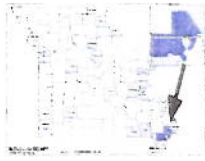


New Madrid County Human Resources Council

Established: 1998



2007-2008 Funding



FY08 Result Achievement: Increase Employment Opportunities for Ex-Offenders

September 2008

Community Profile:

The New Madrid County Community Partnership is located in the town of New Madrid at the New Madrid County Family Resource Center. The Partnership governs the one stop center that is comprised of an array of services assisting in employment, housing, food, clothing, emergency, utilities, mentoring, older workers, community service, community engagement, education/tuition guidance, community computer lab, etc. The Partnership provides services in New Madrid and Scott Counties.

New Madrid County has a current population of 18,314 which is a 6% decline since 2000. We are located in a very rural area with few industries and an unemployment rate in July 2008 of 8%.

The Partnership employs 7 full time staff members consisting of an Executive Director, Administrative Assistant, Gatekeeper, Parenting Coordinator and Assistant, MMP Coordinator and Teen Parent Associate. The Partnership also hosts an AmeriCorps VISTA who is working on the MO Re-entry Project.

The Partnership has a 15 member Board of Directors, providing a diverse representation of the county and guidance to the Partnership. The executive officers consist of a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

The New Madrid County Family Resource Center houses many partnering organizations which include the Caring Communities Partnership, Missouri Mentoring Partnership, DAEOC Community Action Agency, Salvation Army, Experience Works, UMOS Migrant Farmworker Program, a Veteran's Representative, Parents Fair Share, Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium, Job Corps, MERS Goodwill.

The focus of the Partnership is to close gaps in services, eliminate duplication and enhance existing programs through collaborative efforts and to promote economic development.

Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

Through our local Missouri Re-Entry Process Team for New Madrid and Scott Counties surveys were completed by ex-offenders to find out what the greatest need was. Of the completed surveys, 75% stated that employment was their biggest concern. The AmeriCorps VISTA and committee members decided to bring job fairs to the ex-offenders and assist them in preparing for the day and for the employers.

A job fair was held in New Madrid County with four businesses and three job search organizations present that had complete expectations that only ex-offenders would be attending. The first half of the day, participants completed a professional resume, attended a job readiness class and were registered on MoCareerSource. The second half of the day employers were present to take applications/resumes and to discuss employment opportunities within their company. Seventy-nine people were in attendance. Five individuals found employment after utilizing the tools received and learned at the job fair.

The next job fair was held in Scott County in conjunction with the Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Job Fair. Participants were encouraged to participate in a Job Readiness Day the day before the job fair. Upon arrival participants built professional resumes, attended a job readiness class and were registered on MoCareerSource. Sixty-three people were in attendance. Three individuals found employment after utilizing tools received and learned at the job fair.

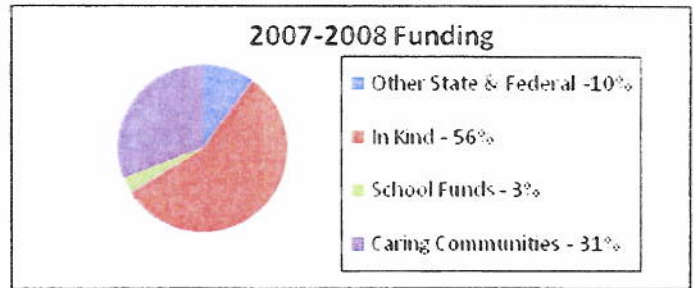
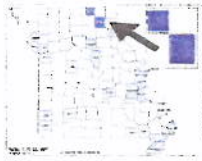
The results and participation from both fairs were excellent. All participants felt the fairs were very helpful and it gave them a sense of hope and they encouraged more events.

List of Partners:

- New Madrid County Caring Communities Partnership
- Division of Workforce Development
- UMOS
- Parents Fair Share
- Fathers for Life/DAEOC
- New Madrid County Family Resource Center
- Salvation Army
- Probation and Parole - New Madrid and Scott
- Missouri Mentoring Partnership
- Mission Missouri
- Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce
- And many other local businesses

Northeast Missouri Caring Communities

Established: 1995



FY08 Result Achievement: 1st through 5th Grade Tutoring

September 2008

Community Profile:

Our Partnership serves two rural counties with a population of approximately 9,600. Often our services expand to other neighboring communities. Our Knox County office is located in the Jim Sears building in Edina, MO. In Schuyler County our office is located in Lancaster, MO.

Our staff consists of 1 Executive Director, 3 full-time staff, 2 part-time staff, 1 GED instructor, 1 VISTA, 1 childcare director, and 2 childcare staff. Partnership oversight is comprised of a board of directors. Board officers are elected and a simple majority vote is required.

