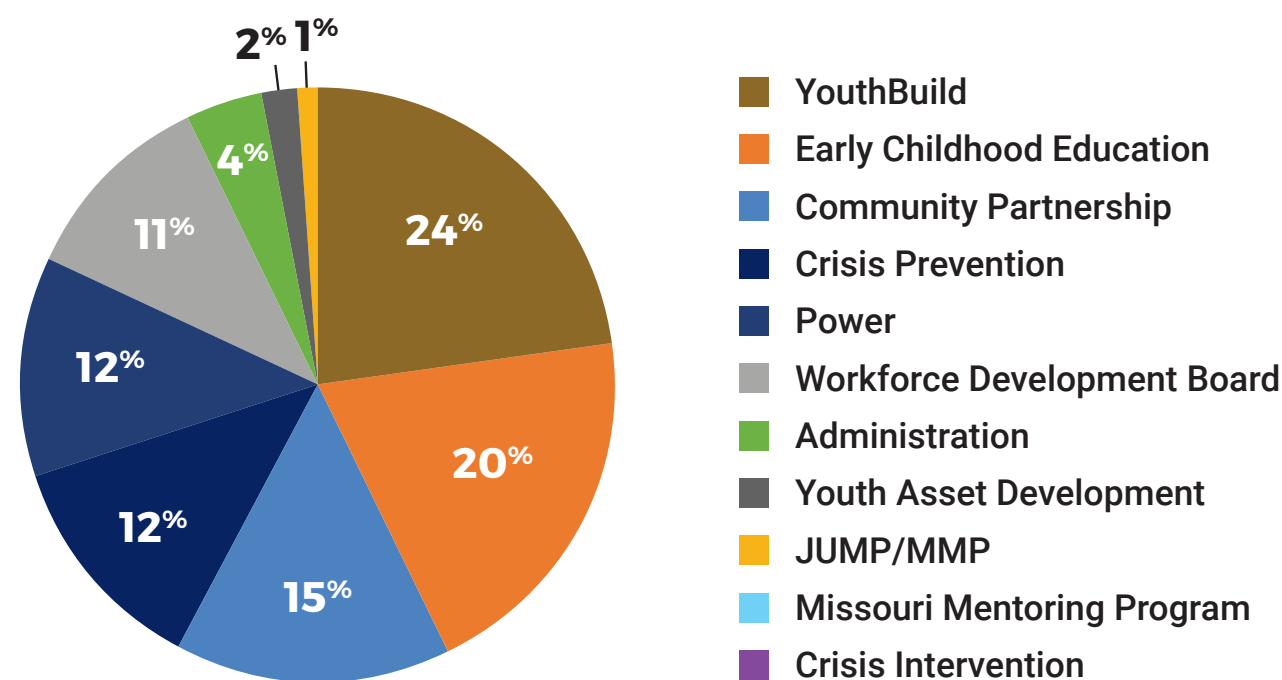


Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Revenues

The St. Joseph Youth Alliance has supported youth and their families by bringing in more than \$34 million in resources for over 30 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, 2021, program and cash revenues totaled \$1,713,912. Volunteers logged 99 hours valued at \$2,438. In-kind donations totaled \$274,539. Overall, the Youth Alliance's total contributed resources for the FY 20-21 were valued at \$1,990,889.



Thank you to everyone who has made this a successful year.
We appreciate your support.



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Substance Abuse Prevention

Unused and unwanted medications sitting in the medicine cabinet are cause for concern, both for our youth and the environment. One of the best ways to combat the misuse of prescription drugs is to provide an easy and convenient way to dispose of them. 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. This year, the two events collected over 1,500 lbs. of medications for proper disposal.

Reducing Underage Drinking
699 compliance checks | **95%** success rate

86 Impaired Driving Simulation Activities

1,275 Responsible Beverage Servers Trained

Community Awareness
 media impressions
138,510

Prescription Take Back Events
 collected & disposed
1,529 lbs.

