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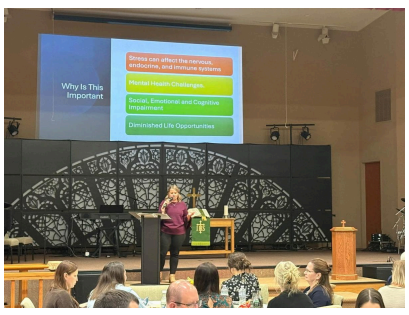
November 2026 | Putting Kids First in Lincoln County

Click the logo above and view the LCRB 20th Anniversary video, which the LCRB premiered at the November 2026 Legislative Summit & Anniversary Celebration, sponsored by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Missouri.

LCRB 2026 Legislative Summit & 20th Anniversary Celebration Snapshots















"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."
Mister Fred Rogers

Thanks to a grant from Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Missouri, the LCRB gathered "heroes" from around the county, region, and state to engage; celebrate 20 years of Putting Kids First; and explore timely needs for collaborative response.

The LCRB recognized the local heroes who, 20 years ago, asked Lincoln County voters to Put Kids First, establishing the Lincoln County Resource Board. We continue to honor and celebrate the heroes who have led and supported the LCRB along this 20-year journey, upholding the promise made to local voters: ***Local Dollars. For Local Kids. With Local Oversight.***

From inside **Main Street Elementary, the site of our first LCRB Legislative Summit & Mobile Outreach Tour school visit in 2016**, **Troy R3 School District leadership**, **Compass Health Network**, **Youth In Need**, and **The Child Advocacy Center** detailed timely challenges impacting Lincoln County children and youth and their mental health and wellbeing; ability to learn, develop and grow; and reach their full potential. We learned how LCRB-funded programs work to address these needs, and outlined opportunities for greater collaboration and support to achieve improved outcomes for kids and families.

At **St. Stephen United Methodist Church, we revisited past summits' focus on the topics of poverty, homelessness, and trauma, recognizing local achievements**—from the community's support and development of The Key Youth Center and Bridge of Hope Lincoln County to piloting the state's first Trauma Intervention Specialist/Case Navigator through The Child Advocacy Center—to highlighting the need for ongoing investments in Lincoln County to stabilize our tax base and maintain our promise to Put Kids First for future

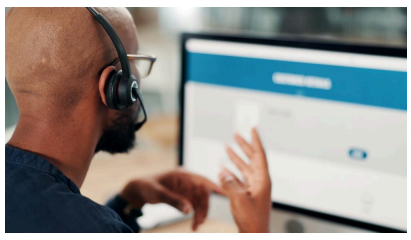
generations. Featured presenters included **Bridge of Hope Lincoln County** Board President Chris Schieffer and the **Crisis Nursery'**s Family Engagement Specialist for Lincoln County Jessica Rogalski.

Throughout the day, we acknowledged local heroes, those who in the words of Mr. Fred Rogers: "See a need and respond." Three Pheeze Kemper Legacy Awards were given to local businesses who Put Kids First in Lincoln County through their community- and non-profit investments, volunteerism, and community-first leadership: Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Missouri; Peoples Bank & Trust; and the Bank of Old Monroe.

We also recognize our legislators who attended this year's summit and consistently engage and effectively respond to our efforts to continue Putting Kids First: **Rep. Doyle Justus**; Madeleine Castle representing the office of **U.S. Senator Josh Hawley**; and Bryan Nichols, representing the office of **U.S. Congressman Sam Graves**.

Where will this year's summit and celebration take our community … time will tell. Yet, we know positive experiences await us, as they always do, through collaboration, engagement, and Putting Kids First.

Coordinated Entry Workforce Reductions



For the tri-county region, which includes Lincoln County, Coordinated Entry serves as the standardized system for connecting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness with shelter and housing resources by dialing 2-1-1 and following the prompts.

Late last week, Community Council, which operates Coordinated Entry for the tri-county region, announced workforce reductions impacting Coordinated Entry due to the council's financial position.

To assist local residents experiencing or facing homelessness, **LCRB-funded provider Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service** has leveraged staff and supports to ensure calls and messages left for Coordinated Entry are returned and prioritized.

Bridge of Hope Lincoln County also invites Lincoln County residents experiencing homelessness and in need of shelter, or with questions about the Emergency Weather Response (EWR) or the Bridge of Hope Resource Center, to contact Bridge of Hope directly and staff will help route callers to available resources.

Bridge of Hope Contact Information:
Resource Center hours 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Call 636-383-4673
Email jessica@bridgeofhopelc.org
Location 225 Highway H, Troy, MO 63379



Please mark your calendars for the upcoming meetings, trainings, and events. Download the LCRB app (scan QR code) or follow the LCRB on Facebook for timely updates:

- Wed., Nov. 25 **LCRB Monthly Meeting**, Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, 8:30 a.m. ***Please note the December LCRB will be held on Wed., Dec. 16 at 8:30 a.m. at the Lincoln County Health Department Community Room, where coffee and breakfast items will be served.***
- Wed., Dec. 9 **System of Care Lincoln County,** Powell Conference Room at Troy R3 Central Office, 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- The Lincoln County Early Childhood Task Force will not convene in December.
- Thurs., Dec. 10 **The Key Youth Center** invites the community to its annual **Gratitude Reception.** The open-house style event will take place from 3:30-5:30 p.m., offering tours of facility enhancements and light refreshments with remarks and awards presented at 4:30 p.m.

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