NEMOCC's relationship with the small communities is one of our strengths. We are often the hub for information and we assist people to access the services they need. We frequently advocate for neighboring counties in addition to the two counties we serve.

Our partnership is striving to become more community based as opposed to school based.

Collaborative Accomplishment:

Northeast Missouri Caring Communities, Inc. combines efforts with both schools to target students in grades 1st through 5th who score below grade level in literacy and/or mathematics.

The school uses a teacher recommendation process with assessment data to identify students who are reading below grade level or are at risk in mathematics. Knox County uses a baseline-tutoring test in October and again at its conclusion in March. Schuyler County uses the DIBBLES (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) test before the tutoring program begins and again at its conclusion. Teachers from both school districts are also able to place students who are at risk for end of semester failing grades regardless of the tutoring placement tests scores.

Combined efforts at both sites allow for payment of an activities bus that helps provide transportation to students. The Schuyler County activities bus is funded through Caring Communities. The school funds the activities bus in Knox County. These efforts to provide transportation are vital for student participation.

The "Back to School Fair", is a huge collaborative effort in both counties that helps provide children of low-income households all the necessary back-to-school supplies. Approximately 250 K-12th grade students from Knox and Schuyler Counties participated in the Back-To-School Fair.

Knox County after school tutoring beginning in October 2007 and concluding in March 2008 showed a 74.8% success rate for 1st through 5th grade students reaching grade level. 21.7% remained at risk for reading below grade level and 3.5% were referred on for additional testing.

The Schuyler County after-school tutoring placement shows that 84.7% improved or made adequate progress while 15.3% were referred on for further testing.

The average daily attendance for the 2007-2008 school year in Schuyler was 94.98% and in Knox County the average daily attendance was 96.3%.

List of Partners:

- NEMOCC staff and board members
- Knox County School District
- Schuyler County School District
- Jones Bus Company
- Toney Bus Company
- NMCAA-Community Outreach
- Community Churches
- Community Businesses
- County Health Departments

Pemiscot County Initiative Network

Established: 1998



2007-2008 Funding



FY08 Result Achievement: An increase in the rate of Persistence to High School Graduation (By 18)

September 2008

Community Profile:

The population of Pemiscot County decreased from nearly 47,000 in 1940 to 18,780 in 2007. Unemployment rates have been for many years in the double digits and persons at poverty level increased, causing the county to be ranked as the poorest in the state of Missouri. Kids Count 2007 composite county rank for Pemiscot County is 114.

The Partnership is located in the southeast corner of Missouri and has been for many decades a heavy agricultural county with emphasis on cotton and other crops to include corn and soybeans.

The Community Partnership consists of citizens of Pemiscot County and a fifteen member Board of Directors. The PIN staff consists of a Director, Manager of Administrative Services, Caring Community Site Coordinator, two Career Education Case Managers, one Case Manager for Youth Mentoring Program, and a Lead Agency Coordinator for a Child Abuse Prevention Program.

Future Plans

The Caring Community Site Council will develop strategies to strengthen identified weaknesses in PIN's efforts to achieve the six core results. PIN has implemented a comprehensive strategy to increase the rate of Pemiscot County High graduation. The strategy involves a collaborative effort of schools, employers, mentoring programs, career education, and the community to provide supportive services to youth at risk of dropping out of school. All participating youth are assessed to determine if they are deficient in basic skills and at least one educational and or occupational goal is established.

Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

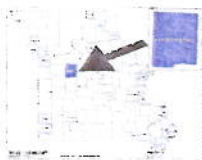
The average Pemiscot County High School dropout rate has changed from a high of 10% in 1996 to 4.7% in 2007(Kids Count 2007). The average graduation rate in Pemiscot County has increased from a low of 78.6% in 2006 to 89.8% in 2007 (DESE).

Partners:

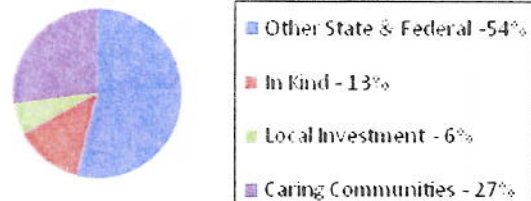
- All public schools in Pemiscot County
- Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation
- DYS Probation Officer, FSD
- MODOT
- Pemiscot Memorial Hospital
- Parents as Teachers
- County Law Enforcement
- Juvenile Officers
- City and State Law Enforcement
- Department of Social Services
- Bootheel Healthy Start Program
- Pemiscot Health Center

Pettis County Community Partnership

Established: 1996



2007-2008 Funding



FY08 Result Achievement: Children & Families Safer Because of Efforts to Reduce Recidivism through MO Partnerships for Reentry

September 2008

Community Profile:

Pettis County is located in west central Missouri, and, depending on the direction, is about an hour from Kansas City, Columbia or Jefferson City. Sedalia is the county seat and has been designated a "micropolitan" area. Primarily a rural area with an agricultural and manufacturing base, Sedalia is also the home of the MO State Fair.

Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

With 97% of current inmates being released back to the community and 1 in 3 of Missouri prison admissions being a returning parole violator, something needed to be done to stop these trends. Data showed that only 14% of offenders who secured full time employment upon release returned to prison. Additional positive factors are education/vocational training, mental health services, family connection during incarceration and substance abuse treatment. A shift in philosophy within the MO Dept. of Corrections provided the perfect climate for Partnership involvement and the Partnership system provided the perfect framework for coordinating efforts across the state. PCCP wrote a grant to the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) to secure VISTA members to work across the state and increase the impact of a plan originally intended for Pettis County. All Partnerships were invited to participate. Fourteen of the 21 signed on as partners. We were granted 20 VISTA's & a supervisor to serve in our project, MO Partnerships for Reentry. VISTA members work on identifying and publicizing community resources that should help offenders; building a local Reentry Steering Team; securing and training mentors to assist offenders and their families; coordination of efforts to reduce barriers to employment; coordination of efforts to address education and training needs; and assistance with housing issues. VISTA members have helped build reentry resource centers across the state; developed resource manuals to fit the needs in their communities; developed an awesome Reentry Awareness Simulation that is in big demand around the state. Great strides are being seen at most of our sites! Reentry's time has come!

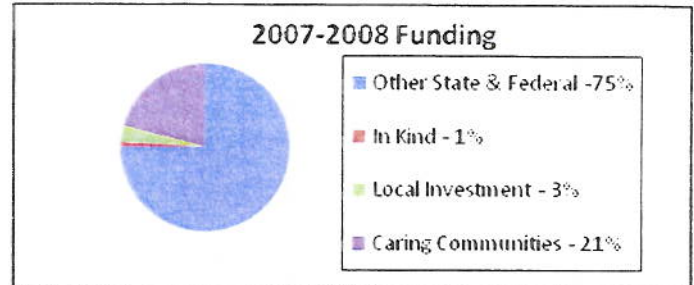
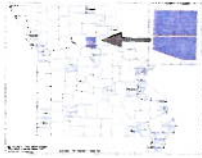
We have just begun year 3 of our grant. There is widespread participation in all communities.

List of Pettis County Partners:

Corporation for National & Community Service and AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America
MO Dept. of Corrections
MO Reentry Process staff
Transitional Housing Unit staff from the prisons
Tipton Correctional Center
Boonville Correctional Center
Probation & Parole
District and Regional Administrators
MO Dept. of Mental Health-DORS
MO Dept of Social Services
Pettis County FSD
Workforce Development & employment grant rec'd.
Pathways Behavioral Health
Burrell Behavioral Health
Community Counseling Services
West Central MO CAA
Recovery Prison Ministries & Lighthouse
Victim-Offender Mediation Team
Ministerial Association
Pettis Co. Sheriff and staff
Sedalia Police Department
Pettis Co. Juvenile Office
NAACP of Pettis County
State Fair Community College
Warrensburg Independent Living Center
Katy Trail Community Health
Bethel Family Church, Sacred Heart Church
Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church
MO School of Religion Center for Rural Ministry
Pettis County Jail Ministry Team
Job Point
Celebrate Recovery, Mothers Against Meth (MAMa)
Community Resource Services
Ex-offenders & family members
Concerned citizens
Local employers
Boone Co. Offender Transition Network (BCOTN)
13 Other Community Partnerships in these counties: Boone, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Jefferson, New Madrid, Knox/Schuyler, Ripley, Buchanan, Washington, Greene, Marion, Jasper/Newton and Randolph, who have also had involvement from similar agencies in their areas.

Randolph County Community Partnership

Established: 1999



FY08 Result Achievement: Increased awareness of underage and binge drinking issues of youth ages 12-18 residing in Randolph County

September 2008

Community Profile:

Demographic/General Description: The Randolph County Caring Community Partnership (RCCCP) corporate office is located at 423 E. Logan Street, Moberly, Missouri. Moberly is the largest of eight non-urban towns and villages in Randolph County. Randolph County has a population of 25,590 (48% urban, 52% rural) which represents a population growth of 3.1% since the year 2000. It covers 482 square miles and is comprised of six school districts serving eight communities. The median household income for the county is \$23,021 with approximately 17% of Randolph County children living in poverty, while 26% percent of children live in single parent households.

