

2018

July 2017 - June 2018

**ANNUAL
REPORT**



First Chance For Children

Ready for School, Ready for Life



Mission

"First Chance for Children provides early childhood programs and family resources to foster healthy outcomes for children and families in mid-Missouri."

Vision

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



Values

COMMITMENT

- to provide families with best practices and services to support and empower their growth
- to partner with our community to provide wrap-around services and connect families
- to demonstrate to our funders that we facilitate measurable improvements in wellbeing and development for children and families

ADVOCACY

- on every level for the best interests of children and families too often left out and left behind

RESPECT

- for the worth of all children, families, and communities, acknowledging that each person is the expert on their own experience and has a right to self determination

EMPATHY

- in all our interactions, especially when it applies to the diverse experiences of families in a challenging world



SPECIAL NOTE

From our Board of Directors

During the July 2017–June 2018 fiscal year, First Chance for Children experienced unprecedented growth driven by an expanding need for our services. One family had this to say:

"I have three children and am proud to recognize First Chance for Children supporting me in raising my kids. I am very grateful to this reputable organization for their enormous help and support to me and my family."

For those who are connected to us as a client, donor or volunteer, we thank you for the continued support of our vision to help children get ready for school, ready for life.

"I choose to support First Chance for Children because they are in homes hands-on, talking, teaching, and supporting the whole family. They take a holistic approach; making sure there is every opportunity for success. My hope is that because First Chance exists that children in our community will not need a second chance." – Jessica Macy

With every package of diapers we distribute and every dollar we raise, the outcomes our services generate are powerful and real. The numbers in this annual report represent real people and families in mid-Missouri who have changed our lives just as we have changed theirs.

Enjoy,
First Chance for Children

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMMING for community-wide issues

Limited access to quality early childhood experiences impacts 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.

22%

Missouri children under the age of 6 in poverty

43%

Missouri children under age 6 whose family members read to them less than 4 days per week

27%

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

Being a parent is **HARD**



LEND & LEARN

A safe place for parents to play with their children, connect with other parents, ask developmental questions, and check out toys. Free and open to anyone with children ages 0-5.



BABY BAGS

Necessities for families when they need them the most, like diapers, wipes, and other basic items. Free and available to families at or below 200% of the poverty line.

Child-focused activities for families to connect with their children and others in a community location. Free and open to anyone with children ages 0-5.



GROUP EVENTS

WE ARE THERE TO HELP WITH A BROAD SPECTRUM OF SERVICES, FOR ALL FAMILIES.



BABY U

Home visitation for families with children ages 0-5, focusing on child development and whole family well-being. Free and available to families at or below 200% of the poverty line.

A safe crib for infants, home visitation, resources and safe sleep information for families. Free and available to families at or below 200% of the poverty line.



CRIBS

In the areas of postpartum depression, life stressors, social/emotional, and physical development. Free and open to anyone with children ages 0-5.

