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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 President



Serving more families was a primary focus of 2019, which is illustrated by the steady attendance, participation and fundraising for our four primary programs. While our services are helping hundreds of mid-Missouri families and children, the need continues to grow exponentially. Our long-term strategy continues to focus on supporting more families and removing disparities in kindergarten readiness, with an emphasis on community engagement using an inclusive and holistic approach. We urge you to get involved in a way that best fits you or your organization to achieve the positive family outcomes and ensure children are ready for school and life.



-Jennifer Barth

MAKING AN IMPACT

on community-wide issues

Limited access to quality early childhood experiences impacts children's ability to reach their full potential. By providing access to wraparound services, FC4C targets community wide issues to help families improve their lives so their children can be ready for school, ready for life

22%

Missouri children under the age of 6 in poverty

37%

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 fun place for parents to play with their children, connect with other parents, ask child development 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, health, and safety items.

Free and available to families at or below 200% of the poverty line.

GROUP EVENTS

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.

WE ARE HERE 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 family well-being. Free and available to families at or below 200% of the poverty line.

CRIBS

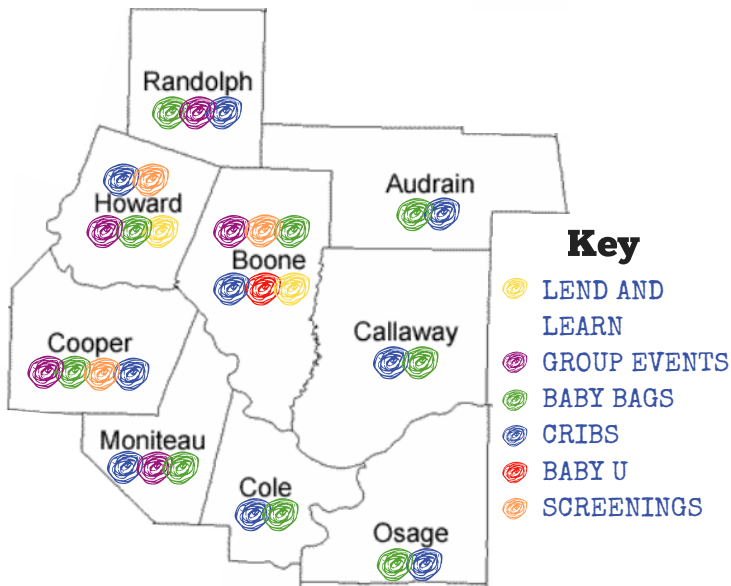
A safe bed for infants, home visitation, resources and safe sleep information for families. Free and available to families at or below 200% of the poverty line.

SCREENINGS

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

SERVICE AREA

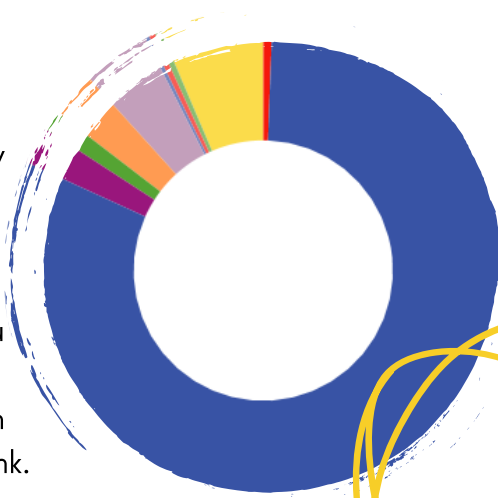
First Chance provides services in a nine-county radius across mid-Missouri through staff and partner agencies. Services available vary by county and funding opportunities.



