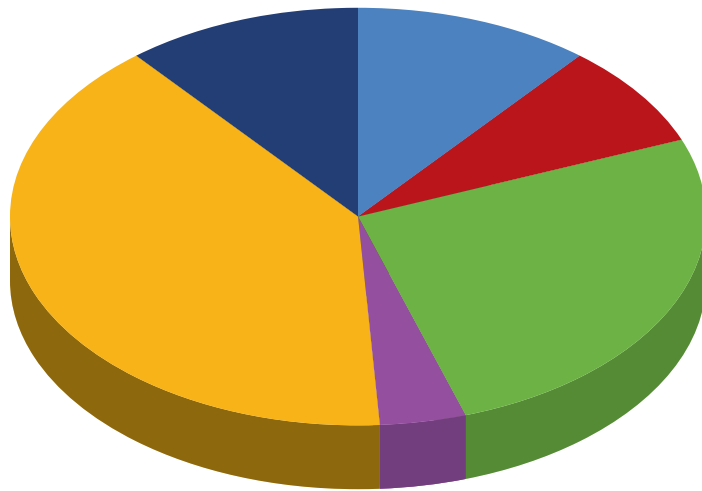


Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Revenues *believing in growth*

The Youth Alliance has supported individuals and families in Northwest Missouri by bringing in more than \$40 million in resources over the past 33 years to address crisis prevention, substance use prevention, early childhood education, youth employment/mentoring, and youth asset development. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, program and cash revenues totaled \$2,697,604.94. Volunteers logged 2,945.25 hours valued at \$93,655.11. In-kind donations totaled \$108,407.18. Overall, the Youth Alliance's total contributed resources for fiscal year 2023-2024 were valued at \$2,899,667.23.



- 11% Community Partnership
- 8% Early Childhood Education
- 26% Crisis Prevention
- 4% Substance Use Prevention
- 0% Youth Asset Development
- 40% Youth Employment
- 10% Administration

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

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ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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

Substance Use Prevention *believing in change*

At Youth Alliance, we believe in the potential of young people to lead healthier, brighter futures. That's why we brought the Vive18 platform to St. Joseph through our Youth Alliance Partners for Prevention coalition. We believe that education and empowerment are key to saving lives and reshaping culture. Vive18 is a dynamic drug prevention initiative that offers school assemblies, Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum, peer-led clubs, and strategic partnerships. We believe young people shouldn't be sidelined for making healthy choices. Vive18 equips them with the knowledge and support to make informed decisions about drugs, while challenging social norms that glorify substance use. Through this initiative, we believe we can inspire a shift in thinking—encouraging students to protect their future and their friends. Our ultimate goal is to prepare them with the skills they need to navigate high school and life beyond, free from substance use.

1,567 Middle School Students Served

183 Compliance Checks Completed to Help Reduce Underage Drinking

4,259,718 Community Awareness, Media Impressions & Social Networking



Early Childhood Development *believing in the future*

Community Leader

The power of communities can shape the future for all children. That's why our Childhood Community Leaders are committed to ensuring that every family with young children has access to high-quality programs, services, and resources. These leaders believe in the strength of collaboration, bringing together local stakeholders to raise awareness and improve coordination among early childhood services. They work with communities to identify the challenges families face and believe in finding solutions that remove these barriers, ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive. In the Northwest region, our Community Leaders—Youth Alliance, Mid America Regional Council, Children's Mercy Hospital, and Archie School District—share this belief and are dedicated to creating strong, supportive environments for young children and their families. Together, we believe in building a brighter future for all.

Collaborative Network

The Collaborative Network provides early childhood education services to Home Based Child Care, Infant / Toddler Child Care, and Preschool Child Care. Through these initiatives, we are committed to enhancing the quality and accessibility of child care for young children and their families. In the Northwest region, this effort is driven by a belief in collaboration, coordinated by the Mid America Regional Council and funded by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

COMMUNITY LEADER

1955 Parents impacted

Over 2,000 Children Impacted

COLLABORATIVE NETWORK

85 Childcare Teachers Served

1,100 Children Impacted



Crisis Prevention *believing in resilience*

Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA)

We believe in the power of opportunity and the potential for every individual to thrive in the workforce. Through the WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and SkillUp programs, we are committed to enhancing employment prospects for a diverse range of people. The WIOA Adult program is grounded in the belief that everyone deserves access to career services and job training, particularly those facing barriers to employment. We believe in supporting dislocated workers—those affected by layoffs and economic changes—by offering retraining and job placement services to help them regain stability. Through SkillUp, we believe in empowering Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients with the tools they need to succeed. By providing training, job search assistance, and support services, we aim to improve their employability and create pathways to long-term career success. At the heart of each of these programs is our belief in the potential of individuals to achieve meaningful employment and build brighter futures.

P.O.W.E.R.

The POWER Project is built on the belief that every individual has the ability to improve their circumstances and make a lasting difference in their child's life. This program supports those who are not working and owe child support, offering them access to enhanced child support services, employment assistance, and dedicated case management. With the right support, low-income, non-custodial parents can not only improve their economic status but also become a stronger source of financial and emotional support for their child. By empowering parents to believe in their ability to overcome

challenges, the POWER Project helps create a brighter future for both the parents and their child.

