnership serving Kansas City, Mo. and Jackson, Clay and Platte counties. LINC's efforts are directed by a citizen commission created in the early 1990s and are supported by more than 2,100 volunteers – professionals, community leaders and citizens.

In 2010 the State of Missouri selected LINC to operate the Missouri Work Assistance (MWA) program for Jackson, Clay and Platte counties. LINC then convened several partners to develop the **LINCWorks** initiative providing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) participants with help on the path from welfare to skills and work.

LINCWorks serves adults who receive cash assistance through TANF and are determined by the **Missouri Family Support Division (FSD)** to be eligible for work activities. FSD typically makes 150-200 referrals to LINCWorks per month.

Services include placement in countable work activity, ongoing case management, assistance with transportation and work-related expenses, and referral to partner organizations for services.

LINCWORKS RESULTS (FY13 MONTHLY AVERAGE)

Caseload

- 3,950 adult single-parent household TANF cases subject to work requirement

Work participation

- 951 (24.1% of all clients) fully engaged in work activities

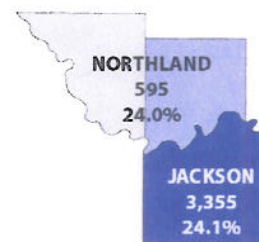
Paid employment

- 553 (58.1% of fully engaged clients) receiving part/all work participation from paid employment

Leaving cash assistance

- 310 (32.6% of fully engaged clients) no longer receiving TANF cash grant from state

Caseload (#) and participation (%) within LINCWorks MWA Region 18



While its client population resides predominantly in urban Jackson County, LINCWorks also serves participants in the Northland (Clay and Platte counties), where the population is more rural.

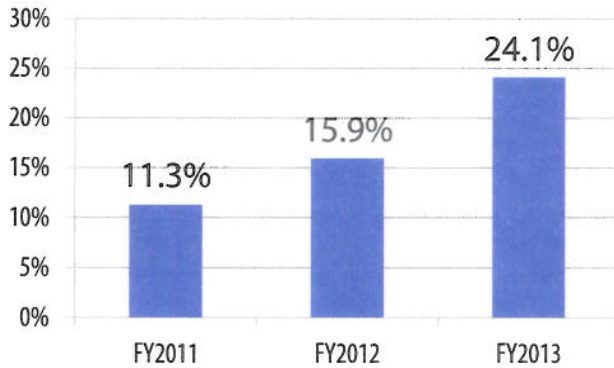
INCREASING PARTICIPATION

The main indicator of LINCWorks' success is the **work participation rate**. The rate is calculated by dividing the number of participating LINCWorks clients by the number of work-eligible TANF recip-

ients.

LINCWorks' yearly average participation rate has steadily increased since beginning operations in fall 2010.

**LINCWorks work participation rate,
FY11-13 yearly average**



ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

Increased work participation in FY13 is the result of LINC's engagement of the community. While many organizations contributed to this increase (see Key Partners, below), certain new or expanded partnerships deserve to be highlighted for their efforts to place clients in work activities in FY13.

LINCWorks partners with the **Metropolitan Community Colleges Institute for Workforce Innovation (MCC)** to provide career certification courses giving participants the skills and credentials needed to enter the workforce.

In FY13, MCC offered nine health care profession classes; there were 99 LINCWorks participants enrolled. Each class provided training to receive state certification as a certified nursing assistant with a specialty in mental health technician, palliative and hospice care, or patient health care technician. The class also offered additional educational opportunities including obtaining a GED.

LINC's existing partnerships with area school districts have been the basis for creating opportunities to use schools as locations for serving clients. Participants can gain work experience by volunteering to work at LINC-operated Before & After School programs (Center, Grandview, Hickman Mills, Kansas City, North Kansas City school districts) and summer camp programs (Fort Osage

School District).

In addition, LINCWorks case managers keep an office at **King Elementary School** (Kansas City Public Schools), located in a neighborhood with a high percentage of TANF clients.

In FY13 LINC signed a worksite agreement with **Dress for Success**, which is located across the street from the **Operation Breakthrough** child care and social services facility serving many LINCWorks clients. The agreement allows participants to gain work experience through volunteer opportunities while their children are in child care across the street.

Key Partners:

- Mo. Family Support Division
- Full Employment Council
- Bishop Sullivan Center
- Metropolitan Community Colleges-Institute for Workforce Innovation
- Center, Fort Osage, Grandview, Hickman Mills, Kansas City, and North Kansas City school districts
- NorthWest Communities Development Corp.
- Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA)
- Midtown Psychological Services
- Legal Aid of Western Missouri
- Dress for Success
- Jewish Vocational Service