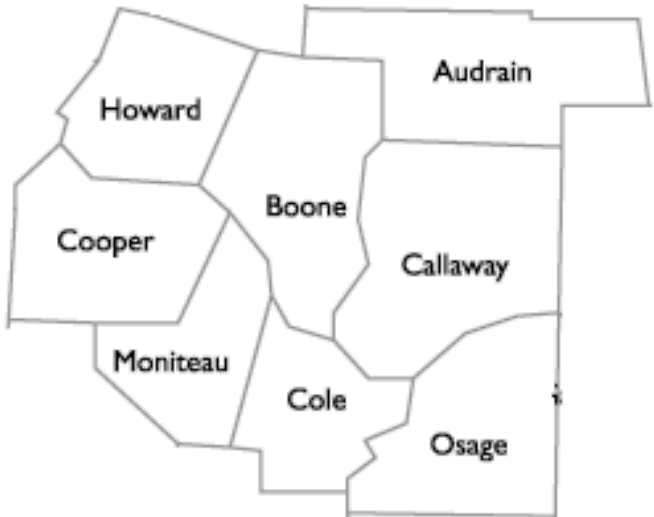


SCREENINGS

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



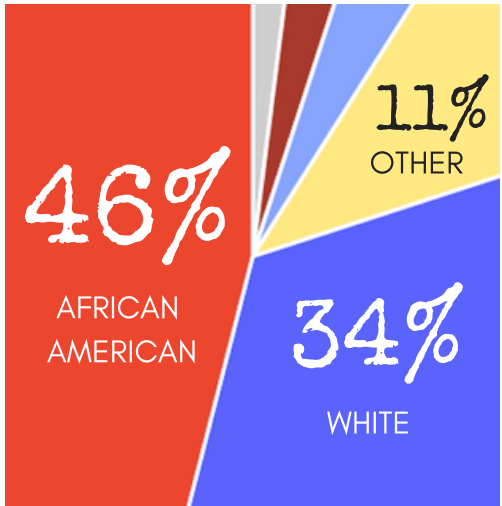
- Alliance for Childhood Education
- Boone County Health Department
- Boone Hospital Center
- CMCA
- Centro Latino
- Children's Trust Fund
- Chamber of Commerce
- Columbia Housing Authority
- Columbia Insurance Group
- Family Facets
- Healthy Steps
- Kiwanis
- Kids Win MO
- Love INC
- Lutheran Family and Children's Services
- Missouri Employers Mutual
- MU Department of Social Work
- MU Human Development & Family Studies
- MU Service Learning Students Network Early Childhood Networking Team
- Parents as Teachers
- Refugee & Immigration Services
- Rolling Hills Veterinary Clinic
- Rotary
- Sew & Sew Volunteer Quilters
- SOAR
- Team Red White & Blue
- The Mission Continues
- True North
- UM Women's & Children's Hospital
- United Way

Family Demographics

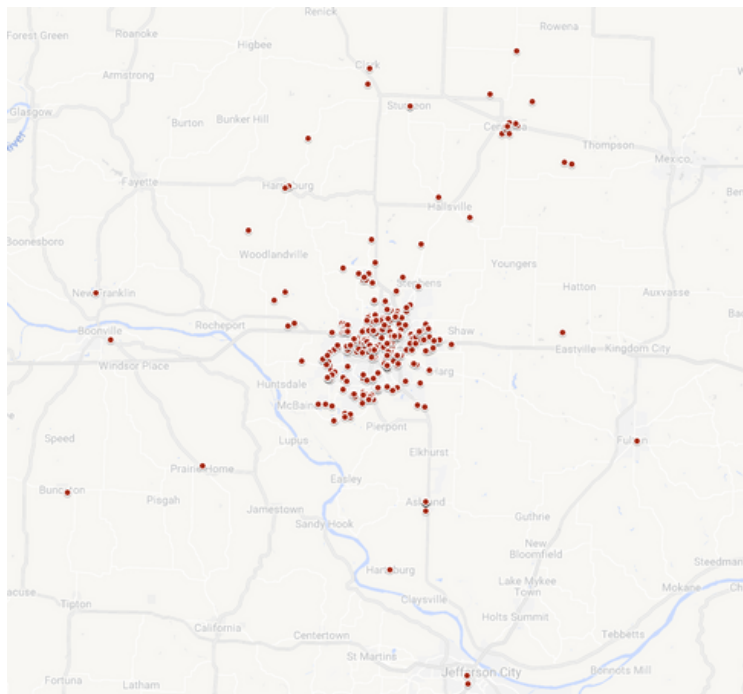


3 out of 5 families WIC eligible

2% 3% 4%
ASIAN NATIVE AMERICAN MULTIPLE



Residential locations of families served*



**some markers represent multiple families*

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 during all L&L hours.

A young child with dark hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, is sitting and playing with colorful plastic blocks. The child's face is partially visible, looking down at the toys. The background is a soft-focus mix of yellow, green, and blue, suggesting a bright, indoor play area.

202

FAMILIES ATTENDED
LEND & LEARN IN
COLUMBIA & CENTRALIA

1,000

TOYS AVAILABLE AT EACH
LEND & LEARN LOCATION

Quick Facts:

729

visits

133

times toys
checked out

20%

of families WIC
eligible

68

volunteers

426

donated hours

GROUP EVENTS

Families receive current child-development information and strategies to use while playing 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.



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PARTNER SCHOOL
DISTRICTS

56

EVENTS

1,198

FAMILIES ATTENDED



For Boone County Events



85%

learned new information
about child development
and parenting

87%

felt more confident
about parenting

96%

felt more connected to
other parents

99%

would recommend the
group to a friend

100%

felt the parent educators
helped them learn from
each other

BABY BAGS

Families receive diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, home safety kits, health care kits, and other items needed to provide care and comfort to their children. Families also receive an informal needs assessment to ensure that other needed resources are 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.

A photograph of a baby sitting on a wooden floor, playing with colorful toys. The image is partially obscured by a red horizontal bar and text overlays.

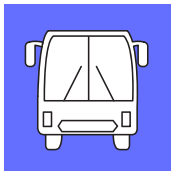
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CRISIS KITS
AND REFERRALS

2,275

PACKAGES OF DIAPERS
GIVEN IN ALL OF OUR
PROGRAMS COMBINED

Common Types of Referrals



Transportation



Housing



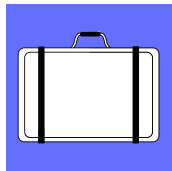
Food



Child Care



Healthcare



Legal Aid

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.