"Power Project has been an invaluable source of support and guidance for me during a very difficult period. Their unwavering commitment and comprehensive assistance have helped me stay motivated, accountable, and on the right path. With their encouragement, I have been able to set and work towards achievable goals that are bettering my life. They have shown up consistently, including for important court appearances, letting me know I have an advocate in my corner. When I felt defeated, they pushed me to keep persisting. Beyond the moral support, Power Project has provided direct services that removed barriers to my success. When I struggled financially, they assisted with basic needs like hygiene supplies. Their well-rounded approach addressed both my situational needs and long-term personal development. Without Power Project, I would not have had the same support system to help me course correct and work towards a positive future. Their impact has empowered me to make positive changes in my life. I am grateful for their commitment to lifting up youth like myself."

~Mariah N. Guthrie, P.O.W.E.R Participant

SAFE SLEEP 4 BABIES

Safe Sleep 4 Babies is grounded in the belief that every infant deserves a safe and healthy start in life. Supported by the Children's Trust Fund, this program works to prevent sleep-related infant deaths by expanding awareness and education on safe sleep practices. By providing access to safe sleep materials across Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, and DeKalb Counties, Safe Sleep 4 Babies empowers parents to believe in their ability to create a secure environment for their children,

Youth Employment & Mentoring *believing in potential*

Every young person is filled with untapped potential and has the power to become anything they aspire to be. Staff are committed to helping individuals ages 17-24 believe in themselves by providing the resources and support they need to succeed. Through our services, participants can achieve a high school equivalency (HiSET) and receive training for their future career paths. Those who join our YouthBuild program have the opportunity to earn their HiSET along with a credential in construction or healthcare, empowering them to believe in their dreams and turn them into reality.

Adonis Moore

In December 2023, Adonis took a significant step toward his future by reaching out to Youth Alliance, driven by the belief that he could achieve more for himself. Referred by a community partner, he sought guidance to complete his HiSET and open new doors of opportunity. Joining the YouthBuild program in January 2024, Adonis embraced the journey ahead with determination. With a few bumps along the way and the support and encouragement of the staff, he believed in his ability to succeed, working toward both his education and NCCER Construction credential. By September 2024, his belief in himself and his hard work paid off—Adonis proudly accomplished his goals, earning both his education and construction certification.

54	Participants
54	Paid Work Experience
13	Earned a High School Equivalency or Diploma
36	Matched with a Mentor and Reaching 30 Days of Employment
21	Received Occupational Skills License



ensuring they can rest safely and grow with confidence.

JUMP

Journey to Unite Mentors and Parents provides services to individuals through age 24 that are pregnant and parenting. Through the program, individuals receive case management, opportunities for social interaction, mentor support from a community-based mentor, individualized service plans, and developmental assessments for the child.

Local Food Purchase Agreement (LFPA)

Funding from the Local Food Purchase Agreement (LFPA) is being used to identify underserved communities and distribute quality, locally desired food from socially disadvantaged farmers and producers. In partnership with Second Harvest Community Foodbank, LFPA funds support mobile food distribution sites in food deserts throughout a 12-county area.

No Limb-Itations

No Limb-itations is founded on the belief that every individual deserves the opportunity to live a fulfilling and connected life. This group offers support to families affected by limb differences due to birth defects or limb loss, fostering a sense of community and understanding. Through shared experiences and social interaction, families can find strength, encouragement, and empowerment. No Limb-itations provides a space where individuals can believe in their unique abilities and connect with others who face similar challenges, reinforcing the idea that there are no limits to what they can achieve.

WIOA

529 Participants Served

P.O.W.E.R.

107 Total Enrolled

\$14,268.80 Child Support Collected from Enrolled Clients

SAFE SLEEP PROGRAM

90 Cribs Distributed to Families in Need

JUMP

134 Children Served

98 Parents/Care Takers Served

LFPA

8 Producers

\$133,638.40 Food Purchased

19 Distribution Sites

65,863.50 Pounds of Food Distributed

5,492 Families Served

17,967 Individuals Served

NO LIMB-ITATIONS

38 Children Served

Youth Asset Development *believing in confidence*

2,720.25 Youth Volunteer Hours

164 Service Projects Completed

32 Agencies Served by Youth Volunteers

136 Youth Volunteers



At Youth Volunteer Corps, we believe in the power of service-learning to inspire youth to achieve their goals. Our team collaborates closely to support each other's ideas for community service projects, empowering youth to lead meaningful initiatives. This year, Nyliya was honored with the "Most Spirited Volunteer" award by YVCHQ and the 15 and the Mahomies Foundation for her Birthday Bash project, where volunteers make cupcakes and birthday cards for the clients of Open Door Food Kitchen. This monthly effort now serves around 250 people, becoming a favorite among our youth volunteers. We also launched Motivational Monday, an after-school program at Museum Hill Apartments, bringing our activities to the youth's neighborhood, ensuring that transportation barriers don't hinder participation. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected community, where youth feel supported. We believe in our youth so much, we will help them turn their ideas into impactful actions.