1,533 families served



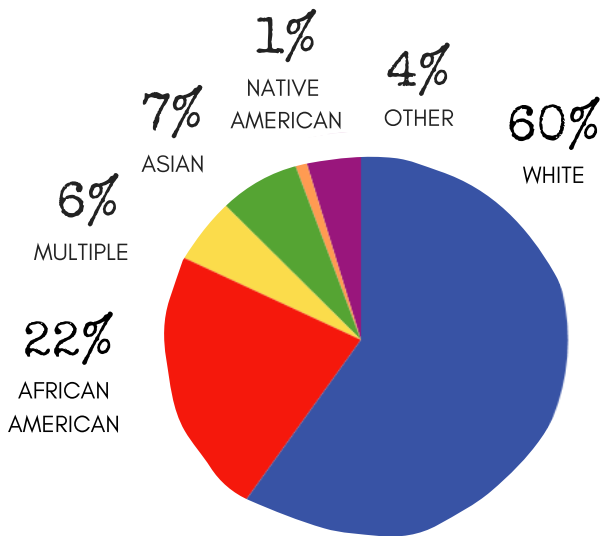
Address of families:



Family Demographics



3 out of 4 families at or below
200% of the poverty line



Gender & ages of participating family members

59%



41%



43% 46% 11%

0-2 3-5 6-older

Kids

Caregivers

4% 96%

Under 20 Over 20

LEND & LEARN

*Where kids play to learn and parents
learn to play*

A free, fun place where parents can play with their children ages 0-5, talk with other parents, and ask trained staff questions about development or other concerns. Toys are available for check out so families can continue to learn and play at home. There are locations with regular hours in Columbia and Centralia, and varying hours in other locations across mid-Missouri.

298

FAMILIES ATTENDED
LEND & LEARN LIBRARIES

887

VISITS TO THE LEND
& LEARN LIBRARIES

Why it matters

91%

Say Lend & Learn improved their effectiveness as a parent

50%

Use Lend & Learn to connect with other caregivers

96%

Feel Lend & Learn improved their confidence as a parent



GROUP EVENTS

*Strengthening families through
community involvement and play*



A fun time for families to spend time with their children and other families, group events are open to everyone and offer it all. At events, families receive child-development information and strategies to use while playing with their children. Additionally, families gain community resource connections and incentives, like books and diapers.

7 PARTNER
AGENCIES

40 EVENTS

412 FAMILIES
ATTENDED

Pilot Program: Raising a Ready Reader

We launched a new campaign to target literacy outcomes at group events and participants reported the following:

99%

participating increased their time reading as a family

97%

participating increased their knowledge about the importance of reading with their child

98%

participating improved the effectiveness of their parenting

BABY BAGS

Basic resources for families in need,
because we need a little help sometimes

The Baby Bags program acts as a diaper bank and so much more. Families can receive diapers, wipes, health, and safety items along with child development and safety information so they can provide the best care and safety to their children. Items are available at the First Chance office or through one of our partner programs.



1,583

CRISIS KITS
AND REFERRALS

545

FAMILIES SUPPORTED
IN THEIR TIME OF NEED

Breakdown of supplies given

1,568 packages of diapers

973 hygiene/home items

652 books

149 Smart Start Kits

47 clothing kits

7 cans of formula

6 safety items

What's a Smart Start Kit??

A Smart Start Kit is a diaper bag filled with a few of the basics an infant needs including: a onesie, board book, bathwater thermometer, healthcare kit, home safety kit, and community resource information.

C.R.I.B.S.

Community Resources, Infant Beds,
and Support

C.R.I.B.S. provides a safe bed to infants who do not have a safe place to sleep. The crib is delivered to the family home along with six home visits. Home visitors discuss safe sleep, child safety and development, and family well-being to help prevent infant deaths caused by unsafe sleeping practices.

160
CRIBS GIVEN TO
FAMILIES IN NEED

13
PARTNER
ORGANIZATIONS



0

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

70

postpartum depression
screenings given

95%

reported increased
knowledge of safety
and health issues

1,248

hours donated by partner
agencies to deliver the
CRIBS program

Baby U

Supporting parenting ups and downs
prenatally to kindergarten entry

Baby U is a home visiting program supporting families with their specific parenting needs. Using the Nurturing Parenting and Parents as Teachers models, staff walk alongside families with children prenatally through the first semester of kindergarten providing resources, education, and support.

