Welcome Message

Recognize Board and Staff

Keynote Speaker:

William Dent
Executive Director, Family and Community Trust

Awards:

Community Partnership Award

Horizon Award

Kasten Award

Remarks by Executive Director

Upcoming Council Events
The **KASTEN AWARD** is the highest honor given to any council member. It is named for former Missouri State Representative Mary Kasten who founded the Community Caring Council. This award is given to an individual who exemplifies the strength and commitment to the community as stated in the Caring Council’s goals and ideals, and whose work is recognized as a “building block” of support for the council through active membership or extensive work on council sponsored activities.

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The **HORIZON AWARD** is given each year to an individual or a group who has given extraordinary service to the council in a specific area, whether it be committee work, a special project or as a volunteer to support a council committee, event or activity.

**Past Recipients Include**

- 1993: Jerry Wilmath
- 1994: Ted Fedler
- 1995: None Awarded
- 1996: Jim Watkins
- 1997: Beth Schmucker
- 1998: Jim Maginel
- 1999: Leah Shrum
- 2000: Denis Rigdon
- 2001: Kevin Sexton
- 2002: Joyce Holekamp
- 2003: Nancy Jernigan
- 2004: Kay Azuma
- 2005: Stacy Taylor
- 2006: Roy Jones
  - Natalie Sandoval
- 2007: THRIVE Youth Development Committee
- 2008: Department of Social Work, College of Health & Human Services, Southeast Missouri State University
- 2009: Linda Garner
- 2010: Cheryl Ellis
- 2011: Jackson Public Schools
- 2012: Dotty Gholson
- 2013: Evangelical United Church
- 2014: Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri
- 2015: Tameka Kyles
- 2016: Nick and Jenny Barna
- 2017: Missouri Division of Youth Services Southeast Region
- 2018: St. Vincent’s de Paul Church
- 2019: Department of Social Work, College of Health & Human Services, Southeast Missouri State University
The mission of the Community Caring Council is to support communities in developing and providing a continuum of resources to help empower individuals and families meet life’s challenges.

The purpose of Community Caring Council is to build a stronger and more resilient community by providing programs, offering services and engaging in other activities that promote and support community development; promoting coordination and collaboration between community groups; and empowering individuals and families to become more self-reliant, responsible and resourceful. Community development activities may include, but not limited to, neighborhood and economic development, education, community organizing and affordable housing development.

Monthly Meetings

3rd Friday of every month except April, May, June & December
8:00 – 9:00 A.M.
Cape Girardeau Police Department, Community Room
2530 Maria Louise Ln.
Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701
Cape Girardeau County Senior Citizens’ Services Fund Board
  • Senior Lunch and Learn
  • Senior Unmet Needs

Emergency Food & Shelter Program

Emergency Solutions Grant—Rapid Re-Housing

HUD—Permanent Supportive Housing Program

Local Fundraising/Donations
  • St. Vincent’s Church
  • LaCroix Church
  • Dancing with Show Me Stars and other events

Missouri Cares—Community Closet

Missouri Department of Social Services
  • Community Partnership
  • DYS Community Mentors Grant
  • Empowering Dads to Gain Employment
  • EPIC
  • Families and Schools Together
  • First Birthday Project
  • Missouri Mentoring Partnership
  • Show Me Healthy Women

Missouri Family Support Division—HB 1519 (Educare)

Missouri Housing Innovation Program (Mo-HIP)
  • Housing Assistance & Services
  • Street Outreach

National Multiple Sclerosis Society—Case Management Services

P & G Grant

Sauer Foundation

Slumberland Furniture Store—40 Winks Foundation Program

United Way of Southeast Missouri
  • Community Case Management Services
  • Successful Parenting
  • THRIVE Initiative

Walmart Foundation—Community Closet

Zonta of Cape Girardeau—Missouri Mentoring Partnership
Friends,

The economy runs in ever-changing cycles, but one thing never changes: there are people in our community that need support systems in order to thrive and be successful. Community Caring Council has been another constant, working for 30 years on behalf of individuals and families who lack the support systems that most of us take for granted. We fight uphill battles, but we’re honored to do so.

Because of supporters like you:

• Over 4,100 individuals were served through our Community Case Management program and provided resources to help them overcome barriers to self-sufficiency.
• Nearly 300 households were assisted with rent and/or deposit assistance to ensure stable housing.
• Almost 200 youth participated in THRIVE activities which seeks to promote developmental assets and provide positive role models from the community to at-risk youth.

This letter comes at a time of key transition for our organization. We have been spending a great deal of time working on the future of the organization to ensure that it will be here to serve our community well in the long term. In some ways, the upcoming year is a new beginning for us. Through key Board leadership decisions, we have been working to strengthen the organization and to position the organization to expand the breadth and depth of its services. We know that none of this progress would be possible without the tremendous support provided through the grace and generosity of key partners throughout our community.

As you read this annual report, we hope it will remind you of our recent successes and energize you for the future. For those of you who have tirelessly committed time and energy to the success of this organization, I thank you. For the many of you who are new, I welcome you and look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. While I am extremely grateful for the work of Community Caring Council over the last year, as well as all of those who made it possible, I believe the most important (and best) days for this organization are still ahead of us.

Melissa Stickel,
Executive Director
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Guided by the mission of the Community Caring Council, this committee shall inter-link agencies and professionals to better serve older adults within the Cape Girardeau county.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Monthly meetings were held on the second Wednesday of each month (Sept - May) and provided members the opportunity to share information, network, and learn about existing programs and services. Case reviews were held if requested by attending members.

The Annual Breakfast Retreat was held in Aug 2018 to review outcomes and plan for the coming year.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Topics presented at meetings included 10 Healthcare, Nutrition for Geriatric Community, Nature’s Force Organic, SALT, Finance, Long Term Care Needs, Veterans Home, Non-Probate Transfer Lists, Parkinson’s Disease Boxing. Average monthly attendance was 17. Annual Retreat was hosted by Capetown on Aug, 8, 2018 with 13 in attendance. Program for 2018-2019 was planned. Approximately 1500 Senior Resource Cards were distributed. Approximately 250 copies of Senior Calendar are provided each month to clients by service providers.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

President – Les Tainter
Vice President – Liz Yokley
AARP, Aging Matters, APPLE, Around the Clock Alarms, Broadway Prescription Shops, Cape County Public Health, Cape County Senior Citizens’ Tax Board, Cape Senior Center, Capetown Assisted and Independent Living by Americare, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, Comfort Keepers, Community Caring Council, Community Counseling Center, Cross Trails Medical Center, Crown Hospice, Grace Reliant Health, Innovative Insurance, Kindred at Home, Legacy Hospice, Lutheran Family and Children’s Services, Life Care Center, Lutheran Home Health, Missouri Care, Missouri Veterans Home, Missouri Vein Care, MO Department of Health & Senior Services, Preferred Hospice, Pyramid Home Health, RSVP/VIC, Safe Harbor Hospice, SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence, Sikeston Department of Mental Health, Southeast Hospice, Southeast Missouri State University, The Lutheran Home, Tri-County Hospice, United Healthcare, Veterans Assist Program, Villas of Jackson, VNA, Woodland Hills, and interested individuals.