Geographic Areas Covered by the Partnership: The RCCCP primarily serves residents of Randolph County and continues to develop emerging partnerships with agencies located in the neighboring counties of Monroe, Chariton, and Howard.

Partnership Structure: The organizational structure of the RCCCP consists of a 5 member board of directors responsible for the governance and fiscal management of the partnership. The daily management of the partnership is provided by the Executive Director who also supervises three Project Directors and the administrative support staff. In addition, the RCCCP has 5 active county-wide Action Teams that are responsible for engaging community residents and agencies in the local decision-making process.

Future Plans: To increase the number of active county-wide action teams to address newly identified emerging issues and to enhance the strength of our partnership by engaging key elected officials from the local, county, and state level.

Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

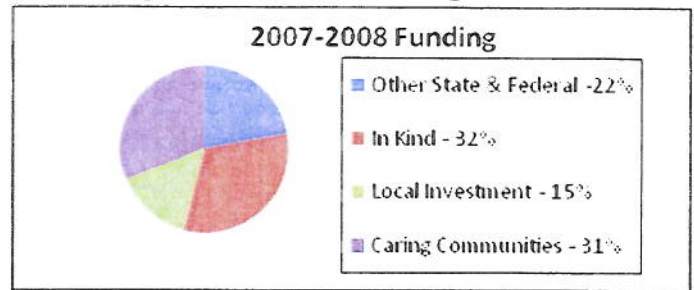
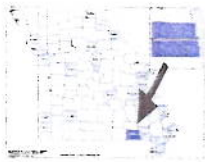
During FY08, focus for the RCCCP was upon rebuilding the Youth Development C2000 Action Team to address the issue of underage and binge drinking in Randolph County. The action team held consistent monthly meetings and increased its membership size to over 20 participating agencies. The action redefined its mission and vision and eventually changed its name to the Prevention Alliance of Randolph County (PARC) in order to address a more comprehensive array of issues such as teen pregnancy, teen dating violence, and suicide prevention. With the engagement of partners such as the school districts, healthcare providers/physicians, law enforcement, and the faith community, PARC was able to host a Community Town Hall Meeting to raise the awareness of the impact and influence of underage and binge drinking upon youth ages 12-18.

List of Partners: The following agencies are community partners with the RCCCP:

- Randolph County Health Department
- Randolph County Commissioners
- Burrell Behavioral Health Services
- Moberly Public School District
- Presbyterian Children Services
- Moberly Housing Authority
- Randolph County Area YMCA
- Randolph County Ministerial Alliance
- Parents As Teachers
- 14th Judicial-Office of Juvenile Services
- Randolph County Sheriff's Department
- Moberly Area Community College
- Safe Passage Domestic Violence Shelter
- Moberly Parks and Recreation Department
- Barrow Law Firm
- Anm8 Marketing Consultants

Ripley County Caring Community Partnership

Established: 1997



FY08 Result Achievement: Decreasing the number of at-risk students ages 8 to 13 in the Doniphan R-1 School District

September 2008

Community Profile:

The Ripley County Caring Community Partnership (RCCCP) is located at 209 W. Highway St. in the rural town of Doniphan, MO. RCCCP currently serves Ripley County which has a population of 13,851 over a 629 Square mile area which is predominately Caucasian (97.1%). Ripley County was organized in 1833 and named for General Eleazer Wheelock Ripley, hero of the War of 1812. Today the county provides tourist areas that include Current River and the Mark Twain National Forest. There are eight townships: Briar, Doniphan, Fairdealing, Gatewood, Naylor, Oxly, Pine, and Poyner. Only 62.1% of residents have a high school diploma and 7.8% have a bachelor's degree or higher. The average annual wage in Ripley County is \$18,429 compared to \$31,740 in Missouri; 21.9% of Ripley County residents live in poverty.

The Ripley County Caring Community Partnership was designated as a Community Partnership in October 1997. Since that time, RCCCP has worked to assess the needs of Ripley County to better the quality of life for children and their families. As RCCCP continues to combat the lack of resources and services that are provided to our citizens, we strive to increase the awareness, implement the tools, and succeed at our goals.

The RCCCP board is comprised of nine elected diverse community members. RCCCP has quarterly general membership meetings to inform the public on updates and the status of partnership initiatives. RCCCP currently has three full-time employees; Executive Director, Programs Director, and Administrative Assistant. RCCCP works on a community-wide strategic scope.

Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

Abuse-Striving to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows) is a substance abuse/delinquency program that is available to qualifying at-risk youth ages 8 – 13 years and their families. The CASASTART Program has been rated an Effective Model Program and is made possible through grant funding received from the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Title II funds.

