



Rise Up



2017 ANNUAL REPORT
Engaging Community Partners to Improve
the Lives of Children and Families.

Prescription Take Back Events

1,061 lbs.

Community Awareness

68,782
served

Reducing Underage Drinking

147 compliance checks
91% success rate

YVC Promotes Responsible Prescription Drug Disposal



One of the best ways to combat the misuse of prescription drugs is to provide an easy and convenient way to dispose of unwanted prescriptions. Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) decided to get involved. Instead of sitting forgotten in medicine cabinets, where they may be stolen or otherwise misused, prescriptions can be disposed of in Deterra Bags.

YVC held an Action and Advocacy Project in December 2016 to promote the use of Deterra Bags. Members identified key agencies that could promote and distribute Deterra Bags. A postcard was created with important information about drug misuse and where to obtain Deterra Bags. The team also produced public service announcements and met with nurses at Mosaic hospice to present their project and distribute the bags as part of an ongoing process for distribution.



Crisis Prevention started a Circle of Parents support group in August 2016, with a group of two moms and three children meeting in the Cameron Library. Through word-of-mouth and the efforts of the initial members, the group has grown to between five and six moms and six to eight children attending. As the library became too small, the group reached out to First Baptist Church, which offers a large kitchen, gymnasium and playground available for the group's use. The mothers in the Circle of Parents have expanded participation in the group with their enthusiasm and desire to reach out to other parents in the community.

110
Families Served



924 Home Visits Conducted
231 Developmental Assessments



124
Children Served

Circle of Parents monthly support group participants

74 adults
89 children

Educare Program Offers Support and Training



The Youth Alliance's Educare Program offers a monthly support group for the child care providers they serve. Each month, participants enjoy access to early childhood training, as well as support, advice and ideas. Over time, the Educare Program members have become a consistent group that supports one

another, regroups and refreshes in an effort to provide the best care possible to the children entrusted to them. There's often time for fun, too, such as the Christmas gathering, where everyone enjoyed making a craft brought in by one of the participants.



Children's Fair Attendance
554 adults
712 children



Educare Impacted
413 children



568
Teachers Attended Training



364
On-Site Visits Conducted

Youth Asset Development

for the community to Rise Up



When the Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) wanted a service project to benefit animals, they developed the Pause for Paws, a week focused on service to animals. The YVC group spent all day on July 25 at the Humane Society of Atchison, playing with the animals and providing for their needs. They completed a variety of service tasks, including bathing all the animals, cleaning kennels and folding laundry. They learned that caring for a large number of animals is a lot of work! The YVC youth also had a blast playing and working for the animals at the Humane Society, as well as learning more about what it means to be an advocate for animals.

131
Service Projects Completed

2,363 Youth Volunteer Hours

80 Youth Volunteers

36
Agencies served by Youth Volunteers



110

Participants

80

Participants Continuing
their Education

61

Paid Work Experience

24

Completed HS or
HiSet Program

47

Matched with
a Mentor and
Reaching 30 Days
of Employment

Youth Employment Program Targets Youth for HiSET



The Youth Employment Program launched a pilot program program, which identifies youth between the ages of 16 and 24 that would benefit from receiving their HiSET diploma in less than two months. A link on social media invited potential participants to complete a survey. Applicants were invited to take assessments and provide required documentation for the program. Those selected for the program attend classes three days a week for five hours, with all applicants prepared and registered to take the HiSET exam after six weeks.



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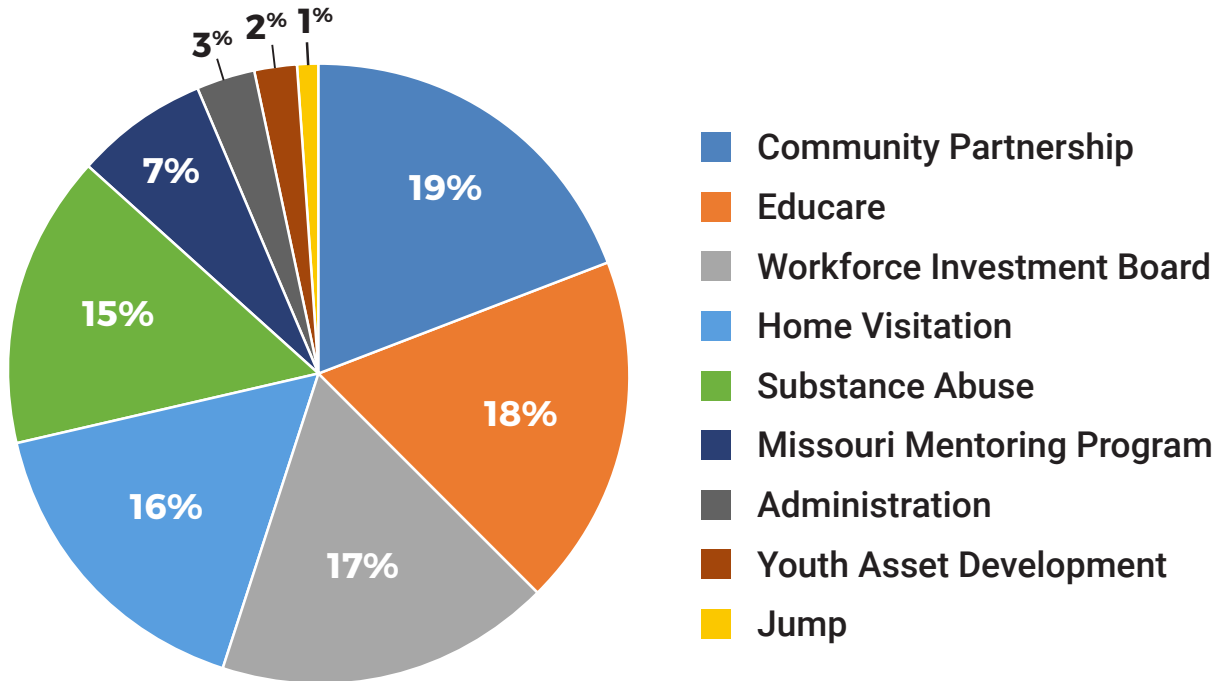
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Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Revenues

The St. Joseph Youth Alliance, has supported youth and their families by bringing in more than \$28.7 million in resources for over 26 years to address crisis prevention, substance abuse prevention, early childhood development, youth employment/mentoring and youth asset development. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, program and cash revenues totaled \$1,466,931.09. Volunteers logged 806.75 hours valued at \$16,296.24. In-kind donation totaled \$226,918.95. Overall, the Youth Alliance's total contributed resources for FY 16-17 were valued at \$1,710,146.28.



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