BARRIERS

Reaching those seniors who have no support system continues to be a challenge.

NOTEWORTHY

The Aging Committee is an active and dedicated group committed to addressing senior issues. Representatives from over 44 agencies participate.

Thanks to Southeast Missouri State University for letting the committee use The Catapult on Broadway for our meetings.
Community Case Management

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT CY2018

By Cori Butler, Shelly Grovenor, and Arlene Schoen

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The role of the Community Case Manager is to assess client needs while developing strategies to help them achieve sustainability. In addition, the Community Case Manager is responsible for advocating and connecting clients with other programs, services, and resources in the community.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Activities included: Triaged “walk-ins” according to needs and available resources, assessing families/individuals for strengths, resources, abilities, support systems, and resources being used in addition to multiple needs, processing referrals from other service providers and self-referrals, and disbursing rental and deposit grant funds to families/individuals in need of housing assistance.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The program provided resources to 4,191 individuals and families. 619 individuals and families were assisted with household items from the Community Closet. Finally, 298 households were assisted with rent/deposit assistance.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

Birthright, Building Blocks, Cape County Public Health Center, Cape County Transit Authority, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, Community Counseling Center, Cross Trails Medical Center, East Missouri Action Agency, Family Counseling Center, First Call for Help, Gibson Recovery Center, Lutheran Family and Children’s Services, Safe House for Women, Salvation Army, SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence, Southeast Missouri State University, St. Vincent de Paul, Southeast Health, United Way of Southeast Missouri

BARRIERS

Lack of necessary funding to meet client needs: rent, utility, & water assistance are the largest number of requests with little to no funding available.

NOTEWORTHY

United Way has been a longtime partner of the Community Caring Council. Last year United Way recognized the need for another community case manager. They agreed to fund this position over a three year period- 100% the first year, two-thirds the second year, and one-third the final year. We are entering the third year of this agreement.
Community Housing Assistance

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT CY2018

By Calvin Garner, Arlene Schoen and Stefanie Estraca

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Community Caring Council’s Housing Assistance Programs strive to help residents of Cape Girardeau, Perry and Bollinger Counties obtain housing that is affordable, accessible, safe, decent and sanitary.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Community Caring Council has undergone staff changes within the last year. Calvin Garner who was previously the Housing Coordinator has now transitioned into the Director of Housing Initiatives. This position oversees the implementation of all housing programs/grants. Shelly Grovenor and Stefanie Estraca, Housing Case Managers, collectively oversee our rental assistance, emergency assistance, street outreach and supportive housing grants. Community Case Managers, Cori Butler and Arlene Schoen, are responsible for addressing general client needs and community-based services.

The Cape Girardeau Housing Committee held approximately ten meetings. This committee provides local agencies and community members a forum to share housing information and continuous support to improve housing in the Cape Girardeau area. Discussions always include updates from HUD Supportive Housing grants, Emergency Solutions Grant, Missouri Housing Trust Fund (MHTF) grant and member agency updates. These meetings also give member agencies opportunities to voice concerns and offer support and resources.

Point in Time counts conducted annually in January indicated a significant increase in the number of homeless reported in Cape Girardeau County. The Housing Needs Committee continued to provide key leadership in helping our region report numbers to the state.

The HUD Supportive Housing Program (SHP) grant supported a Housing Coordinator. The current grant serves 25 households who have been identified as homeless and disabled by HUD standards. Current annual funding for the program is $204,449.00. We were also approved for Fiscal Year 2018 in the amount of $210,700.00. These funds began in September 2018 and will expire in August 2019.

Approval of grant funding in the amount of $75,000 for Emergency Assistance from Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) provided housing services to meet housing needs of those in Cape Girardeau who are at risk of homelessness. An additional $22,764.19 was later awarded to meet the increased need in our community from Missouri Housing Trust Fund. Additionally, we were awarded $7,648.00 from United Way of SE Missouri for prevention/diversion activities related to housing.

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and facilitated by Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC). Community Caring Council’s funding from this grant was approved for $46,400.00 for fiscal year 2018. This funding is in partnership with the following: City of Cape Girardeau, Safe House for Women, Catholic Charities, and The Salvation Army with a total grant award of $139,122.38 for use in Cape Girardeau County.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

ESG-Rapid Re-Housing funds assisted in the transition of literally homeless individuals and families from their homeless status into a housing unit. These funds were able to assist fourteen households with rental and utility assistance.
The HUD-PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing) grant provided housing and case management for a maximum of 27 units, which included 33 adults and 18 children. This program seeks to serve those who are chronically homeless and with a disability (developmental disability, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, mental health, or physical disability). Over the course of the sixteenth operating year, our agency has continued to serve participants from each of the special needs categories. Over ten other community agencies partner to help our clients remain connected to other community programs and resources.

**COLLABORATING PARTNERS**

The Housing Needs Committee, composed of over 15 individuals from various community agencies that support our grants, continued to provide ideas to improve efforts to fulfill our mission and our purpose.

Working relationships with over 100 landlords helped us to serve our clients more efficiently and effectively.

Emergency shelters continue to operate at capacity in Jackson (the Revival Center) and in Delta (the Amen Center). They are working very hard to serve homeless families and individuals by providing both short and long-term shelter. Each of these shelters help to service the growing numbers of homeless in our community.

**BARRIERS**

Progress has been made in emergency and transitional housing resources, but a significant need remains. Existing shelters frequently operate at capacity and on very limited budgets; additionally, they rely heavily on community partnerships and participation to continue to address these challenges.

Increase in rental costs and decrease in the number of rental units presents a challenge to persons seeking affordable housing. All of our housing efforts need increased funding to meet the increased need for housing assistance.

All of our housing grants: ESG, HUD-SHP and MHDC funding have become increasingly more competitive over the years. The risk of reduced funding and a lack of funding are true challenges and a reality we face in attempting to meet the ever-demanding needs of our community.

