

2017
ANNUAL
REPORT



First Chance For Children

Ready for School, Ready for Life



OUR MISSION

"First Chance for Children is a leader at the local and state level advocating for high-quality early childhood practices, programming and policy while providing resources to foster healthy families and high-quality early childhood development programs and services."

VISION

"All children will arrive at school ready to learn and succeed in school and in life."



SPECIAL NOTE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This past fiscal year (July 2016–June 2017) was an exciting time for First Chance for Children. We supported and encouraged a record number of families across mid-Missouri. The feedback and outcomes we received from those families is astonishing. One family noted, "Our home visitor helped us through one of the toughest times we've experienced. I don't know how we would have done it without her." Another said, "First Chance is accurately named, you truly did give me and my children a first, true chance at success." We hope you read this report and feel as proud as we are of the generous, hardworking and thoughtful staff who are providing services to families and helping our clients get ready for school, ready for life.

Enjoy,

First Chance for Children



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COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMMING

Limited access to quality early childhood experiences impact children's ability to reach their full potential. By providing access to wrap-around services, FC4C helps families improve their lives so their children can be ready for school, and ready for life.

24.7% Missouri children under the age of 6 in poverty

56% Missouri kids aged 3-4 not enrolled in a school program

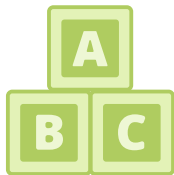
27% Missouri children under the age of 6 who received a developmental screening

GROUP EVENTS

Community outreach and events for families to connect with their children and others in a setting which they are comfortable

CRIBS

A safe crib for infants and resource information for parents



BABY U

Home visitation focusing on child development and whole family well-being

CRISIS ITEMS

Necessities for families when they need them the most



LEND & LEARN

A safe place for parents to play with their children, connect with other parents, ask developmental questions, and check out toys

PROVIDER TRAINING

Best-practice trainings for early childhood professionals

GROUP EVENTS

Families receive current child-development information and strategies to use while working with their children. Additionally, families acquire stress-reduction strategies, health and safety information, community resource connection information and incentives. All families, regardless of income, are invited to attend and spend meaningful time with their children.

A background image showing the hands of children painting colorful Easter eggs in a cardboard box. The eggs are in various colors like yellow, orange, blue, and pink. One child's hand is visible with a yellow wristband. The image is slightly blurred and has a green horizontal bar across the top.

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PARTNER SCHOOL DISTRICTS

211

EVENTS

2,758

FAMILIES ATTENDED

FOR BOONE COUNTY EVENTS



87% learned new information about
child development and parenting

93% felt more confident about parenting

96% felt the parent educators helped
them learn from each other

93% felt more connected to other parents

99% would recommend the group to
a friend

CRISIS ITEMS

Families receive Baby Bags, diapers, wipes, car seats, or other items needed to provide care and comfort to their children. Families also receive an informal needs assessment to ensure that other needed resources can be easily secured through partnering agencies. Families in crisis with very young children are extremely susceptible to stress and depression. For this reason most, if not all, requests for crisis services are handled within 24 hours of the request being made.



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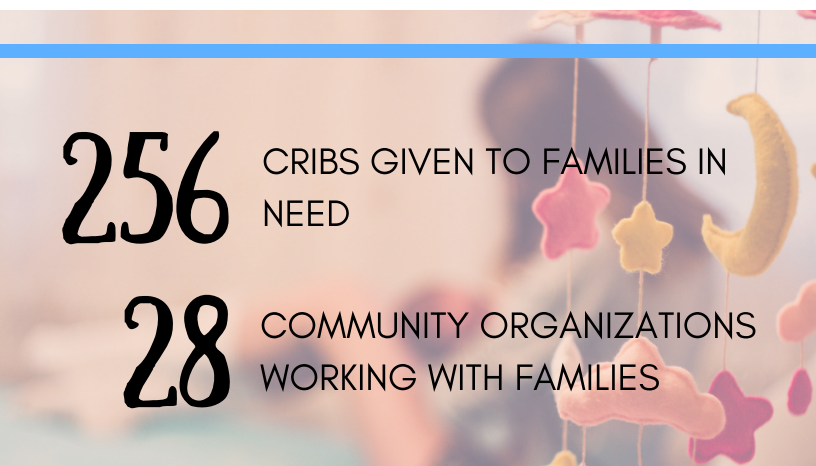
FAMILIES IN CRISIS GIVEN
ITEMS AND REFERRALS



