

# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



St. Louis County  
Children's Service Fund  
*Keeping Kids First*



Dear St. Louis County Community,

For the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund (CSF), 2015 was a remarkable year with important changes and accomplishments.

As we present our 2015 Annual Report, our commitment to invest in youth is stronger than ever. Together with our partner agencies, we are proud of what our efforts have been able to do for our community, and we think you will be too. At CSF, we are continually examining our policies, decisions, and programs to ensure we meet the needs of the residents we serve and are engaging with the community in a meaningful way.

At the beginning of the year, the Children's Service Fund had a large surplus that far exceeded fiduciary guidelines. The St. Louis County Executive recognized that excess funding could be put to much better use in providing services in the community. Newly appointed Executive Director, Connie Cunningham, put these funds to good use while maintaining a responsible surplus for CSF. Through the creation of additional funding opportunities and supplemental grants, over \$61 million was awarded in 2015 to 81 local nonprofits and governmental agencies that provided valuable services to young people in the County. That's \$20 million more than the previous year!

Specific efforts were made to attract new partners, pilot new initiatives, and ensure access to quality programs. These new partnerships brought a broader range of services and access to the children and youth in our community. In addition to new community-based partnerships, 2015 was the first year CSF funded programs were in all 22 school districts and the Special School District.

On behalf of all the children and youth in our community, we want to thank you for your support. Please know that because of you, we are able to continue our mission of *Keeping Kids First!*

Sincerely,



Steve Stenger  
County Executive



Connie J. Cunningham  
Executive Director



Terry Crow  
Board Chair

## About Us

In November 2008, St. Louis County voters overwhelmingly passed a ballot measure that created a community children's service fund. Through a ¼ cent sales tax that generates about \$40 million annually, CSF allocates the money to local nonprofits to provide quality mental health and substance abuse services for County residents ages 0-19.

In 2015, CSF allocated nearly \$62 million to 81 agencies and 197 programs to support behavioral health and substance abuse programs for children and youth.

## Our Mission

*To improve the lives of children, youth, and families in St. Louis County by strategically investing in the creation and maintenance of an integrated system of care that delivers effective and quality mental health and substance abuse services.*



# Core 2015 Allocations: \$57,500,000

Our Core funding cycle is a [two-year contract](#) in which services must fall into [ten service areas](#) as defined by Missouri State Statutes RSMO 67.1775 and 210.861: **Temporary Shelter, Respite Care, Services to Teen Parents, Outpatient Substance Abuse, Transitional Living, Home and Community-Based, Crisis Intervention, Prevention, Counseling and Outpatient Psychiatric Services.**

### List of Core Agencies:

- Alive, Inc.
- Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI-St. Louis
- Almost Home
- Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center
- Behavioral Health Response
- Bethany Christian Services
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri

- BJC Behavioral Health
- Catholic Charities
- Catholic Family Services
- CHADS Coalition for Mental Health
- Child Center Marygrove
- Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis
- Children's Home Society
- Community Psychological Services
- Covenant House Missouri
- Crider Health Center
- DePaul Foundation
- Epworth Children and Family Services
- Every Child's Hope
- Family Resource Center
- Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition
- Gateway 180
- Good Shepherd Children and Family Services
- Great Circle
- Jewish Family and Children's Services
- Kids in the Middle
- KUTO

- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
- Lutheran Family and Children's Services
- Mercy Foundation St. Louis
- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (NCADA)
- Nurses for Newborns
- Our Lady's Inn
- Our Little Haven
- Places for People
- Preferred Family Healthcare
- Presbyterian Children's Home and Services
- Provident
- Queen of Peace Center
- Redevelopment Opportunities for Women
- Room at the Inn
- Safe Connections
- Saint Louis Crisis Nursery
- SSM Glennon Children's Medical Center
- St. Anthony's Medical Center
- St. Louis County Department of Health-Nurse Family Partnership
- St. Louis County Department of Human Services-County Youth Programs
- St. Louis County Department of Human Services-Kathy J. Weinman Shelter
- St. Martha's Hall
- St. Vincent Home for Children
- Voices for Children
- Washington University-SYNCHRONY
- Washington University-The Spot
- Women's Safe House
- Youth in Need

# Discovery 2015 Allocations: \$2,500,000

CSF believes fostering creativity results in the development of [new therapeutic models](#) and advances the field of mental health and substance abuse treatment. The Discovery funding opportunity was developed to [test innovative approaches](#) by agencies that designed new projects.

