

# ANNUAL REPORT



2024-2025



**LINCOLN COUNTY  
RESOURCE BOARD**

*Putting Kids First in Lincoln County*

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# IMPACT AT A GLANCE

During the 2024-2025 contract cycle, the Lincoln County Resource Board (LCRB) allocated the largest amount of funding in LCRB history, more than \$2.4 million leveraged among 14 funded agencies and 27 distinct programs.

The LCRB also launched the CA/N (Child Abuse & Neglect) Plan, and hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual LCRB Legislative Summit & Mobile Outreach Tour, Emotional Poverty workshops, and, in partnership with the Lincoln County Early Childhood Task Force, hosted the inaugural Lincoln County Baby Shower.

“Putting Kids First” in Lincoln County since 2006.

**746**

Adults Supported through LCRB-funded Direct Services

**637**

Lincoln County Households Strengthened

**1,243**

Adults, Caregivers, Mandated Reporters Educated by LCRB-funded Prevention Programs

## LINCOLN COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVED



**2,290**  
FOR DIRECT SERVICES



**17,713**  
FOR PREVENTION SERVICES

# MENTAL HEALTH & VIOLENCE PREVENTION

**LCRB-FUNDED**

**Compass Health NETWORK**

**Funding provided by**

**LCRB**

## Violence Prevention Programs in Lincoln County Schools

During the 2024-25 academic year, LCRB-funded violence prevention programs, provided by **Compass Health Network**, served

**6,105 Lincoln County Youth (Grades K-8)**  
(Grades K-8)

Grade-level appropriate curriculum educated Lincoln County kids on topics ranging from "Anger and Conflict Resolution" to "Dealing with Loss and Depression" and "Cyber-Bullying."

Three students walking with backpacks and books. A school building with a flag and a bus in the background. A chalkboard with three icons: a fist, a sad cloud, and a computer screen. Below the icons are the labels: ANGER & CONFLICT RESOLUTION, DEALING WITH LOSS & DEPRESSION, and CYBER-BULLYING.

These vital, life-changing programs positively impact the development of our kids:

“One of my kiddos was saying something unnecessary to another girl. I heard someone next to her say: “Just tell her **thank you** and she won’t have any power.” That’s what she did, and it worked perfect! They really liked what you had to say.”

“My specific class has a handful of kids that struggle with **anger**. They learned new strategies and have put them into practice.”

