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**ALLIANCE.**  
St. Joseph, MO

# Life **CHANGING**

*Engaging Community Partners to Improve the Lives of Children and Families.*



**2019  
Annual  
Report**



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# Substance Abuse Prevention

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. The Drug Free Community Coalition in partnership with local law enforcement agencies provide two Drug Enforcement Administration sponsored Prescription Take Back events per year. There is one event in the fall and one in the spring.



**Community  
Awareness**

**996,757**  
media impressions

**Prescription  
Take Back Events**

**1,426 lbs.**  
collected & disposed

**Reducing Underage Drinking**

**249**  
compliance checks

**93.5%**  
success rate

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# Youth Employment & Mentoring

The Youth Employment Program is focused on helping youth overcome barriers to employment by providing career pathway exploration, continued support for educational attainment (secondary and post-secondary), and skills training through workshops and paid work experiences.



**97**

**Participants**

**53**

**Participants Continuing  
their Education**

**30**

**Paid Work Experience**

**6**

**Completed HS or  
HiSet Program**

**33**

**Matched with a  
Mentor and  
Reaching 30 Days  
of Employment**

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## Early Childhood Development

The Youth Alliance takes the lead with the annual Community Children's Fair. This is a wonderful collaborative initiative with many partners in our community. We provide a free event for children birth to 6 years old. Every activity area is structured to allow adults and children to play and learn together. In addition to on-site visits, the Educare program offers child care providers CPR/1st Aid training that helps them meet state requirements.

### Children's Fair Attendance

**477** adults  
**548** children

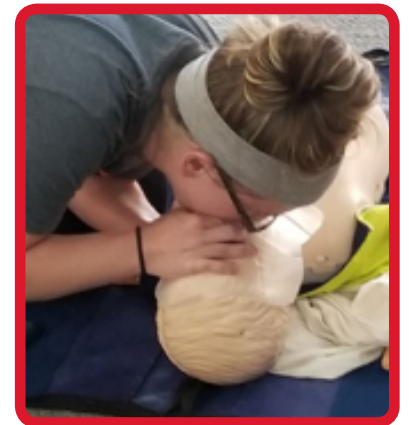
Educare  
Impacted

**477**  
children

On-Site Visits  
Conducted

**342**

**349** Teachers Attended Training



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## Youth Asset Development

When the Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) wanted a new idea for our Summer of Service program they developed Clown College. The YVC group spent three days learning about clown etiquette, make up, and putting together a skit. On the final day they put all of their skills together and went to a local nursing home and provided entertainment for the residents. YVC youth had fun learning the ins and outs of being a clown, but also learning about providing happiness to others.

**733**  
Youth Volunteers

**4,108**  
Youth  
Volunteer Hours

**170**  
Service Projects  
Completed

**20** Agencies served by  
Youth Volunteers



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# Crisis Prevention

The primary focus of Crisis Prevention is to identify needs affecting local families and develop a plan for connecting the two. Key services offered to children and families include the Circle of Parents parent support group, the First Birthday Project and P.O.W.E.R Project.

- **Circle of Parents** meets monthly to provide children and families opportunities for education and social interaction. Parents assist with planning and selection of educational topics.

- **The First Birthday Project** is a safe sleep program offered to low-income families in Buchanan, DeKalb, and Grundy Counties. Through two home visits, participating families will learn and practice safe sleep techniques, have a portable crib delivered and set-up in their home, and receive follow-up services.

- **P.O.W.E.R** is an employment assistance program for individuals who owe child support and live or work in Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, or DeKalb Counties. P.O.W.E.R stands for Providing Opportunities for Work, Education, and Responsibility.

- **The Youth Alliance** is invested in child abuse prevention education and awareness and is constantly striving to keep kids and families safe.



## P.O.W.E.R Project

- » **103** Parents Enrolled
- » **56** Parents assisted with obtaining employment
- » **11** Parents attended job readiness training
- » **54** Parents attend support groups for a total of **602** hours provided

## Circle of Parents monthly support group participants

**62**  
adults

**68**  
children

**55** cribs distributed to families in need

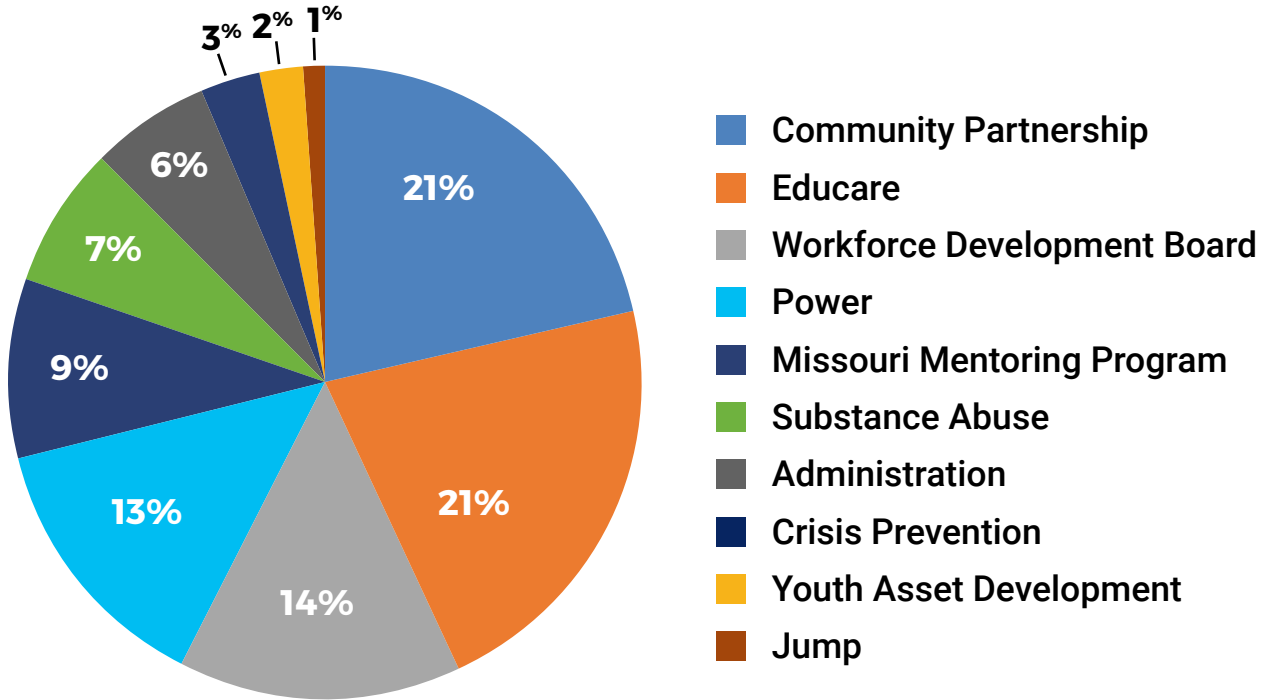
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# Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Revenues

The St. Joseph Youth alliance has supported youth and their families by bringing in more than \$31 million in resources for over 28 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, 2019, program and cash revenues totaled \$1,260,663. Volunteers logged 811 hours valued at \$17,764. In-kind donations totaled \$111,183. Overall, the Youth Alliance's total contributed resources for the FY 18-19 were valued at \$1,389,810.



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