



LINCOLN COUNTY RESOURCE BOARD

Putting Kids First in Lincoln County

Today is your opportunity to build the tomorrow you want, Ken Poirot



Seeing the world with 2020 Vision

Looking back over the last year, no one could have anticipated our collective journey.

Despite the deep valleys and dark days, we kept taking the next step ... even when unsure of what barriers we may encounter. No matter how difficult we could sometimes find the terrain, at the end of this road stands a child, a family, who needs us.

And, in every circumstance, you were there--delivering food, giving reassurance and support to a child and their family, developing online education and curriculum, and improving telehealth offerings--creating, reimagining and, most of all, caring.



We still have further to go, but the LCRB is prepared for the New Year. We have invested in compassionate and innovative mental health providers; partnered with dedicated school districts; and benefit from a proven infrastructure of community partners and supports who will continue to Put Kids First in Lincoln County.

We will emerge stronger and more resilient because we have never lost sight of our mission: Our children, our families, our future.

2021: The Road Ahead

As we embark on a new year, we will build on our collective achievements and continue our progress, including:

- Hosting a Bridges out of Poverty "Follow Up" Session (to be held first quarter 2021) to spark community action for improved quality of life for our county's fragile families and a more vibrant, healthy and productive population for our county's future.
- Advancing programs the LCRB and its funded partners piloted through CARES Act Grant monies, including a school-based social worker for the R-III School District, greater investments in school-based mental health counseling, and launching CaseWorthy software (for referral tracking) to prevent our kids and families who are in crisis from slipping through the system's cracks.
- Enhancing community outreach initiatives, such as our Early Childhood Taskforce and Shower of Love campaign, which in 2020 alone collected 10,000 diapers and 15,000 wipes, and other baby care items, thanks to our community partners Mercy Hospital Lincoln and the Bank of Old Monroe.
- Continuing to invest in research and analysis--in 2020 the LCRB published its [Needs Assessment Report, developed by Dr. Cynthia Berry, featuring a county Key Findings Report and Missouri Student Survey outcomes](#)--to guide future funding allocations and ensure our funding is keeping pace with our children's and youth's evolving mental and behavioral health needs.



LCRB Announces 2021-22 Funding Allocations

The LCRB is celebrating one of our greatest gifts this holiday season: Lincoln County voters' approval of a 1/4 cent sales tax to fund mental and behavioral health services for Lincoln County kids.

During the November LCRB meeting, the board approved allocations of \$1,907,836.51 for the 2021-22, 18-month funding cycle. The one-time, 18-month contract period (from Jan. 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022) will allow the LCRB to transition from a calendar- to a school-year cycle to better keep pace with needs.

The funding will cover 10 non-profit agencies providing 17 unique programs and services for





Lincoln County kids, offered in a community, home or school settings.

Clinical outcomes include improved:

- Academic performance
- Behavior (at home and/or in the classroom)
- Daily functioning with reduction in symptoms, such as anxiety and depression
- Emotion regulation
- Coping skills
- Familial/peer relationships
- And, the reduction of substantiated hotline reports and homelessness in Lincoln County

Please shop local this holiday season and help us to continue giving the gift of LCRB-funded services to Lincoln County kids--strengthening families and communities ... one child at a time.

Mid-School-Year Survey



Thank you to our schools for your continued partnership. Through your commitment to our kids, advocacy efforts and perseverance, the LCRB receives timely and actionable information that translates into meaningful funding for your students.

At this mid-school-year time, the LCRB asks for schools' participation in a brief online survey. The survey ensures that the LCRB is keeping its finger of the pulse of our students' needs; the efficacy of funded programs and providers; and that we are responding to the mental health effects that COVID-19 has inflicted on our kids.

Please click on the link below to submit your responses to the LCRB by Tues., Dec. 22.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCRBSchoolStaff_Mid_2020

LCRB December 16 Meeting



At the November LCRB meeting, the board voted to hold our December virtual monthly meeting one week early (Wed., Dec. 16 at 8 a.m.) due to the holidays. To access the Zoom meeting link and December meeting agenda, [click here](#).