Through the ESG (Rapid-rehousing) grant, our agency was able to assist a homeless family who was forced to separate due to their homelessness status. The mother and children were able to move in with family members temporarily, but they could not house the father.

The father was forced to sleep in his truck in a parking lot near his job site, 15 miles away from his wife and kids, so he could keep his job.

Through rapid-rehousing funding, we were able to reunite and house this family and connect them with additional services to help them reach self-sufficiency.
ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT CY2018

By Christian Freeman

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In collaboration with the Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division (FSD), Community Caring Council implements the Empowering Dads to Gain Employment (EDGE) project in a six-county area (Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Mississippi, New Madrid, Perry, and Scott). The EDGE project will serve primarily fathers that may have child support cases, may not be making child support payments, may have criminal records, and potentially face a host of barriers when trying to obtain employment. Community Caring Council will utilize the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) evidence-based employment model as the framework in which to assist participants in obtaining and keeping employment.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Services include individualized placement services, resume building, interview skill building, tips on how to discuss gaps in employment and legal status.

Services also include providing work-related supports including clothing for interview or work, birth certificates, state identification, and transportation assistance.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Referrals are accepted from any source, including self-referrals, Probation and Parole, Court, MBRC, Educare, Community Caring Council, Gibson Recovery Center, Community Counseling Center, and Family Counseling Center. Clients do not have a child support order. Our program takes all employment referrals.

Based on Quarterly Progress report provided by FSD, from 10/1/18 to 12/31/18, we had 29 referrals out of that 17 are working as of December 31st, 2018.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority, Missouri Department of Corrections, Missouri Division of Probation and Parole – District 32, Educare, Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium, Inc., Gibson Recovery Center, Community Counseling Center, Family Counseling Center, Scott County Court, Cape County Court, Workforce Investment Board, MO Job Centers.

BARRIERS

This program is new, and we are working to build more partnerships and potentially expand.

59% of our Clients reported working within the first three months of program implementation.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
The Family Transition Team (FTT) is an inter-agency staffing team that processes cases of individuals and families in need of assistance. Family Transition Team comes together in order to process needs of those in our community who cannot seek specific assistance elsewhere. Program Activities - Staffing of referrals for unmet needs of individuals and families - Annual Garage Sale - Solicitation of donations to maintain adequate supplies in the Community Closet - Continuation of resource identification and education - Ongoing search for funding to assist populations that have unmet needs.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
The Family Transition Team receives and processes referrals from local area service providers. While the team is not able to meet the needs of every referral, the team is a conduit for connecting clients with other community organizations that may help meet those specific needs.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
FTT received and processed 53 referrals from Jan 2018 to December 2018 concerning needs such as: birth certificates, state identification cards, rental assistance, transportation, eye glasses, and various medical concerns.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS
Birthright, Cape County Senior Citizens’ Fund Board, Cape Girardeau Public Schools, Centenary Methodist Church, Community Caring Council, Cross Trails Medical Center, Educare, First Call for Help, First Presbyterian Church, Jim Watkins, Lutheran Family and Children’s Services, Missouri Children’s Division, Missouri Division of Youth Services, Missouri Mentoring Partnership,

Missouri Reentry Steering Team, Southeast HEALTH Building Blocks, Southeast Missouri State University – Residence Life, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, St. Vincent de Paul Church, United Way of Southeast Missouri

BARRIERS
Funding is limited and can only assist so many families. Additional funding, especially flexible funding, would allow the team to assist more people in need.

NOTEWORTHY
The Family Transition Team is a group comprised of several members of the community. Professionals from many different agencies and churches are represented. The team acts as a referral resource for clients that are seeking assistance with one of the community agencies that may not be able to assist fully. The majority of requests are assisted with $100.00 or less. It has been noticed that the medical needs in our community are increasing. The team was able to assist many individuals for a variety of different needs, such as eye glasses, medications, doctor visits and in-home medical equipment. The team is in full swing preparing and searching for future funding. The FTT is an asset to community members and agencies alike. The team looks forward to the upcoming year.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
The First Birthday Project is an exciting new project focused on safe sleep education in partnership with Saint Francis Medical Center. The overall goal of The First Birthday Project is to assist in reducing the infant mortality rate in Southeast Missouri Region (a 12-county area).

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
Delivery of baby boxinettes to all infant deliveries at four participating hospitals- Saint Francis Medical Center, Southeast Health, Missouri Delta, and Poplar Bluff Regional. Delivery of pack and plays to 12 county health departments for distribution to caregivers at babies’ 4-month checkup. Providing project support to collaborating hospitals and health departments. Collecting vital data from participants. Providing safe sleep education to caregivers.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
Boxinette disbursement began October 2018. As of December 31st 2018, a total of 498 boxinettes were distributed. Percentage of Boxinettes distributed per medical center are as follows; Saint Francis-32%, Southeast Health-13%, Poplar Bluff Regional-34%, Missouri Delta-16%, and County Health Dept.-3%

51% of boxinette recipient’s annual gross household income was $22,459 or less. 100% of the post survey showed improvement from their pre survey.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

BARRIERS
The large volume of boxinettes and pack and plays has made storage difficult. Regular delivery of items requires sufficiently large vehicles.

The closing of the Kennett Hospital and ensuring those delivering mothers are served through this project. Some of those moms have delivered out of the State of Missouri, in the bordering state of Arkansas, where we do not distribute boxinettes.

NOTEWORTHY
The baby boxinette originated in the 1930s in Finland to help reduce the then high rates of infant mortality. Finland now has one of the world’s lowest infant mortality rate. It is exciting to be a part of such a new program in Southeast Missouri.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Community Caring Council’s MMP Young Parent Program is designed to support young mothers and fathers up to age 23 who are pregnant and/or parenting and reside in Cape Girardeau County.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
A series of parenting classes that cover information on: healthy pregnancies, labor and delivery, basic infant care, child safety, household tips and budgeting. Monthly group meetings provide the opportunity to develop parenting and life skills. Small group gatherings allow participants the chance to strengthen their relationships with their mentor or other young parents while participating in a low or no-cost activity in the community. Volunteer mentors build meaningful and intentional relationships with the young parents in the program.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
From January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 25 new young parents enrolled in the MMP program in 2018.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS
Salvation Army, Lutheran Family Children Services, Cape County Health Department, Cape Public School, Building Blocks, Southeast Missouri State University, Birth Right, Workforce Development Board, Boys and Girls Club, MO Care, Cape Girardeau MO Children Services, Cape Head Start, Catholic Charities, Department Health Senior Service, Cape Physician Associates and University of Missouri Extension.

