



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CCRB Awards \$830,000 in ARPA Grants for Youth Mental Health Services**

At the October 24, 2022 Board of Directors meeting, the Community and Children's Resource Board of St. Charles County (CCRB) granted funds totaling just over \$830,000.00 for youth mental health and substance use treatment services in St. Charles County. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was authorized by President Biden on March 11, 2021 and included funding for states and local governments to mitigate the negative impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. St. Charles County approved distribution of \$2.1 million of the County's ARPA funds to the CCRB to support youth services and care throughout the County.

The CCRB recognized an increase in demand for mental health-related services and that providers may be serving children with more intensive needs. In response, the Board approved funding for a variety of capital projects and services grants for hiring and retaining staff. Recipients include Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Charles County, \$87,808.27 for facility improvements; The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri, \$118,608.00 for office space expansion; Megan Meier Foundation, \$54,744 for new staff and technology upgrades; Our Lady's Inn, \$140,000.00 to hire and retain staff; and Youth In Need, \$249,641.00 for repairs to St. Charles County facilities, staff training, and staff retention. For a full list of awards, please visit [www.stcharlescountykids.org](http://www.stcharlescountykids.org).

The CCRB contracts with local nonprofit agencies who provide mental health and substance use treatment services for children under age 19 in St. Charles County. The CCRB oversees the administration and distribution of the Children's Community Services Fund, which is funded through a 1/8 cent sales tax.

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