

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 9th 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.”

ANGER & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

DEALING WITH LOSS & DEPRESSION

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.



Children and Family Development Program to Address & Prevent Homelessness

2024-25 Funding Cycle Impact



ACHIEVED CLINICAL OUTCOMES (Partial Listing)



70% of children assessed for needing **STABLE HOUSING** will be placed in or assessed as being in a **safe, secure and stable home environment WITHIN 6 MONTHS**



85% of assessed youth with a **HIGH LEVEL OF RISK** for neglect will have at least **one risk reduced WITHIN 6 MONTHS** of certification

Helping Kids & Families Find Home Stability



Saint Louis Crisis Nursery FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (FEP)



2024-25 Contract Cycle Impact



ACHIEVED CLINICAL OUTCOMES



90%
**CHILDREN REMAINED
FREE FROM ABUSE & NEGLECT**
During FEP Services



90%
**PARENTS EXPERIENCED
DECREASED STRESS**
Through FEP Interventions



95%
**FAMILIES INCREASED
PROTECTIVE FACTORS**
In 3 or More Domains

3+ Protective Factors:

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Child Development Knowledge

Strengthening Families, Protecting Children

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