Key donors (money or in-kind) and volunteers: Missouri Department of Social Services, Shawnee Recreation Building, Southeast HEALTH Building Blocks, Southeast Missouri State University, community individuals, Modern Woodman of America and Zonta Club.

BARRIERS
As a program working with young parents, we are always looking for additional referrals and referral sources to help the program grow. We have found that there has been increase need for housing and transportation for our young parents in this community to become self-sufficient.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Oral Health Program implements dental screenings and fluoride varnish applications to aid in the prevention of cavities for pre-school and school-aged children in collaboration with the Missouri Oral Health Program through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Dotty Gholson, Health Coordinator, provides coordination of these services for Cape Girardeau County/Scott County schools and daycares and offers limited financial assistance for treatment of urgent dental needs.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Professional and lay volunteers donated their time to implement dental screenings and fluoride varnish applications throughout Cape and Scott County. All materials were provided at no charge through the Missouri Oral Health program. Upon request, oral health displays, educational presentations on dental health, and brochures on dental health were provided.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

31 community volunteers (6 dentists, 8 hygienists, 17 assistants/lay volunteers) assisted with the school and daycare dental screenings and fluoride varnish applications.

17 School Districts (with Preschools)
- 5,653 students screened (pre K-12th grades)
- 3,442 students received fluoride varnish (Children have received two fluoride varnish applications.)

9 Daycares
- 219 children screened (ages 2-5)
- 208 children received fluoride varnish (Children have received two fluoride varnish applications.)

Of total youth screened (5,872)
- 690 youth (12%) needed early dental treatment
- 100 youth (2%) needed immediate (urgent) dental treatment

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

Missouri Oral Health Program, Dr. Janet & Dr. Pat Ruopp & Staff, Dr. Terry Spence & Staff, Dr. Danna Cotner & Staff, Dr. Garrett Sparks & Staff, Dr. Ross Bennett & Staff, Dr. Byron Aden Staff, Dr. Patty Merkley & Staff, Dr. John Freeze, Dr. Christine Schoolman, Dr. Ron Lessman & Staff, Cross Trails Staff, Dr. Jim Fox Staff. Schools: Cape Junior High & Middle Schools, Cape Christian, Delta R-V, Immaculate Conception, Jackson R-2, Kelso C-7, Meadow Heights, Nell Holcomb, Notre Dame, Prodigy Academy, Oak Ridge R-6, Scott City R-1, St. Mary’s Cathedral, St. Paul Lutheran, St. Vincent de Paul, Trinity Lutheran. Daycares: A Child’s Journey, A Small World (Cape & Jackson), Big Stuff, Curious Kids, Early Childhood Center @ East Elementary, Just Kids, Kids Korner, Lynnwood Footprints, University Child Enrichment, Watch Me GrowBootheel Regional Consortium
BARRIERS

Rescheduling the 2nd dental varnish at schools was challenging due to the snow & events at school. Attendance for the spring fluoride varnish events was down due to illnesses. Fall dental screenings & varnish applications was hectic with having a new calendar.

NOTEWORTHY

The 8th Annual Sensational Smiles Fundraiser to benefit oral health treatment services for local youth was held on March 24, 2018 at The Concourse. Profit was approximately $6,111.

The cooperation from local dental providers has been very impressive.

The Oral Health Coalition of Southeast Missouri, chaired by Dr. Janet Ruopp, continued to be an active group focused on quality dental care for youth in our community.

At the Project Homeless Connect event in October 2018, the SHOW Mobile was available and a local dentist was able to provide free dental treatment on site. 3 extractions were provided.

We have a faithful volunteer from the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) helping with the dental fluoride varnish applications.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To assist with the unmet needs of individuals who are reentering society in the Cape Girardeau area. The overall goal of the program is individual self-sufficiency. Therefore, obtaining and maintaining employment is very important.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Services include individual assessment and case management in order to determine individual needs.

Tangible services to the clients include: Clothing, hygiene items, medical copays, birth certificates, identifications, work-related expenses, housing assistance, limited utility assistance, and transportation.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Local Reentry Assistance Program Funds for this program are raised by the annual Bikers for Reentry event held in the fall each year since 2014. Over $16,000 has been raised to date.

Referrals are accepted from any source, including self-referrals. Clients do not have to be under active state or federal supervision, but must show documentation of local, state or federal incarceration or supervision.

41 individuals were assisted with supports such as clothing, transportation, and identification for employment, medical copays, prescriptions copays, and other barriers keeping them from successfully reentering their community.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority, Missouri Department of Corrections, Missouri Division of Probation and Parole – District 32, East Missouri Action Agency, Family Counseling Center, Family Transition Team, Gibson Recovery Center, Habitat RESTORE, Hope International, Maxine’s, Safe House Thrift Store, The Salvation Army, U. S. Probation Office-Eastern District of Missouri

BARRIERS

Loss of the Community Reentry Funding from Missouri Department of Corrections in 2017 greatly decreased the Council’s ability to assist and support reentering individuals.

NOTEWORTHY

Bikers for Reentry Fundraiser is an annual project under the Local Reentry Steering Team. Proceeds assist many ex-offenders with unmet needs with the goal of successful reentry into society.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this program aligns with the mission of the Community Caring Council to “provide a continuum of resources to help empower individuals and families meet life’s challenges.” The program serves Senior Ladies, known as the “Golden Angels,” ages 60 and over, living in Cape Girardeau County.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Weekly “Lunch and Learn” meetings were held at House of Hope, 1000 South Ranney Street in Cape Girardeau. Members actively participated in the planning of the activities. The meetings consisted of a program (educational presentations, health screenings, crafts, BINGO and other games) followed by a Pot Luck Lunch. Field trips were offered and participation in other community events was arranged.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

A total of 34 meetings were held from Jan 2018 – Dec 2018. They do not meet during the summer. 17 Senior ladies attended meetings during this time. The average meeting attendance was 10 ladies.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center, Cape Girardeau County Senior Citizens Services Fund Board, House of Hope, Southeast Missouri State University – Department of Nursing,

BARRIERS

Our most significant barrier is difficulty in connecting with other seniors in our community who could benefit from this program. Bad weather also makes it difficult to stay on schedule.

NOTEWORTHY

This program supports the senior members in remaining active, independent and responsible individuals, exposing them to available resources through educational presentations, field trips and other activities. This weekly program adds to their joy of living through friendships and the knowledge that there is a support system that can be accessed in need.