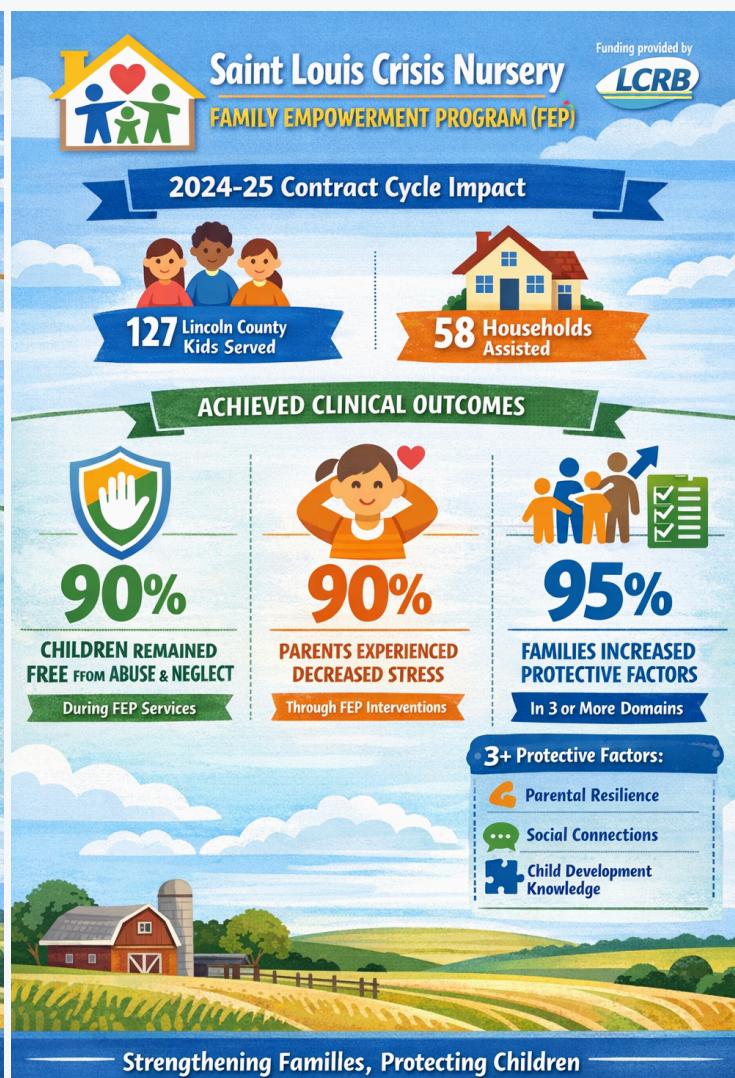
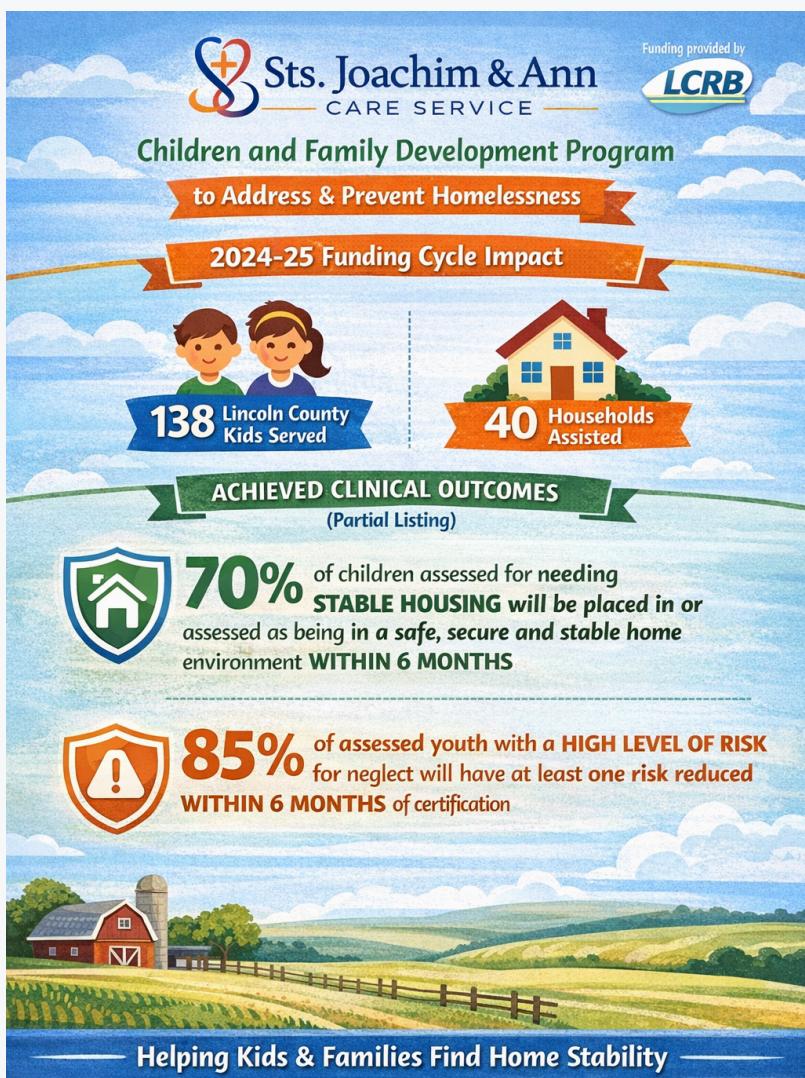
“I have some students with **valid anger** that **NEEDED** this and the program was also helpful for students to deal with **others who are angry**.”