The CASASTART Program provides wraparound case management services to the 15 qualifying families which include social support, family services, and educational services such as tutoring and homework assistance, after-school and summer activities, and mentoring. Youth are identified for participation based on three areas of risk: family, person, and school.

By year two (2008) 100% of students participating had no juvenile referrals as compared to 80% baseline. Ninety five percent have shown significant improved behavior changes and that has resulted in a decreased suspension rate, increase in grades and parental participation. Case Management of families has lead to 20% of parents receiving mental health counseling; 25% improved housing conditions for families; and 100% of parents participating in a survey agree that they have an improved parent/child relationship after participating in the program.

List of Partners:

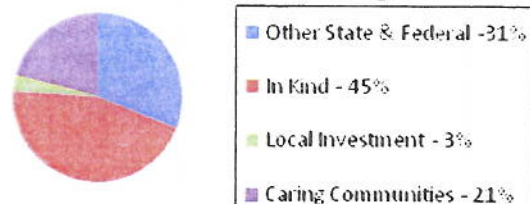
Doniphan R-I School District
Doniphan Kiwanis Club
Doniphan Key Club
Department of Social Services -District #36
-Children's Division & Family Support Division
Doniphan Police Department
Ripley County Sheriff's Department

Southwest Missouri Community Alliance

Established: 1997



2007-2008 Funding



FY08 Result Achievement: Carthage Caring Communities and Drug Free Communities Program positively impacted youth in the area of underage drinking and the risk of drinking and driving.

September 2008

Community Profile:

The Alliance of Southwest Missouri primarily serves Jasper and Newton Counties in Southwest Missouri. Many of our services also extend to McDonald, Barry, Lawrence, Barton, Vernon, Dade, Cedar, Bates and St. Clair Counties. Our main office is located at 2914 E. 32nd Street in Joplin. An additional office is located in the neighboring community of Carthage. The Alliance is governed by a twelve member board with representatives from a broad base of community sectors. Staff includes 2 full time and 2 part time administrative staff, 5 full time program coordinators, 3 part-time program assistants and two senior retired volunteers. Along with a number of prevention programs including: Safe Kids, Safe Teens, Family Preservation and Drug Free Communities, The Alliance has 3 active community coalitions (Carthage, Neosho, and Joplin Area), which are charged with community planning and addressing gaps in the areas of health and safety. We also sponsor the Community Health Collaborative, the Homeless Coalition, Safe Kids Coalition, a Re-entry Advisory Group and a Family Preservation Provider Network. We have active community partnerships with more than 60 community agencies and businesses. The Alliance will continue to be responsive to the needs identified by our community coalitions through collaboration and programming. We anticipate major accomplishments in the areas of reentry, child and teen safety, family preservation, and substance abuse prevention in FY 2009.

Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

The Alliance of Southwest Missouri is the lead agency for the Carthage Caring Communities Coalition and receives a federal Drug Free Communities grant, Missouri Prevention Assistance Grants, local mini-grants and private donations to support programming in the Carthage area. The Drug Free Communities Program's goal is to reduce substance abuse among youth and over time, among adults by addressing the factors in the community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. According to the data gathered by SmartTrack, which is administered to 7th-12th graders, the program has resulted in a number of statistically significant gains. A comparison of data since the program was initiated in 2005 provides the following results:

- **19.93% increase of students who report that they are not drinking**
- **8.01% decrease in the number of students riding with someone who has been drinking**
- **15.83% increase in the number of students who report no use of alcohol before the age of 16**
- **12.78% increase in the number of students who report a perception of parental disapproval**

The Drug Free Communities Program has permeated the community with many teen and parent activities to increase the awareness of underage drinking and the risks of drinking and driving. Shattered Dreams was a two day program that involved more than 900 Carthage R-9 students.

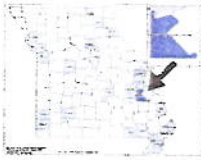
The event included "walking dead" activities, a mock crash involving emergency personnel, students, parents, and helicopters airlifting the "victims". Participants of the mock crash and the "walking dead" attended a lock-in to discuss the dangers of underage drinking and what role the community plays in prevention. The second day concluded with an assembly of the student body. Guest speakers were a parent of a student who died as a result of underage alcohol consumption, and a student who survived a car crash that involved underage drinking. The auditorium was silent as the speakers pleaded with the students to think before drinking. ***68.6% of students who participated in the program said they would talk to their friends about underage drinking.***

Community Partners: The Carthage Caring Community Coalition has **153 registered community partners**. Partners who were actively involved in the Shattered Dreams program were:

- Students
- Parents
- Carthage Police Dept.
- Emergency personnel
- Carthage Fire Dept.
- Carthage school officials
- Carthage city officials
- The Family Neighborhood Center
- St. John's Hospital
- McCune Brooks Hospital
- METS
- Lifeflight
- Carthage Press
- Mornin' Mail
- Knell Mortuary
- Ulmer Funeral Home
- Grace Pointe Assembly of God
- One Group Youth Ministers
- Jasper County Sheriff's Dept.
- MoDot

St. Francois County Community Partnership

Established: 1999



2007-2008 Funding



FY08 Result Achievement: Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative

September 2008

Community Profile:

The offices for SFCCP are located in an indoor mall in downtown Farmington, MO. Our unique location creates interest resulting in many first-time visitors inquiring about SFCCP and Educare. Located in Southeast Missouri, SFCCP initiatives are central to St. Francois County, with some supports and services also impacting Madison, Ste. Genevieve, and Iron Counties. The work of SFCCP focuses on the areas of early childhood education, parent and educational support, child abuse prevention, and healthy children and families.

According to the US Census Bureau, the 2006 population of St. Francois County is estimated at 62,181, with 5% of that population being children under age 5 and 14% being adults over age 65. 27.6% of the population over age 25 does not have a high school diploma or equivalency, and 15.9% of the population lives below the poverty level. 12.2% of the county's population (as compared to the Missouri average of 11.8%) has no health coverage.

The SFCCP Board of Directors is made up of 23 members and the Executive Director. The Board includes representatives of eight state agencies and members from all five of our local school districts. Other groups represented include a mentoring organization, an employment agency, Vocational Rehabilitation, a child abuse and neglect prevention organization, our two local hospitals, the faith community, and the publisher of the local newspaper. Our board members and staff are active leaders in the community with several serving on the board of directors/advisors for key collaborative partners.

SFCCP employs a part-time executive director, full-time administrative assistant, and two part-time staff for Educare. Additional help is paid on an as-needed basis. Community sites are informally structured via a school social worker/counselor appointed by each school district to serve on the SFCCP Board of Directors and acting as liaison with school-based personnel. Despite the informal structuring of community sites there is a high level of communication between SFCCP and school districts. We plan to continue cultivating relationships and collaboration with local organizations and service providers in order to increase resources and better serve our citizens.

Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

SFCCP has been alarmed at the rate of youth suicide in St. Francois County. Between 1995 and 2006 the rate of self-inflicted injury among youth was 23.0 for St. Francois County compared to the state rate of 10.0 per 10,000 per population, double the rate for the state.

In August 2007 SFCCP secured funding for a Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative (YSPI) through Missouri Department of Mental Health. The objective of YSPI was to present youth suicides as a preventable public health problem by fostering awareness within the community and providing training for individuals who work directly with youth. Existing programs addressed crisis intervention and dealing with the aftermath of tragedy, but no programs were aimed at prevention within our school and community settings.

Specific goals of YSPI include raising awareness of risk factors and warning signs associated with youth suicide and reducing stigma enabling at-risk youth to seek help. School personnel, social service agencies and other youth providers collaborated to present in-service trainings and public awareness activities. Packets of informational / educational materials were developed and made available to service providers, counselors, families, and at-risk youth.

YSPI activities included:

- Two in-service trainings offered to school personnel with 65 in attendance. A third training is planned for October 2008.

Livin' Out Loud tour. During National Mental Health Awareness Month, assemblies were held at 11 local middle and senior high schools to draw attention and raise awareness about mental illnesses and suicide. A positive message about life worth living was presented to approximately 6,700 students. A community event for the entire family was held at the end of the week. The tour featured Kevin Hines, an amazing speaker with bipolar disorder who had jumped off The Golden Gate Bridge and survived (attempted by over 1,200 others since 1939 and only 29 have survived). Onetimeblind, a nationally-known drama group also performed. The program was

- well-received by the youth attending. Counselors were available for consultation at the end of each assembly.
- During Suicide Prevention Week, posters were distributed to schools and organizations to raise awareness in the community.
- Numerous articles and interviews were carried by local newspaper and radio stations promoting mental health and suicide prevention.
- Development of informational packets for service providers. Development / distribution of wallet cards, brochures, pamphlets, posters, and magnets aimed at raising awareness among students and parents.

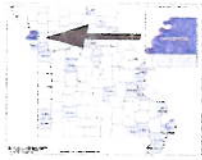
The St. Francois County Community Partnership will make every effort to make suicide prevention an ongoing activity.