Funding for this program has been provided by the Cape Girardeau County Senior Citizens Services Fund Board for over ten years.
**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of Show Me Healthy Women (SMHW) is to provide community health workers through local community partnerships to support low-income women in obtaining access to prevention health services. This outreach intervention program was initiated in February 2011. SMHW provides breast and cervical cancer early detection services for low-income women through provider clinics across the state.

To qualify, women need to be between ages 35 to 64 (or older if not covered by Medicare Part B), uninsured or insurance does not cover breast or cervical cancer screenings, and household income is less than 200% above federal poverty guidelines.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

Visits to area inter-agency organizations in Scott, Perry, Bollinger and Cape Girardeau Counties on a monthly basis and to area events to promote the program

Participation in the City of Cape Health Information, St. Francis Mammogram Van, Relay for Life & Senior & Lawmen Together Senior Celebration.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

There were approximately 83 SMHW information brochures that were shared at local events.

There were over 538 people that attended the meetings and/or community events.

**COLLABORATING PARTNERS**

American Cancer Society, Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks, Community Breast Care Project, Gateway to Hope: A Breast Cancer Lifeline, Hope 4 You Breast Cancer Foundation, Komen Mid-Missouri Affiliate, Komen St. Louis Affiliate, Komen Kansas City Affiliate, Missouri Cancer Consortium, National Cancer Institute

FOUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:
Cape Girardeau County, Knox-Schulyer County, Randolph County, Washington County

PROVIDERS: Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, Bollinger County Health Center in Marble Hill, Cross Trails Medical Centers in Cape Girardeau, Marble Hill, & Perryville, East Missouri Action Agency in Cape Girardeau, Scott County Health Department, Cape Girardeau County Public Health Center, Women’s Care Center in Sikeston, Missouri Delta Primary Care in Sikeston

**BARRIERS**

Reaching the target population of low-income women with health issues is a challenge.

**NOTEWORTHY**

18 Breast exams were provided at Project Homeless Connect in October 2018.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to provide ongoing community education for parents, grandparents and caregivers who play active roles in raising children. This program is part of the Family Issues Community Plan under the guidance of the Parent and Community Education Committee and is funded in part by United Way of Southeast Missouri.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Spring Nurturing Parenting Parent Education Workshop: In partnership with *Educare, a six week Nurturing Parenting Workshop was held April 9 – May 14 at Shawnee Center in Cape Girardeau

Fall Nurturing Parenting Parent Education Workshop: In partnership with Educare, a six week Nurturing Parenting Workshop was held September 10 – Oct 15 at Shawnee Center in Cape Girardeau

Funding from United Way of Southeast Missouri allowed us to provide a meal for each session so that participating families could enjoy a meal together before engaging in the learning process and provide child care activities for children of the parent’s participating in the sessions. Additionally, we were able to purchase 10 workbooks enabling Lutheran Family & Children’s Services to facilitate a Nurturing Parenting workshop in early 2019.

*Educare Programs provides education and support to parents to prevent child abuse and neglect and improve the quality of child care and early learning programs to promote school readiness. Home Visiting staff provides on-site home visits with families of children prenatal to age three and opportunities for the families to access services and resources within their community to help encourage healthy families.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

During the Spring Session, a total of 30 parents and 78 children participated in the NURTURING PARENTING workshop with Educare. On average 11 parents participated in each session with an average of 13 children in attendance each night. During the Fall Session, a total of 30 parents and 76 children participated in the NURTURING PARENTING workshop with Educare. On average 16 parents participated in each session with an average of 13 children in attendance each night.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

Educare, Evangelical United Church of Christ, Jackson Schools, Lutheran Family and Children’s Services, Missouri Children’s Division, Safe House for Women, Southeast Missouri State University Social Work Interns, United Way of Southeast Missouri, University of Missouri Extension.

BARRIERS

There is a lack of consistent attendance among some participants during the entire 6 week parent education sessions.

NOTEWORTHY

The Parent and Community Education Committee has been identifying additional opportunities to increase the capacity of parents in our community. We hope to have a new series of parenting classes scheduled by March.
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By Carrie Mott

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Community Caring Council’s Sweet Dreams project provides safe and healthy sleep spaces for youth in our community by providing beds and bedding for children ages 5 to 18, who are sleeping on the floor, couch, or doubled up with parents or a sibling. The Sweet Dreams project is a year-round bed program in partnership with Slumberland Furniture’s 40 Winks Foundation and Slumberland Furniture-Cape Girardeau. In December of each year, we partner with Slumberland Furniture and Cape West Rotary Club to bring Homes for the Holidays- a holiday bed program, just in time for Christmas.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
Activities included: Accepting and filtering referrals, authenticating need, coordinating pickup and delivery of bed sets, providing a safe clean bed to children in need.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
In 2018, through the Sweet Dreams project we were able to provide 51 children with beds. Home for the Holidays event provided 50 children with beds. Combined total of 101 children were given a safe and healthy place to sleep. All 50 children that received beds through Home for the Holidays also received brand new bedding.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS
Slumberland, Cape West Rotary Club, First Baptist Church, Shelly Gerard, Missouri Children’s Division, Spread Hope Now, Cape Public Schools, Educare, Big Brothers Big Sisters. SPANK, Missouri Care

BARRIERS
We have had difficulty obtaining current and accurate contact information for families referred. Coordinating delivery of beds has been a challenge.

NOTEWORTHY
In 2017, during Home for the Holidays, a Sweet Dreams holiday event in partnership with Cape West Rotary Club and our local Slumberland Furniture, we provided 40 bed sets to area families. Last year, we were able to increase that by 10 beds - giving 50 children a place to safely sleep just in time for Christmas!

Brand new bedding was also given to these families this year. This was thanks to a community grant from Missouri Care. Their local office has been getting more and more involved with our community and our agency-which we are so thankful for!

We are so grateful for all of wonderful collaborators. What a wonderful community we have that truly knows how to work together to provide a need that so many of us take for granted.
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Facilitate community-wide awareness and use of 40 Developmental Assets Initiative to increase number of positive assets in youth.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
Provide asset information and education opportunities for various sectors in the community. Maintain a resource library of more than 100 asset-based materials and games. Facilitate weekly group discussions and activities at the Girardot Center for Youth and Families. Facilitate activities at New Madrid Bend Youth Center and ECHO Day Treatment Center every other week. Facilitate weekly group discussions and activities at Cape Girardeau Academy. Provide continuing support of Division of Youth Services (DYS) staff and student use of the Developmental Assets and resource materials in the Southeast Region. Facilitate activities at Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES
Initiative provided training/conference featuring Anthony McClean, youth motivational speaker and rapper, for the DYS youth and staff in the Southeast Region. An estimated 250 youth and staff were in attendance.