### List of Discovery Agencies:

- Behavioral Health Response (BHR)
- Bridgeway Behavioral Health
- Bi-Lingual International Assistant Services (BIAS)
- College Bound
- Committed Caring Faith Families
- Great Circle
- Epworth Children and Family Services
- Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition
- Kids in the Middle
- Lutheran Family and Children's Services
- LUME Institute
- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (NCADA)
- Nurses for Newborns
- Places for People
- Preferred Family Healthcare
- SSM Glennon Children's Medical Center
- St. Louis University-Department of Pediatrics
- St. Louis Children's Hospital
- St. Louis County Department of Public Health-Youth Empowerment Training
- St. Louis ARC
- St. Louis Artworks
- Washington University-The Spot
- Wyman
- Youth in Need

# Expanding Opportunities 2015 Allocations: \$280,000

Beginning in 2015, Expanding Opportunities was designed to [expand service delivery](#) and [foster collaborations](#) between agencies to meet the mental health and substance abuse service needs of children and youth in St. Louis County.

### List of EO Agencies:

- Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis
- Boys Hope Girls Hope
- Easter Seals Midwest
- Every Child's Hope
- Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition
- Girls, Inc.
- Miriam Foundation
- Nurses for Newborns
- Parents as Teachers
- Saint Louis Crisis Nursery
- Sistakeeper
- Sunnyhill
- The Covering House
- Wyman

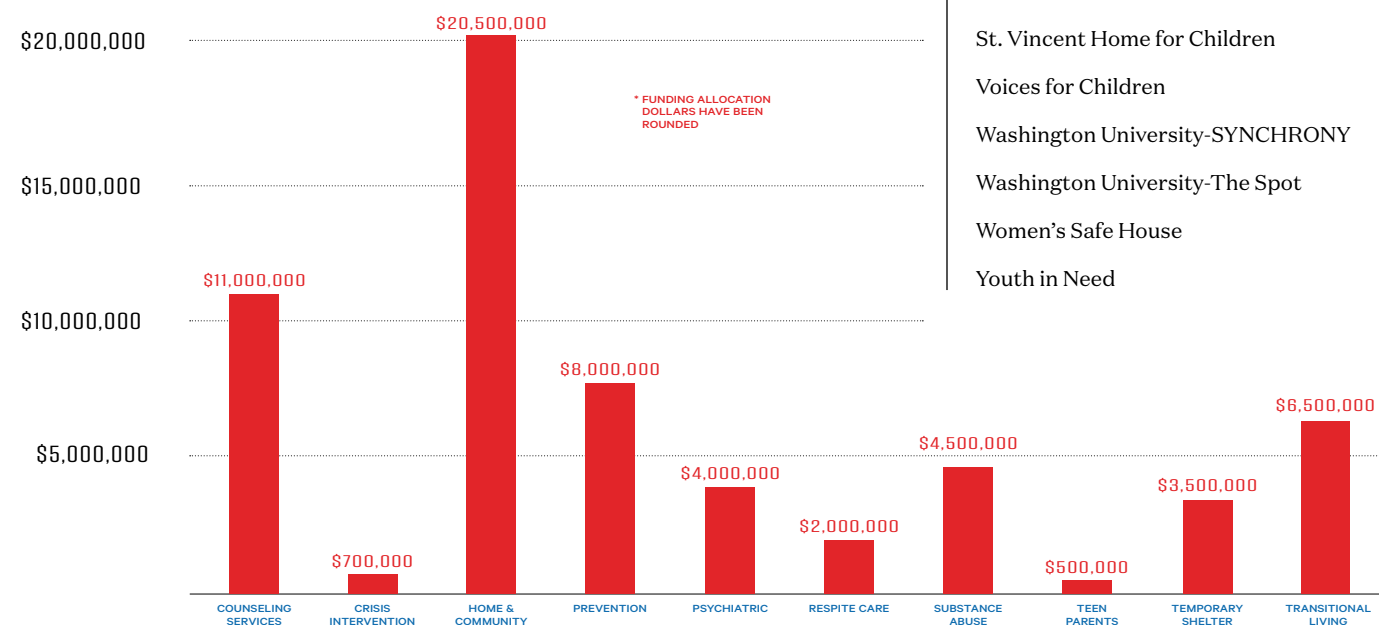
# Launch 2015 Allocations: \$950,000

Also developed in 2015, Launch's focus was to [attract agencies](#) that weren't current CSF partners. The Launch funding opportunity buttressed CSF's ongoing efforts to [expand the depth and breadth](#) of its service delivery investments to benefit children and youth in our community.