166 FAMILIES
VISITED

544 SCREENINGS
CONDUCTED

1284 BOOKS
DISTRIBUTED



Outcomes

94%

Reported increased knowledge of health and safety issues

97%

Reported participating helped them understand realistic expectations for child behavior

97%

Reported participating made them feel more informed about child development

74%

Families have participated over 6 months

74%

Made progress on their self selected goals

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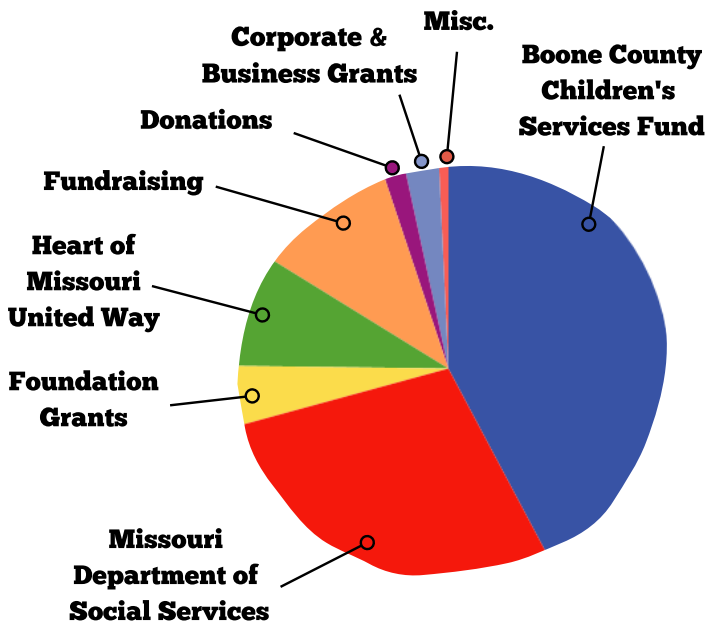
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Partner Agencies

Boonville PAT	Columbia PAT	Head Start
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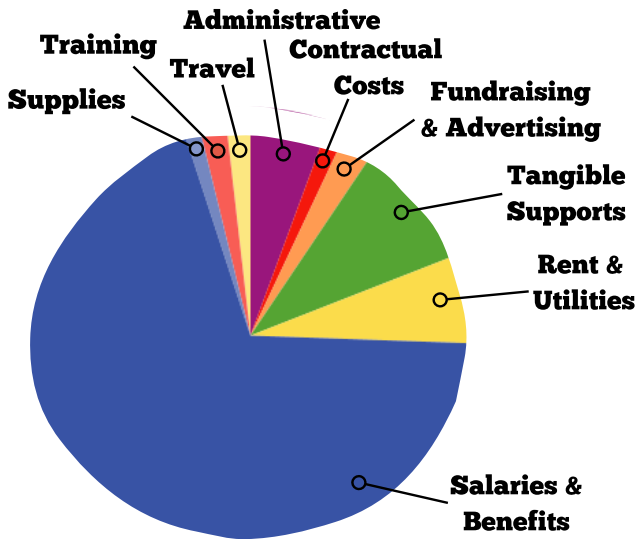
FINANCIAL

Income: \$518,969



HIGHLIGHTS

Expenses: \$519,263



Funding Partners

We rely on the generosity of our neighbors to be able to partner with families and ensure their children are ready for kindergarten. Support today ensures a better tomorrow for our entire community.

- Allen P. & Josephine B. Foundation
- Boone County Children's Services Fund
- Boone County Community Trust
- Boone Electric Community Trust
- Cardinals Care
- Columbia Performing Arts Center
- Community Foundation of Central Missouri
- David Lichtenstein Foundation
- Eveland Family Foundation
- Great Southern Bank
- Green Foundation
- Heart of Missouri United Way
- Missouri Department of Social Services
- Missouri Employers Mutual
- Missouri Foundation for Health
- Monarch Title Company
- Stafford Family Charitable Trust
- St. Thomas More Newman Center
- Tiger Family Chiropractic
- Veterans United

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?



Donate

We gladly accept diapers, wipes, gently used items for children birth to age 5, maternity, and nursing items.



Serve

Help us support families by wrapping diapers, sanitizing the Lend and Learn, making Smart Start Kits, and more.



Support

Like & share our page on Facebook, visit us at events, and spread the word 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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