List of Partners:

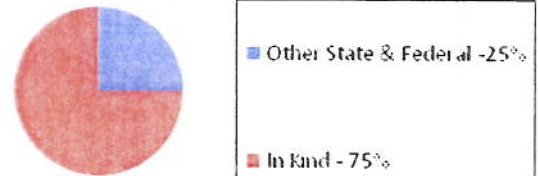
State Senator Kevin Engler
 State Representative Brad Robinson
 State Representative Steve Tilley
 Belgrade State Bank
 McDonald's
 The Daily Journal
 KFMO, KTJJ, and KYLS Radio Stations
 Parkland Health Center
 BJC Behavioral Health
 Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center
 Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse
 Southeast Missouri Community Treatment Center
 Young Faith In Christ
 Missouri Youth Suicide Prevention Project
 The Bridge Community Church
 Youth Fest 2008
 West County Ministerial Alliance
 Esther Baptist Church
 Coppermines FWB Church
 First Baptist Church of Fredericktown
 Farmington Presbyterian Church
 Fredericktown, North County, Potosi, Central, Kingston
 and Farmington High Schools
 Fredericktown, Kingston, North County, and Central
 Middle Schools
 Community Counseling Center
 Park Hills Lion's Club
 onetimeblind
 Hidden Alibi
 Kevin Hines
 Project Life
 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
 Administration
 Missouri Association of Community Task Forces

St. Joseph Youth Alliance

Established: 1995



2007-2008 Funding



FY08 Result Achievement: Provided increased education and awareness to youth and adults to reduce the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs.

September 2008

Community Profile:

The St. Joseph Youth Alliance is located in the City of St. Joseph, chosen this year for the second time as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth. Although most of our supports and services are central to Buchanan County, some of our initiatives provide services in the following Missouri counties: Andrew, Atchison, Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, Dekalb, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth. Programmatically, the work of the Alliance focuses on the areas of early childhood education, youth mentoring, teen pregnancy and parenting support, child abuse prevention, youth volunteerism, youth asset development, youth leadership, and youth substance abuse prevention.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Buchanan County population is 84,955. The 2006 racial composition of the county was over 92% White, 4.5% Black, .5% American Indian/Alaskan Native Persons, .6% Asian, and 2.7% Hispanic.

The Alliance is a membership organization that is governed by a 15-member board of directors. Currently our partnership has 15 employees, 8 AmeriCorps members, and is managed by an executive director who has the support of a leadership team. This team works to implement the policies set by the board of directors.

In an effort to create a drug-free community, the Alliance has become increasingly involved in a variety of comprehensive community engagement initiatives. Through these partnerships, we work together to positively change community attitudes and behaviors surrounding drugs, alcohol and tobacco, ultimately encouraging youth to choose substance-free lives.

Current Initiatives Include:

- **Safe Prom & Graduation Initiative**—involved local businesses placing "Stop Underage Drinking" on their marquees during prom and graduation. Local florists, beauty salons, formal wear merchants, and restaurants handed out "celebrate sober" messages with each prom related order. Over 50 businesses participated in this awareness campaign. The Alliance also partnered with other businesses to host 4 safe after prom parties for high school students. The youth enjoyed bowling, pool, games, a disc jockey, and an opportunity to observe a hypnotist, eat, and win prizes. Over 200 youth were in attendance. Underage drinking information was distributed to all youth.

Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

- **Alcohol Compliance Checks**—a strategy implemented by the Youth Alliance in partnership with the St. Joseph Police Department. In the fall of 2007, 72 package retailers were checked with a 56% buy rate. This serves as baseline for our work. One of the keys to reducing underage drinking is to limit youth access to alcohol.

Rock in Prevention:

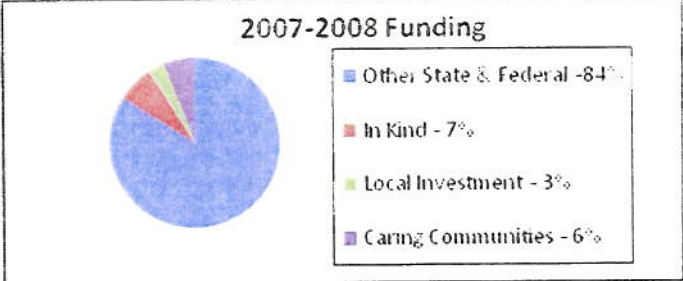
Following recent data reports on underage drinking, Youth Alliance and its partners recognized the need for an education and awareness campaign targeting drug and alcohol prevention for both youth and adults alike. Community partners took the initiative and responsibility for this community-wide campaign aimed at making Buchanan County a healthier and safer place to work and live. The Rock in Prevention Town Hall Meeting was one of the key components of the campaign. One hundred seventy-one people attended the March 20, 2008, event at the Civic Arena in downtown St. Joseph. This town hall featured Rock in Prevention, a musical group that delivered an interactive, educational, and fun prevention program encouraging youth to lead drug and alcohol-free lives. The key to this type of program is to reach youth with a persuasive prevention message before they experiment the first time with alcohol. Erica Whaley, a speaker from Think First Missouri, spoke that evening about underage drinking and the impact it had on her life. Erica, a paraplegic, told her story about being involved in an alcohol-related car crash and the impact and consequences it has made in her own life. She encouraged each youth to not get involved with underage drinking and to make healthy decisions. An open forum was held at the end of the meeting to discuss issues regarding underage drinking in the local community.