Early Childhood Development

Every child deserves access to quality early childhood education. This is a period of time that sets the foundation of a child's journey. Youth Alliance supports the importance of early childhood education through the Educare Program and the Infant Toddler Specialist Network (ITSN).

Educare provides free resources, technical assistance and training opportunities to childcare providers who accept state subsidy. Educare works to improve the early learning experience for low income children from birth to six years of age. Since these children are not yet attending school, the goal for Educare is to help ensure children receive a solid foundation for school success and are ready to enter kindergarten.

ITSN provides on-site consulting, coaching and training with childcare center directors and infant/toddler teachers. These services are available to childcare centers who accept state subsidy. The ITSN Program works to increase the knowledge level and competencies of infant and toddler teachers and directors. These efforts ultimately improve the quality of care that infants and toddlers receive.

	Educare	ITSN
Childcare Programs Served	37	4
Children Impacted	486	80
Onsite Visits	352	184
Trainings Provided	18	17
Teachers Who Attended Training	216	37



Youth Asset Development

Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) creates volunteer opportunities to address community needs and to inspire youth for a lifetime commitment to service. Projects are open to youth ages 11 to 18. These projects bring together youth from public, private, and home school groups who may not normally cross paths. YVC allows the youth volunteers the opportunity to serve on supervised and planned activities to increase teambuilding and service learning. This helps the youth connect with peers and leaders and to also understand the significance of the project experience. YVC plays an important role for many youth who need to obtain volunteer hours to graduate, help with scholarships, or who want to make a difference in their community.

This year our youth volunteers took part in a special project competing against other YVC affiliates across the United States and Canada to see which affiliate could build the best CANSTRUCTURE. Our youth volunteers worked together to collect 2,003 canned good items. The youth worked diligently to build a structure that resembled a can of soup wearing a mask with the caption "Mask yourself don't mask hunger". Our CANSTRUCTURE was voted best structure across the affiliates and we received a \$1,000 award. After the competition all canned food items were donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.



1,381
 Youth Volunteer Hours

130
 Service Projects Completed

55
 Agencies Served by Youth Volunteers

303
 Youth Volunteers

Youth Employment & Mentoring

The Youth Employment Program (YEP) serves youth and young adults, ages 16-24, through education, career exploration, and placement assistance in either employment or post-secondary education/training. YEP is a wrap-around program that provides case management, supportive services, and mentored employment to all program participants through the braiding of three funding sources. Eligible young people are enrolled from the Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, and DeKalb County area. Participants can work toward earning their high school equivalency on-site through a partnership with St. Joseph School District Adult Basic Education. Participants work concurrently to develop employment readiness skills and develop a plan for future success. Youth Alliance offers trades training in construction and certified nursing through our YouthBuild grant, but supports each participant individually in their desired career path.

78 Participants
76 Participants Continuing their Education

76 Paid Work Experience
14 Completed HS or HiSET Program

P.O.W.E.R Project

293 Parents Received Information on Child Support

80 Parents Enrolled

40 Parents Attended Support Group

Crisis Prevention

Crisis Prevention is a key initiative of Youth Alliance that is dedicated to providing services to children and families in an effort to keep them safe, secure, and thriving. As part of our efforts, Youth Alliance continued to support the No Limb-itations Support Group for families affected by limb differences. No Limb-itations has resumed monthly in-person meetings in an effort to impart some normalcy back into the daily lives of the participants. Additionally, the Safe Crib Project continued to support safe sleep efforts in Northwest Missouri by providing safe sleep education and portable cribs to families in need. The POWER (Providing Opportunities for Work, Education, and Responsibility) Project has been busy assisting non-custodial parents with job readiness skills and obtaining employment, all in an effort to improve the lives of the children.

No Limb-itations Support Group
26 Individuals served

Safe Crib Program
67 cribs distributed to families in need

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