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of *You*



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

Substance Abuse Prevention

The use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs is one of the biggest problems facing young people in our community. The St. Joseph Drug Free Community Coalition is a volunteer group of concerned community members who meet and work together to address youth substance use. A huge component of substance use prevention focuses on education and awareness, which is addressed by the Coalition through local media campaigns. The role of the St. Joseph Youth Alliance in support of the St. Joseph Drug Free Community Coalition is to help youth in the community understand the dangers of using, and to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

The Drug Free Community Coalition received the Mega Grant in September of 2021, to address youth alcohol and electronic cigarette use in Buchanan, Andrew, and Nodaway counties. Through this grant the Coalition worked with a group of youth in these counties to develop media campaign ads that were directed to reduce rates of youth alcohol and electronic cigarettes use. This youth group developed billboards, Instagram ads, and Spotify messages that produced almost two million media impressions to youth in the three counties.



Reducing Underage Drinking

272

Compliance checks

89%

Success rate

Prescription Take Back Events

Collected & disposed

1,505 lbs.

Community Awareness

Media impressions

870,501

Youth Employment & Mentoring

The Youth Employment Program is an employment and training program that serves 17–24-year-olds in Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, DeKalb, Atchison, Holt, Nodaway, Gentry, and Worth Counties in Northwest Missouri, helping them to overcome their barriers to successful employment. The primary population served are those who have dropped out of traditional high school and are seeking their high school equivalency. Participants work with qualified staff to explore a variety of career pathways to determine their interests and abilities, receive work readiness training to help them understand workplace behaviors, and training in financial literacy to teach them basic money management skills. Youth Alliance offers on-site opportunities for education toward earning their high school equivalency, post-secondary education, pre-apprenticeship construction training, certified nurse assistant training, and culinary training, as well as opportunities for paid work experiences with a jobsite mentor.



68 Participants

47 Paid Work Experience

26 Earned a High School Equivalency or Diploma

41 Matched with a Mentor and Reaching 30 Days of Employment

6 Received Occupational Skills License

1 Received AA/AS Degree-Nursing RN Program

Early Childhood Development

Educare

Educare provides free resources, technical assistance and training opportunities to child care providers who accept state subsidy. Educare works to improve the early learning experiences 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.

Infant Toddler Specialist Network (ITSN)

ITSN provides on-site consulting, coaching and training with child care center directors and infant/toddler teachers. These services are available to child care centers who accept state subsidy. The ITSN program works to improve the quality of care and education that infants and toddlers receive while away from their primary caregivers. ITSN services increase the knowledge level and competencies of infant and toddler teachers and directors.

Educare

ITSN

Children Impacted

684

129

Onsite Visits

369

229

145

Teachers Attended Training

59

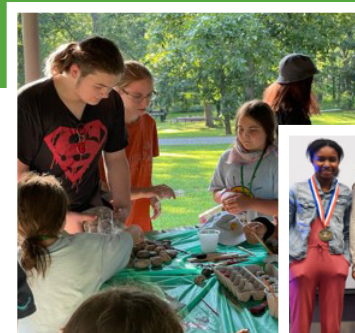
Childcare Teachers Served



Youth Asset Development

Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) creates volunteer opportunities to address community needs and to inspire youth for a lifetime commitment to service. Our projects are open to youth ages 11 to 18. The projects bring together youth from public, private, home school groups and others who may not normally cross paths. We give the youth the opportunity to serve in supervised and planned activities to help with team building and service-learning that help the youth connect with peers and leaders and understand the significance of their project experience.

YVC plays an important role for many area youth who need volunteer hours to graduate, help with scholarships or just want to make a difference in their community. The COVID pandemic continued to place barriers on several types of projects the youth volunteers wanted to complete. As the year moved on, the doors to more opportunities began to open up again. Our youth volunteers were able to make and take blankets to nursing homes, cook dinners for Community Missions, support Second Harvest Community Foodbank, and enjoy just being able to ride in the same car with each other to the projects.