Rock in Prevention Partners:

City of St. Joseph, MO Dept. of Transportation, Think First Missouri, Preferred Family Healthcare, MO Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, St. Joseph School District, Northwest MO Tobacco Coalition, Buchanan County Sheriff's Dept., St. Joseph Safety Council, Partners in Prevention, AmeriCorps, and the Drug Free Community Coalition.

Washington County Community Partnership

Established: 1999



FY08 Result Achievement: Community Engagement

September 2008

Community Profile:

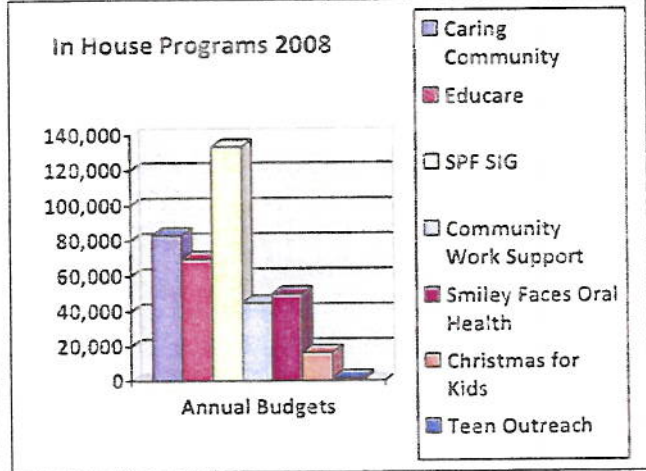
The Partnership office is in Potosi, the county seat, and serves all Washington County. The county is large, rural and poor. The population is 24,317 covering 760 sq. miles with a sparse 32 people p/sq. mile. In July 2008, our unemployment rate was 10.1%, 56.6% of school-aged children are enrolled for free/reduced lunch and 36.6% of our children live in poverty. The average household income is 73.4% of the state median. Of our population 25 and older, 37.5% do not have a high school diploma or GED. (OSEDA, Kids Count 2007, LAUS 08)

The Washington County Community Partnership was established in 1997 and has been a 501(c)3 Caring Community site since 1999. Washington County is one of the last 3 Partnerships designated and as such, we were never funded to provide services, but to leverage other resources to address identified needs in the county.

We currently administer 8 programs in Washington County: Caring Communities (since 1999), Educare (1999), Smiley Faces Oral Health (2003) Teen Outreach Project (2004), Missouri ReEntry Program (2006), Strategic Prevention Framework (2006), Community Work Support (2007) and Christmas for Kids (2007).

The Partnership is governed by a 10 member board which meets monthly. We have 12 staff and administer 7 county programs from our office. There is also a 40 person general membership that meets bi-monthly to discuss community events and initiatives. This group elects the governing board at the annual volunteer banquet and is open to all members of the community. We have representation from most social service agencies, schools, government, law enforcement and the faith community.

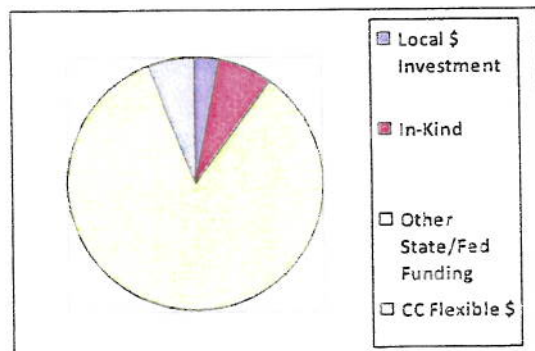
Through our general membership meetings over the past 10 years, we have successfully integrated our local resources to address a variety of community needs without duplicating services. We have created four coalitions from our general membership to deal with issues related to Health, Alcohol Prevention, ReEntry, and Christmas fundraising.



Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

Beyond the programs above that we administer in-house, the Partnership has also provided technical assistance in assessment, grant writing, and participates as a partner in a variety of other programs administered through other county agencies. The Partnership has also been the start up resource for initiatives that have gone on to secure their own 501(c)3 such as Great Mines Health Center and the Washington County Tourism Board.

In 2008, the Partnership directly administered or leveraged a total of \$1,452,805 to Washington County on the Caring Community base funding of \$83,241. That is \$17.46 for each CC dollar invested.



The Partnership: Working together to make a better community for families in Washington County.