A close-up, soft-focus photograph of a baby's hands and feet, which are the background for the bottom half of the page. The skin is light and the lighting is warm.

189

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

237

postpartum depression
screenings given

90

donated handmade
blankets given
to families

1,662

hours donated by partner
agencies to deliver the
CRIBS program

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 to the family and children's needs.

147

FAMILIES VISITED

442

SCREENINGS CONDUCTED

4,205

BOOKS DISTRIBUTED

THROUGH ALL OF FIRST

CHANCE PROGRAMMING

Outcomes



81%

Reported increased knowledge of health and safety issues

83%

Reported participating helped them understand realistic expectations for child behavior

85%

Reported participating has made them feel more informed about child development

75%

Families have participated over 6 months

80%

Made progress on their self selected goals

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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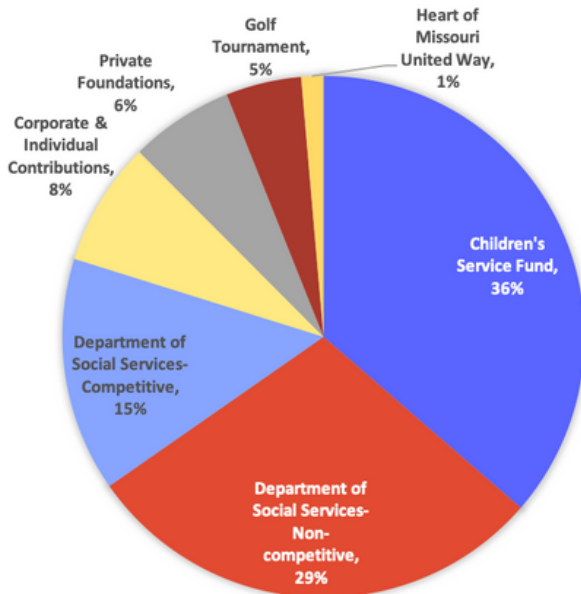
Specialists Ellen Bradley
Jessica Goins

School Districts

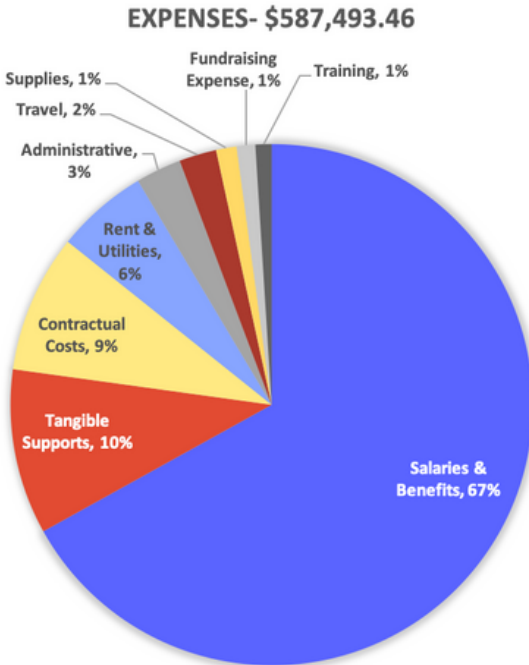
Ashland	Fayette	North Callaway
Boonville	Fulton	Osage
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Centralia	Harrisburg	Prairie Home
Chamois	Jefferson City	South Callaway
Clarksburg	Lathum	Sturgeon
Columbia	New Franklin	Tipton

FINANCIAL

CONTRIBUTED SUPPORT - \$513,790



HIGHLIGHTS



Funding Partners

"When I first met Kasey and staff at First Chance, I knew based on what they were doing for our community and helping young families, that our staff would embrace being involved and helping them raise funds. We are proud of our association with First Chance and look forward to many years of working with them and promoting their mission." – Chuck Bowman

President, Monarch Title Company

- Aldi Smart Kids
- Allen P. & Josephine B. Foundation
- Boone County Children's Services Fund
- Boone Electric Community Trust
- Columbia Insurance Group
- Columbia N.W. Rotary Foundation
- Community Foundation of Central Missouri
- David Lichtenstein Foundation
- Family First Chiropractic
- Heart of Missouri United Way
- Metro Rotary Club of Columbia
- Missouri Department of Social Services
- Missouri Employers Mutual
- Missouri Foundation for Health
- Monarch Title Company
- Rolling Hills Veterinary Hospital
- Scripps Howard Foundation
- Stafford Family Charitable Trust

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?



We gladly accept diapers, wipes, gently used items for children birth to age 5, 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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