2,205 PACKAGES OF DIAPERS GIVEN IN
ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS COMBINED

CRIBS

CRIBS (Community Resources, Infant Beds and Support) provides safe cribs for at-risk families who lack safe sleeping accommodations for their baby. The crib is delivered to the family home and is followed by an additional 5 home visits, which address whole family well-being discussions on: safe sleep, car-seat safety, child abuse and neglect reduction, nutrition, physical activity, smoking/substance usage, and increasing access to community resources.



256

CRIBS GIVEN TO FAMILIES IN
NEED

28

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
WORKING WITH FAMILIES



0

suffocation, entrapment, or
SIDS deaths due to unsafe
sleeping practices in
participating families

256

postpartum depression
screenings given

148

donated handmade blankets
given to families

835

hours donated by partner
agencies to deliver the CRIBS
program

LEND & LEARN

Lend & Learn Toy Libraries provide a safe and inclusive location, where young children and their parents can explore toys in all domains of development. Toys can be enjoyed at the library or borrowed at no cost. For many families, the L&L is the only free, safe, clean space that offers regular nutritional snacks and opportunities to play. In addition to the activities and snacks, participants can ask questions to a trained family resource specialist, who is available at all L&L hours.



161

FAMILIES ATTENDED LEND &
LEARN IN COLUMBIA ALONE

1,000

TOYS AVAILABLE AT EACH
LEND & LEARN LOCATION

FOR THE COLUMBIA LEND & LEARN

726

visits

338

toys checked out

28%

of families WIC eligible

22

volunteers

874

donated hours

BABY U

The Baby U Home Visitation program serves at-risk families at the time they need it most by helping to develop effective parenting skills. It is based on the Parents As Teachers and Nurturing Parenting models of home visitation, designed to strengthen families by developing protective factors.

Together, the models address social/emotional competencies for children and parents. A trained Family Resource Specialist conducts intentionally designed home visits customized on the family and children's needs.



480

FAMILIES VISITED

889

SCREENINGS CONDUCTED

6,739

books distributed through all of
First Chance programming

1,925

visits conducted by

7

First Chance staff

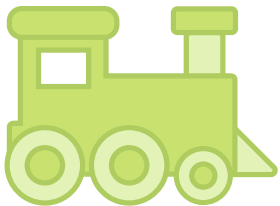
2,317

visits conducted by

21

partner school
districts' staff

BREAKDOWN OF SCREENING TYPES



87

Everyday Stressors Index

419

Ages & Stages
Questionnaire

383

Ages & Stages
Questionnaire – Social
Emotional

PROVIDER TRAINING

Trainings provided are intended to meet the needs of the community practitioners at the time of implementation and ultimately help improve the kindergarten readiness of Boone County children by creating more competent providers. Trainings are on best practices to ensure professionals have the most up-to-date knowledge in the field.

A photograph of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a pink shirt, sitting and reading a pink book to a young child with long brown hair, wearing a blue dress with white stars. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting with a brown cushion.

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TRAININGS

67

INDIVIDUALS TRAINED

261

**TOTAL PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT HOURS FOR
STAFF & CONTRACTORS**

SERVICE AREA



First Chance provides services in an eight-county radius across mid-Missouri through staff and partner agencies. Services available vary by county and funding opportunities.