1,084.5

Youth Volunteer Hours

80

Service Projects Completed

19

Agencies Served by Youth Volunteers

273

Youth Volunteers

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 Safe Sleep 4 Babies Program, the No Limb-itations support group and the P.O.W.E.R (Providing Opportunities for Work, Education, & Responsibility) Project.

- **Safe Sleep 4 Babies** is a program supported by the Children's Trust Fund that works to prevent sleep related infant deaths, expand knowledge and practice of safe infant sleep, and increase family access to safe sleep materials throughout the service area of Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, and DeKalb Counties.

- **No Limb-itations** meets monthly to provide support for families affected by limb differences either from birth defects or limb loss. It provides support for families and allows them social interaction among others with similar differences.

- **The POWER Project** works with low-income non-custodial parents in Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Harrison, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth counties to proactively engage them in their child's life. Through this program, participants have access to enhanced child support services, employment assistance, and case management.



No Limb-itations Support Group

34 Individuals served

Safe Crib Program

137 Cribs distributed to families in need

P.O.W.E.R Project

219 Parents Received Information on Child Support

61 Parents Enrolled

82 Received Job Readiness Training

59% of Participants were employed within 90 days

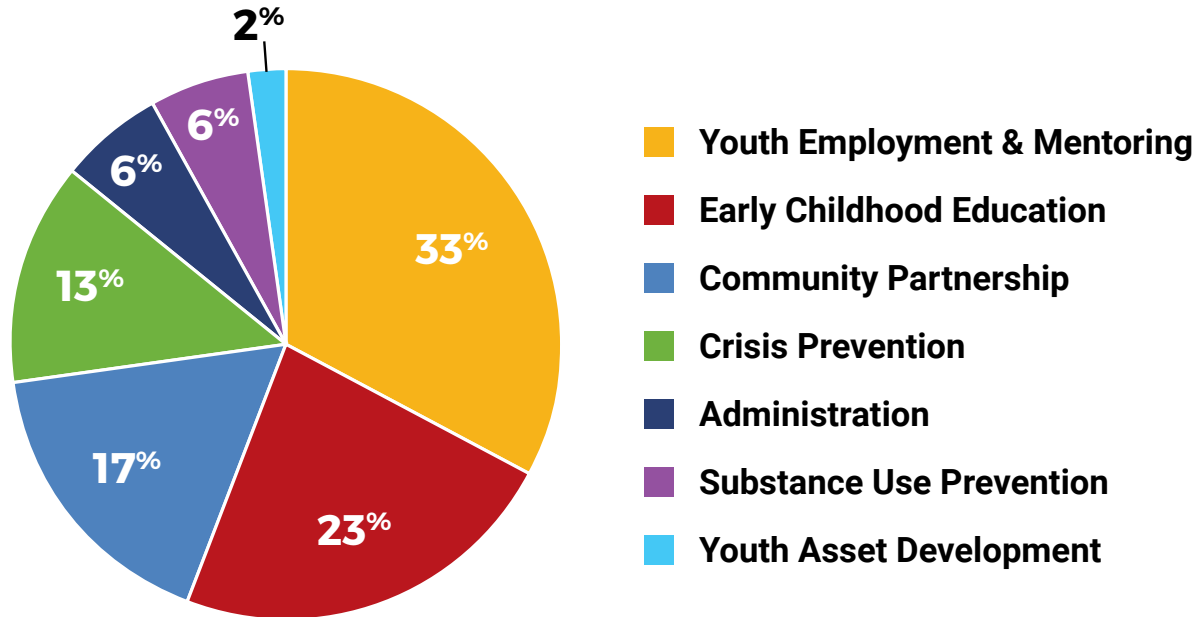
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Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Revenues

The St. Joseph Youth Alliance has supported youth and their families by bringing in more than \$36 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, 2022, program and cash revenues totaled \$1,720,099.11. Volunteers logged 1,549.50 hours valued at \$44,222.73. In-kind donations totaled \$71,122.02. Overall, the Youth Alliance's total contributed resources for the FY 21-22 were valued at \$1,835,443.86.



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



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