



McAliney Named CCRB Executive

The Community & Children's Resource Board (CCRB) is excited to announce the hiring of Melinda McAliney as their next Executive Director. Melinda is a long-time resident of St. Charles County and served as a Board Member and President of the Community Council and currently serves as the Chair of the Community Assistance Board of St. Charles County.

"I am honored to serve as the next Executive Director of the Community & Children's Resource Board of St. Charles County. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Bruce Sowatsky for his outstanding leadership and for laying a strong foundation for the CCRB's future. I am committed to continuing this

important work in collaboration with the Board, staff, and partner agencies to foster the well-being of children and families throughout our community."



Melinda replaces Bruce Sowatsky who has served as the founding Executive Director since August of 1999. The CCRB had responsibility for the oversight of a federal System of Care grant that St. Charles County received, and Bruce served as the Principal Investigator. Bruce led the campaign to pass a local sales tax to sustain and expand children's mental health services which passed in 2004. He consulted on 8 additional county campaigns across the state that passed from 2004 to 2021.

"Melinda brings over 30 years of grantmaking experience and strategic leadership to our organization, and we were impressed with her ability to collaborate across a variety of sectors and build coalitions. We are excited to continue to make an impact in the lives of St. Charles County youth moving forward." stated Molly Dempsey, CCRB Chair.

The CCRB has a services budget of over \$14 million in 2024 and partners with 36 agencies and funds 66 different programs. On an annual basis, the CCRB serves between 70,000 and 80,000 children and youth through direct services and preventive programming. The investment of these funds for our youth has made significant deductions in juvenile justice involvement, teenage

pregnancy, drug usage and suicides while contributing to increased school performance and graduation rates. St. Charles County has ranked either first or second in overall child well-being by Missouri Kids Count for the past 25 years.

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