PARTNER AGENCIES

Alliance for Childhood Education
Boone County Health Department
Boone Hospital Center
CMCA
Centro Latino
Children's Trust Fund Columbia
Chamber of Commerce
Columbia Housing Authority
Columbia Insurance Group
Family Facets
Healthy Steps
Kiwanis
Love INC
Lutheran Family and Children's Services
Missouri Children's Leadership Council
Missouri Employers Mutual

MU Department of Social Work
MU Human Development & Family Studies
MU Service Learning Students Network
Early Childhood Team Group
Parents as Teachers
Refugee & Immigration Services
Rolling Hills Veterinary Clinic
Rotary
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SOAR
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The Mission Continues
True North
UM Women's & Children's Hospital
United Way

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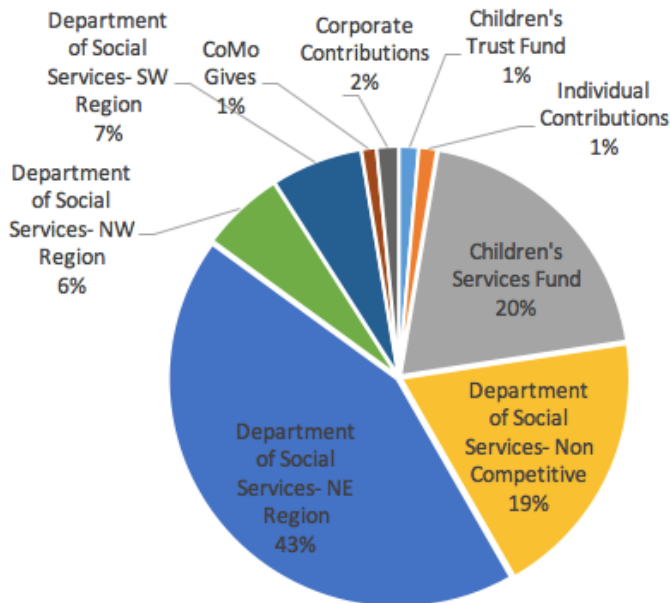
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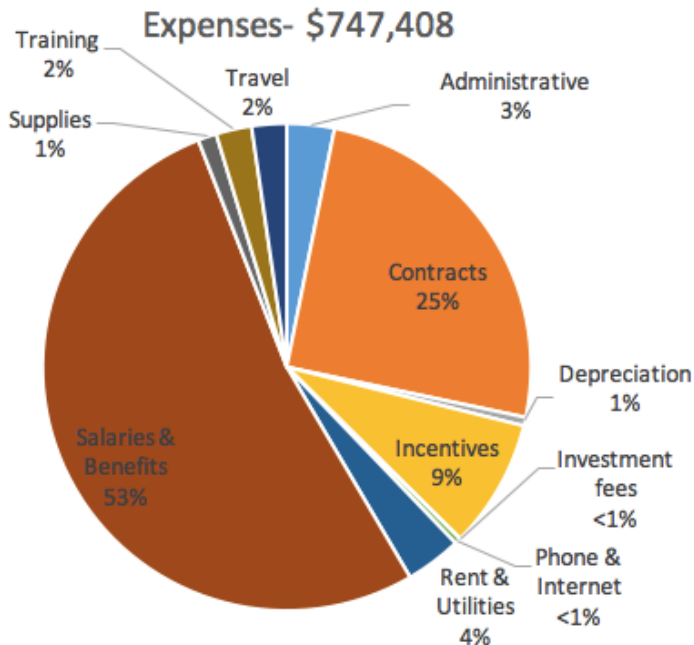
Ashland	Fayette	North Callaway
Boonville	Fulton	Osage
California	Hallsville	Pilot Grove
Centralia	Harrisburg	Prairie Home
Chamois	Jefferson City	South Callaway
Clarksburg	Lathum	Sturgeon
Columbia	New Franklin	Tipton

FINANCIAL

Contributed Support- \$766,678



HIGHLIGHTS



FUNDING PARTNERS

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Community Foundation of Central Missouri

Children's Services Fund

Children's Trust Fund

Heart of Missouri United Way

Missouri Department of Social Services

Missouri Employers Mutual

Rolling Hills Veterinary Hospital

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?



We gladly accept diapers, wipes, gently used items for children birth to age 3, maternity, and nursing items.



We can always use help from individuals and service groups to sticker books, put together Baby Bags, and to wrap diapers.



Like & share our page on Facebook, visit us at our events, and speak to community members about our programs.

Did you know?

Every dollar invested in early childhood yields a lifetime return of more than eight dollars.



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