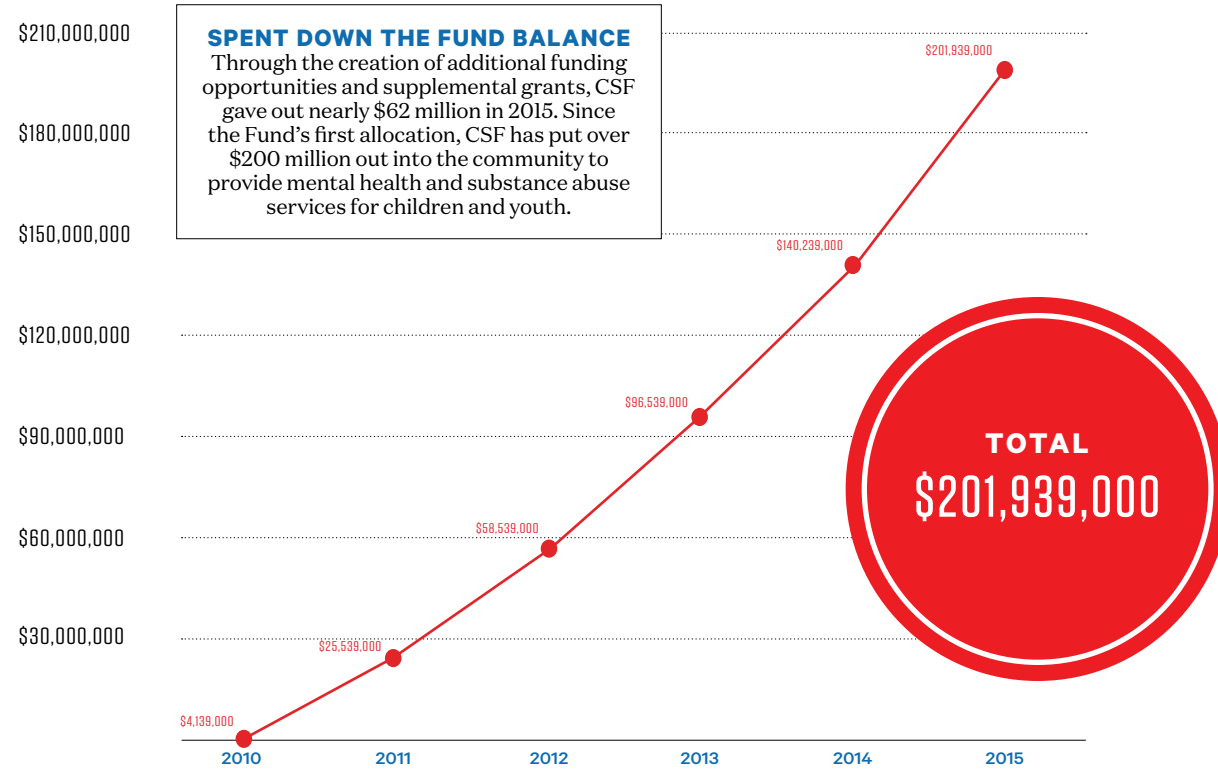
### List of Launch Agencies:

- Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis
- Care and Counseling
- COMTREA
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri
- Lydia's House
- Miriam Foundation
- Neighborhood Houses
- YWCA

2015 INVESTMENT BY SERVICE AREA



# CSF 2015 Achievements



**SPENT DOWN THE FUND BALANCE**

Through the creation of additional funding opportunities and supplemental grants, CSF gave out nearly \$62 million in 2015. Since the Fund's first allocation, CSF has put over \$200 million out into the community to provide mental health and substance abuse services for children and youth.

**EXPANDED PARTNERSHIPS**

In 2015 CSF gained 16 new partner agencies bringing the total to 81 CSF supported partner agencies and 197 programs.

**INNOVATION INITIATIVE**

Through Discovery, agencies were given the opportunity to identify, develop, and evaluate new and creative approaches to providing mental health and substance abuse services.

**PRESENT IN ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

2015 was the first year there were CSF funded programs in all 23 school districts including the Special School District.

**FIDELITY REVIEWS**

Fidelity Reviews were implemented to evaluate the effectiveness of an agency's program to determine the evidence-based program and/or research-informed practices are being implemented according to the original program design thus ensuring that taxpayer funds are directed to the best possible investments.





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