A total of 27 youth participated in bi-weekly THRIVE activities at Girardot Center this year.

A total of 16 students at ECHO day treatment center participated in bi-weekly THRIVE activities.

A total of 30 students at New Madrid Bend Youth Center participated in bi-weekly THRIVE activities.

A total of 125 students at Cape Girardeau Academy participated in bi-weekly THRIVE activities.

Provided asset information and support during two annual DYS events in the Southeast Region for approximately 175 DYS youth and their staff members from Sears Youth Center and Sierra-Osage Youth Center in Poplar Bluff.

Provided barrier removal to DYS youth and families through gas cards, clothing, and hygiene items.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS
Cape Girardeau Public Library, EPIC (Early Prevention Impacts Community), MO Division of Youth Services, MO Mentoring Partnership, Southeast HEALTH/Building Blocks, Southeast Missouri State University, Boys and Girls Club, United Way, University of MO Extension, individual community members.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
-ECHO Community Resource Center Community Liaison Council
-EPIC Coalition
-Girardot Center Community Liaison Council
-Parent and Community Education Committee
-Missouri Mentoring Partnership


**Access to Oral Health Care**

**ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT CY2018**

Community Plan by: Dotty Gholson

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**Priority Issue Council**

Oral Health Coalition

**Community Plan Chair**

Dr. Janet Ruopp

**Meetings Held:** 5  
**Average Attendance:** 5

**Collaborating Partners**

Cape County Public Health Center, Dental Providers (Dr. Patty Merkley, Dr. Janet Ruopp, Dr. Terry Spence, Dr. John Freeze, Dr. Christine Schoolman), Jackson Public Schools, MO Oral Health Preventive Services Program, Southeast Missouri State University (Department of Speech and Communication Disorders, Community Caring Council, Department of Nursing) and interested individuals

**Funding Sources**

Community Caring Council, Missouri Oral Health Preventive Services, Sensational Smiles Social

**Noteworthy**

A total of 5,872 youth in Cape Girardeau County/Scott City received FREE dental screenings during the 2017-2018 school year.

A total of 31 community volunteers assisted with the school and daycare dental screenings and fluoride varnish applications.

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**COMMUNITY PLAN STRATEGIES COMPLETED**

Training for oral health screenings and fluoride varnish applications was provided online to 3 new volunteers.

Dental Screenings in Cape Girardeau County/Scott County served 5,653 youth in 17 schools (including preschools) and 219 youth in 9 preschools/daycares, for a total of 5,872 youth. That is an overall decrease of 2% from the 2016-2017 school year.

690 (12%) youth needed early dental treatment and 100 (2%) youth needed urgent treatment. This reflects a 13% increase in need for early treatment and a 2% decrease in need for urgent treatment as compared to the 2016-2017 school year.

Fluoride varnish applications were provided to 3,234 school-aged youth and 323 preschool-aged youth for a total of 3,557 youth, a decrease of 9% from the 2016-2017 school year. Of all youth screened, 61% received fluoride varnish applications.

Dental Treatment Scholarship Program provided $8,308 for treatment for 22 individuals this past year.

**OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS TOWARD PLAN**

Dental Health Displays/Education: HealthPoint Fitness Wellness Fair, GrandFamily Conference, Senior Information Day.

Part-time position for Oral Health Coordinator has been long supported by Community Caring Council. In 2018, the Oral Health Coordinator position transitioned to the Cape Girardeau County Health Department which now provides support for this salary. All screening and varnishing supplies were provided by MO Oral Health Preventive Services Program.

The 9th Annual Sensational Smiles Social was held on March 24, 2018 at The Concourse to raise funds for our Dental Treatment Scholarship Program and to recognize all who helped with the dental screenings/fluoride varnish applications. Profit was $6,111 for the Scholarship Program.

**COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The Show Mobile from Southeast Missouri State University and a local dentist once again provided 3 dental extractions at Project Homeless Connect event in October 2017.

**BARRIERS**

In order to increase the number of youth screened, additional dental providers and trained volunteers are needed.

Sustaining the position of Oral Health Coordinator is essential to maintaining the dental screening program. Grant funding for this is limited.
COMMUNITY PLAN STRATEGIES COMPLETED

100 copies of Alcohol & Drug Abuse/Mental Health Resource Card were distributed; card was also available online at www.communitycaringcouncil.org. Year eight of the Drug-Free Communities grant ended September 29, 2018. Year nine began September 30, 2018. The EPIC Coalition has three staff.

Collaboration with the Cape City Police Department, Jackson Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration resulted in two Drug Take Back events: 742 pounds of drugs were collected in April 2018 and 462 pounds in October 2018. Permanent drop boxes continued to be available at Cape and Jackson Police Departments for drop-off at any time. There is now a drop box located at SEMO’s department of safety.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS TOWARD PLAN

The Coalition has utilized a committee structure over the years which has resulted in as many as five committees on-going at one time. Due to some overlap and redundancy of the committees Coalition members decided to change the structure so that we no longer have five standing committees and we instead form subcommittees on an as-needed basis for specific events.

EPIC hosted two Breakthrough Breakfasts, one in February and one June, sponsored by the Office of Addictions at Southeast Missouri State University. The topics were part of a series on trauma related topics, the first focusing on Adverse Child Experiences (ACE) and the second on extraordinary behaviors and self-regulation. Ginger Meyer, MSW, LCSW, CCTP was the presenter each time.

EPIC hosted a town hall meeting on February 27, 2018 titled, “We Have Something To Say: Youth and Stress and Coping.” 36 attended this event at the Salvation Army. Stacy Taylor with DYS was the moderator of this event. Stress, coping skills, and how the community could help youth were discussed.

EPIC hosted their annual “A Day at the Park” in June. They provided a day of fun, food, activities and relationship building for youth and adult community members at Capaha Park.

The EPIC Pals training program graduated two groups of four young program participants and their partner dogs (for a total of eight youths and eight dogs) in 2018. Foster families were found for participating dogs so that they could be removed from local shelters, and these dogs have found permanent homes. Groups were held with students from Cape County Juvenile Office.

EPIC Pals social and emotional learning groups (without the dog pairing component) were offered at Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Missouri, Hope House, Jackson Middle School and Missouri Division of Youth Services Girardot Center with a total of 110 students served.

