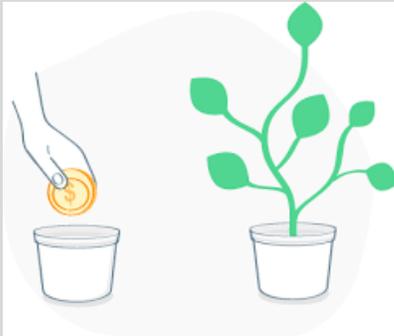




LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE BOARD

Putting Kids First in Lincoln County

"The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children." - Nelson Mandela



Thank you to our volunteer board of trustee members who direct the LCRB's funding allocation.

In 2021, the LCRB invested more than \$1.3 million in Lincoln County kids and their mental health, serving 10,978 Lincoln County kids with funded programs and services.

LCRB to Allocate Funding for 2022-23 Contract Cycle

The LCRB exists to oversee the establishment, operation, and maintenance of mental health services for Lincoln County children and youth (ages 0-19) and their families, in accordance with the LCRB's [funding statute](#). The LCRB also provides leadership in the development and implementation of prevention, early intervention and life skills programs.

The LCRB's one-time, 18-month contract cycle will conclude on June 30, 2022. As we prepare to launch our next contract cycle on July 1, 2022, our volunteer board members have dedicated countless hours to assess our allocation budget, current needs assessments and the LCRB's strategic plan.

In total, the LCRB received funding requests in the amount of \$1,976,436 to renew and expand existing LCRB-funded programs and for two new program applications.

Members of the Selection & Review and Finance Committees will ask the board to approve the 2022-23 funding allocation at the April LCRB meeting.

LCRB Speaks Out for Child Abuse Prevention Month

The LCRB offered remarks at the Lincoln County 2022 Pinwheels for Prevention event. During this annual commemoration, our community works to bring awareness to child abuse and share how we are working collectively to prevent abuse and neglect while also ensuring that child victims receive the care, support and justice they deserve.

A significant portion of LCRB funds are invested in child abuse prevention and advocacy services-funding agencies and programs like the Crisis Nursery Wentzville, The Child Advocacy Center, Nurses for Newborns, Compass Health Network and



Picture of executive director Cheri Winchester giving

others.

For Lincoln County kids, this funding ensures that The Child Center trained staff are in our students' classrooms, teaching them critical lessons like body safety. And when a child becomes a victim, they become a voice, instilling hope and working in the pursuit of justice.

This funding also provides Lincoln County children, ages 0-12, with respite care services at the Crisis Nursery Wentzville. There, our children are sheltered from life's storms, receiving compassionate care and an array of therapeutic services while parents/caregivers work through crises.

LCRB remarks at the 2022 Pinwheels for Prevention event.

Additionally, LCRB funding supports Nurses for Newborns, affording fragile families with home visits by registered nurses to provide education and clinical supports, which is considered a child abuse prevention best practice.

Compass Health Network and its LCRB-funded home-based Partnership with Families program works to support families and their efforts to reduce stressors that negatively affect kids and can lead to out-of-home placements.

Thank you to our LCRB-funded providers who work every day to strengthen families, protect our children's wellbeing and "Put Kids First."



End-of-School-Year Students' Mental Health Assessments

The LCRB, in partnership with psychologist Dr. Cynthia Berry, will issue its end-of-school-year student mental health assessment to all Lincoln County schools. The LCRB collects information from our school partners twice each academic year. Findings from the assessments help support the LCRB's funding allocations as we consider evolving needs against our funding mandate and LCRB strategic plan.

The spring assessment will ask school personnel to provide feedback regarding timely mental and behavioral health challenges impacting the lives and health of our students; the effectiveness of LCRB-funded school-based prevention programs; the quality of school-based intervention services; and will inquire about other services and supports that may be needed.

Results of the survey will be shared this summer with the board, funded providers, Lincoln County schools and their board of education members, and through our website and social media channels.

Healthy Blue MO Showers Lincoln County Kids with Love

Shower of Love works to ensure babies are fed, clean, dry and overall healthier and happier; thereby, reducing the propensity of child abuse in Lincoln County. The inability to meet a baby's critical care needs is attributed with higher incidents of depression and anxiety. Maternal depression and mental health problems can have long-term and debilitating effects on children's well-being and their performance in school.

During the 2022 Shower of Love campaign, which will conclude in May, the Early Childhood Task Force received its largest donation ... ever. Healthy Blue Missouri and its Senior Community Relations Representative Regina Sullivan, who also serves on the task force, presented a check for \$5,000 to



The LCRB will accept donations of diapers, wipes, pull-ups, formula, diaper rash cream and baby laundry detergent.

purchase critical care items for Lincoln County babies.

The task force relies on monetary donations to support our non-profit partners who are working with Lincoln County's fragile families to meet basic needs and ensure the health and wellbeing of our tiniest residents. Following the check presentation, task force members were able to meet the needs of a Lincoln County mother working with our partner Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service to help with the purchase of specialized baby formula.

Lincoln County Housing Task Force Presents Plans to Local Leaders

In the fall of 2020, the LCRB, through sponsorship from Toyota Manufacturing, Missouri, launched our Lincoln County Bridges out of Poverty initiative. Following our county's second Bridges out of Poverty workshop, held in April 2021 and also sponsored by Toyota, a steering committee formed. This committee quickly evolved into the Lincoln County Housing Task Force charged with addressing one of the most pressing issues our county and families in poverty are facing: homelessness.

For months, task force members, including the LCRB, has worked to devise a mission, plan and action steps to address our rapidly growing homeless population.

The task force then distributes collected items to local non-profits and child service agencies who work with our county's fragile families.

To learn more, view our latest [YouTube video regarding the Shower of Love campaign, featuring Michelle King with the Early Childhood Education Center.](#)



Currently, the Housing Task Force is presenting its plans to local partners, churches and county and city government leaders. These plans are rooted in Bridges out of Poverty principles, are evidence-informed and, ultimately, are designed to provide emergency shelter for Lincoln County's homeless, with a priority for serving mothers and children. Beyond emergency shelter, the task force plans include case management and wrap-around services for long-term independence and financial stability.

LCRB Meetings

LCRB will convene Wed., April 27 at 8:30 a.m. at Cuivre River Electric Cooperative in Troy and via Zoom. *Please note this meeting space does not permit food and beverage.

All LCRB meetings, unless otherwise posted on the LCRB website, are held the fourth Wednesday of the month. **Please note our new meeting time: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.** For more information about our meetings or to access our agendas and minutes, click the link below.

[LCRB Meetings](#)