**CLASSROOM EDUCATORS REPORTED:**

LCRB-funded programs focus on **supportive environments** for students, enhancing mental health resources and providing essential education to reduce violence and promote wellness.

# FAMILY STABILITY & CHILD PROTECTION

The strength of a community lies in its ability to protect and nurture its children. Through targeted prevention education and funding of direct services--such as family and child advocacy; case management; home visitation programs; therapy and counseling; therapeutic mentoring; and more--the Lincoln County Resource Board works to ensure every Lincoln County child has the resources and support they need to thrive.



# COMMUNITY IMPACT

In 2023, the Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division's Annual Report found Lincoln County's substantiated child abuse and neglect rates among children was more than double that of the State of Missouri's average and significantly higher than the other comparable regions:

- Lincoln County: 8.43 substantiated cases per 1,000 children
- Missouri: 3.15 substantiated cases per 1,000 children.

In response, the LCRB launched the CA/N (Child Abuse & Neglect) Plan with Lincoln County's multi-disciplinary team (MDT) to:

- Reduce substantiated child abuse and neglect cases.
- Enhance and standardize the community response through a child-centered, trauma-informed approach.
- Strengthen inter-agency collaboration.
- Break the cycle of abuse by addressing root causes.

Below, demonstrates the community impact of such efforts through the LCRB-funded Forensic Interview program, provided by The Child Advocacy Center, a Lincoln County MDT partner.

The Child Advocacy Center

Funding provided by **LCRB**

**Forensic Interviews**  
Protect Our Most Vulnerable

The LCRB funds forensic interviews for Lincoln County children and youth who disclose abuse through **The Child Advocacy Center**.

Despite a reported decline in referrals, The Child Advocacy Center's forensic interview program served

**170** Lincoln County Kids  
from July 1, 2024 –  
June 30, 2025

To understand the impact of this program, consider the following case that involved members of **The Child Advocacy Center** team alongside other multi-disciplinary team members:

**In November of 2024**, The Child Advocacy Center's Director of Forensic Services was **subpoenaed to testify as an expert witness** in a Lincoln County trial based on two forensic interviews.

**The Forensic Services Director testified for several hours** about the process of **disclosure**, dynamics of child abuse, and the interview protocol. She did not speak about the interviews themselves. The victims wanted to testify, which is recognized as a significant part of the **healing process** for some victims.

**The jury deliberated for less than two hours** and came back with **guilty verdicts** on **14 counts of statutory sodomy**. In January of 2025, the perpetrator was sentenced to **200 years** in the Missouri Department of corrections.

Not only was justice served for this case and the victims, these efforts also reflect one of the most effective **child abuse** prevention strategies – preventing perpetrators from accessing future victims.

# FUNDED 2024-25 PROGRAMS

**Saint Louis Counseling:** Counseling Services; School-based Counseling; and Outpatient Psychiatry Services

**The Child Advocacy Center:** Child Abuse Prevention Program; Forensic Interviews; Mental Health Therapy; and Child and Family Advocacy Program

**Compass Health Network:** Pinocchio Early Intervention Program; School-based Mental Health Specialists; School-based Therapy (non-Medicaid); Partnership with Families Program and its FACT Parent Support Partner Program; School-based Prevention Program; and Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment

**Crisis Nursery:** Respite Care Services and the Family Empowerment Program

**CHADS Coalition for Mental Health:** Signs of Suicide Prevention

**Nurses for Newborns:** Infant and Family Case Management/RN Home Visitation Program

**Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services:** Therapeutic Mentoring and Counseling Services

**PreventEd:** Substance Use Prevention Program and GuidEd Early Substance Use Intervention Program

**Troy R-III School District:** Parent Mental Health Series (ParentGuidance.org) and Social Skills Interventionist Program

**Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service:** Case Management Program to Prevent Homelessness

**ThriVe Best Choice:** Sexual Risk Avoidance Program

**Youth In Need:** School-based Mental Health Counseling

**FACT:** Family Behavioral Health Support Program

**Elsberry R-II School District:** Mental Health Support Room