The EPIC Animal Squad is a youth led, service-learning club that was developed by a group of Pals graduates who are part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. This group has worked on several projects to help animals in need in the community. In 2018, the EPIC Animal Squad participated in First Friday Pets Night Out, had a demonstration table at the Riverfront Market where they made and handed out dog toys and they and hosted a supply and donation drive for Mac’s Mission raising $248 in cash donations.

EPIC Lens has been successfully implemented three times, with youth at the Hope House, and Boys and Girls Club. A total of eleven youth graduated from the program. We are planning on continuing this program with the possibility of expanding it to other forms of art, such as painting, sculpture or drawing.
**COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

EPIC is approaching 1000 “likes” on our Facebook page. This increased awareness assists us in gaining recognition about the EPIC Coalition. New and old partnerships are allowing the work of EPIC Pals, EPIC Lens and the EPIC Schools Project to expand our outreach to youths and adults throughout the community.

**BARRIERS**

The Missouri Foundation for Health Special Projects Grant ended in May 2018 and we are in the ninth year of our ten-year Drug Free Communities grant. EPIC staff are exploring new funding opportunities that would allow the Coalition to continue its important work in the community.

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**Funding Sources**

Cardinals Care, Drug Free Communities Grant through US Department of Health and Human Services, Missouri Foundation for Health Special Projects, Department of Social Services-MO Division of Youth Services, Cape Girardeau County Juvenile Office and local donations and fundraising

**Noteworthy**

At EPIC’s Annual Meeting in Dec 2018, five “EPIC School Awards” were presented to the following schools: Girardot Center for Youth and Families, Jackson Middle School, Nell Holcomb RV School, Notre Dame Regional High School and St. Mary Cathedral School. The schools were recognized for demonstrating exceptional youth substance abuse prevention efforts.

The 2018 EPIC Award (previously known as the Jim Maginel Award) was presented to Waymon Campbell, who serves as a Juvenile Officer and has been instrumental in working with EPIC Pals and EPIC Lens. We appreciate all of Waymon’s work with youth in the community.

EPIC’s 5th Annual Glow Run 5k Fundraiser was held December 31, 2018. We had 85 runners and 27 sponsors, making this a record-breaking Glow Run. We netted over $7000 from this event.
**Priority Issue Council**

Family Issues: Housing & Community Needs  

**Community Plan Chair**  
Calvin Garner, Director of Housing Initiatives  
Secretary: Dr. Sharon Braun, Community Counseling Center  

**Meetings Held:** 6  
**Average Attendance:** 13  

**Collaborating Partners**  
Aging Matters, Cape County Public Health Center, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, City of Cape Girardeau, Community Counseling Center, Family Counseling Center, Gibson Recovery Center, Missouri Job Center, Missouri Children’s Division, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri Department of Mental Health, Missouri Inclusive Housing Development, RCH Management INC, Safe House for Women, SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence, SNAP, The Salvation Army, United Way of SEMO, United Way of Greater St. Louis- 211, East Missouri Action Agency, Community Caring Council, consumers and interested individuals  

**Funding Sources**  
Community Caring Council, US Housing and Urban Development, Missouri Housing Development Commission and United Way of SEMO  

**Noteworthy**  
The seventh annual Project Homeless Connect event was hosted by Community Caring Council on Oct 5, 2018 at the Osage Centre in Cape Girardeau. 336 households received a total of 3,160 documented services provided by over 70 service providers. The next annual event will be hosted by Community Caring Council and will be held on Oct 4, 2019.  
Two HUD Permanent Supportive Housing Grants are currently serving 40+ households (previously homeless and disabled) through Community Caring Council and Family Counseling Center.  
The Emergency Solutions Grant has again been awarded to the city of Cape Girardeau for 2019 to provide rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention assistance, domestic violence support and street outreach through the Community Caring Council, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, Safe House for Women and the Salvation Army.

**Community Plan Strategies Completed**

Cape Girardeau Area Housing Committee continued to meet monthly with over 25 representatives from approximately 15 community entities.  
Emergency/transitional shelters that are operational at this time: AMEN Center in Delta and the Revival Center in Jackson. In addition, hotel stays are provided on a very limited basis by The Community Caring Council, The Salvation Army, Safe House for Women (domestic violence only) and other area churches.  
The 2018 Point in Time Count took place on January 31, 2018.  
Jan 2018: 48 unsheltered persons and 67 sheltered persons  
Jan 2017: 15 unsheltered persons and 46 sheltered persons  
Jan 2016: 23 unsheltered persons and 104 sheltered persons  

**Housing Committee Updates Progress**

Name: Cape Girardeau Area Housing Committee  
Vision: All people will have safe, affordable and accessible housing.  
Mission: A collaborative network that identifies barriers and solutions which promote a continuum of housing resources, from homelessness prevention to housing stability, in Cape Girardeau and surrounding areas.  
Task Forces:  
1. Community Education  
2. Housing Development  
3. Emergency Housing (options, barriers, solutions)  

**Community Accomplishments**

Safe House for Women has announced that their new shelter will be completed in Spring 2019.  
HUD has developed a CES (Coordinated Entry System) to serve and assist homeless individuals in our community in a more region-wide, timely and efficient fashion. Community Caring Council serves as the Regional Lead for Region 1’s 11-county coordinated entry system.  
St. James AME church has entered their second year in operating the People’s Shelter, a cold weather, warming center staffed primarily by volunteers and supported by local donations. Community Caring Council acts as a fiscal agent to help direct monetary support to this important service to the community.  
Community Caring Council will be breaking ground on a new housing development in Cape Girardeau in April 2019. Plans for the affordable housing unit consist of 40-units with 2 bedrooms each. 10 of the units will be supported by Community Counseling Center.  
RCH Development, along with the Cape Area Community Housing Development Corp are co-Developing the affordable housing unit, which will be located between Beaudean Lane and West End Boulevard. Financing for the project is a combination of Federal Affordable Housing Tax Credits, a National Housing Trust Fund loan and a Federal HOME loan. Construction financing by Banterra Bank.

**Barriers**

Significant needs remain for emergency and transitional housing units for our homeless population. Existing shelters are operating on limited finances and space.  
Safe, affordable, and accessible housing options are often not available for low-income residents.  
Transportation continues to be a need expressed by those in the more rural areas that do not have public transportation available.
COMMUNITY PLAN STRATEGIES COMPLETED

Nurturing Parenting – A 6-week sessions were implemented by Lutheran Family and Children’s Services in April & Sep. 2018. A total of 68 parents attended. Childcare was provided.

During the Spring and Fall of 2018 there was a total number combined of 60 parents and 154 children attended Nurturing Parenting Classes implemented by Educare.

Resource cards were available online at www.communitycaringcouncil.org

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS TOWARD PLAN

Five university interns helped with implementation of nurturing parenting and childcare.

The annual “We Care About YOUth” conference was replaced by “Empowered to Connect Conference: A Live Simulcast” in April 2018. Partnering with the local Children’s Coalition which increased collaboration and attendance. Over 50 service providers, childcare providers, adoptive parents, foster parents, parents and other caregivers attended. Thanks to LaCroix Church for hosting the event at their facility.

COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Educare offered Emotional Beginnings Infant/Toddler Curriculum Class for providers and a four-week parenting session that was open to public.

Educare offered 230 on-site technical assistance/trainings with registered child care providers, licensed exempt programs and licensed homes in four counties.

MO Mentoring Partnership/Thrive continued to provide Life Skills classes to youth at ECHO Community Resource Center, Girardot Center and New Madrid Bend Youth Facility.

MO Mentoring Partnership has enrolled a total of 23 new young parents into the program since August 2018.

BARRIERS

Attendance among some participants during the multi-week sessions is inconsistent.
Priority Issue Council
Family Issues: Self-Sufficiency (Financial Stability Partnership)

Community Plan Chair
Denise Wimp

Meetings Held: 4
Average Attendance: 20

Collaborating Partners
Birthright, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, Cross Trails Medical Center, East MO Action Agency, EPIC Coalition, First Call for Help, Lutheran Family & Children’s Services, MERS Goodwill, MO Children’s Division, MO Department of Health and Senior Services, MO Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, MO Family Support Division, Safe House for Women, Sikeston Regional Office, Southeast HEALTH Building Blocks, The Salvation Army, United Way 211, Saint Francis Medical Center, Community Counseling Center, SADI, Southeast Prevention Resource Center, ParentLink, Community Caring Council

Funding Sources
None at the current time

Noteworthy
Quarterly Case Managers Meetings continued to be well-attended and focused on relevant topics.

COMMUNITY PLAN STRATEGIES COMPLETED
Quarterly Case Managers’ Meetings were planned and implemented. In addition to topic presentations, time for individual case reviews and networking was allowed.

Average attendance was 20 individuals.
Feb 7, 2018 – Community Caring Council Housing
May 2, 2018 – Emergency Room Enhancement Program
August 15, 2018 – Bureau of Environmental Health Services
Bed Bugs
Nov 7, 2018 – Missouri Mentoring Partnership
In addition to these presentations, updates of community resources were provided at each meeting.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS TOWARD PLAN
Presentation of client cases by committee members continued. Four client cases were reviewed and suggestions for solutions were discussed. Case workers also shared with the group best practices and safety precautions that agencies have put in place to protect workers from environmental and physical risks.

COMMUNITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Free tax preparation is again available at multiple locations in Cape and Jackson areas. First Call For Help maintains a list of locations for five counties.

For information on community resources and services, call First Call For Help at (573) 334-HELP or (866) 914-4357 (toll free) or go online to www.firstcallforhelpsemo.org

BARRIERS
Need for assistance continues to increase and available assistance continues to decrease.
Community Profile

The Community Caring Council is located at 937 Broadway in Cape Girardeau, MO. Most of our efforts are directed to residents residing in the county of Cape Girardeau (population 77,320). Some of our programs also serve the surrounding counties of Scott, Bollinger and Perry. Our Partnership is governed by a 9-member board. A majority vote among a quorum (at least five) is required for board decisions. The Council consists of twenty full time staff and three part time staff: Executive Director, Director of Housing Initiatives, Community Case Managers (2), Housing Case Managers (2), Office Manager, Thrive Coordinator, Event Coordinator, Receptionist, Health Coordinator (.50), Community Mentors (.50 x 2), Executive Assistant, First Birthday Project Outreach Worker, Missouri Mentoring Partnership Coordinator, IPS Coordinator, Employment Specialists (5), and a Retention Specialist. The major strength of the Community Caring Council is its diversity and its response to the needs of our community. There are currently six active Priority Issue Councils – Oral Health Coalition, Youth Substance Abuse, Housing, Independent Living, Parent and Community Education, and Self-Sufficiency. Each of these groups develops and implements their own Community Plan and outcomes are included in the Council’s Annual Report. The Council President serves as the liaison between the Council and the community in the interest of avoiding duplication of services and in increasing access to available resources and services. This ABC report will highlight the work of our Community Case Managers.

CY 2018 Major Collaborative Accomplishments:

1) United Way Funding
   With a three year funding agreement from United Way, our organization was able to hire an additional community case manager. The funding assistance was provided as follows:
   1st year – fully funded by UW
   2nd year – 2/3 funded by UW
   3rd year – 1/3 funded by UW

2) St. Vincent’s de Paul Church
   With the church’s generous support, we have helped and supported many needs in our community. St. Vincent’s funds help with utilities, both electric and water, transportation to work, prescription assistance, co-pays at the doctors, birth certificates and identification, etc. This funding let us help 409 members of the community.

3) Community Closet – Through some smaller grants and donations, Community Caring Council provides the community with food, hygiene and cleaning supplies. 619 community members utilized this closet during this year.
CY 2018 Major Collaborative Accomplishments Continued:

4) Senior Unmet Needs - This grant is for senior unmet needs that reside in Cape Girardeau county. These funds helped our community members over the age of 60 and were used for a variety of needs such as electric, water, rent, prescriptions, eye and dental exams, etc. The funds allowed us to help 37 seniors in our community.

5. Bikers 4 Reentry - This program assists individuals who are returning to the community from incarceration. It is intended to help with needs such as birth certificates, identification, transportation to and from work, work clothes, utilities, etc. These funds help with getting justice involved individuals the opportunity to be a productive part of the community.

List of Partners
Cape County Public Health, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, City of Cape Girardeau, Community Counseling Center, East Missouri Action Agency, Family Counseling Center, Gibson Recovery Center, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Family and Children’s Services, Missouri Children’s Division, Missouri Department of Mental Health, RCH Management, SafeHouse for Women, Salvation Army, Semo Alliance for Disability Independence, SEMO Area Agency on Aging, United Way of S.E. Missouri, United Way of Greater St. Louis – 211, Wal-Mart, P&G, US Bank, and many others. Thank you.

Community Caring Council Funding Sources FY18

- In Kind 54%
- Other State & Federal Funding 30%
- Caring Communities 13%
- Local Investments 3%