

Working To Create The Community We All Want To Live In



**COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIP**

Working Together to Build Strong Communities

OUR MISSION

To facilitate and promote the building of resilient children, healthy families, and strong neighborhoods and communities through collaboration, programming, and resource development.



Resilient Children



Healthy Families

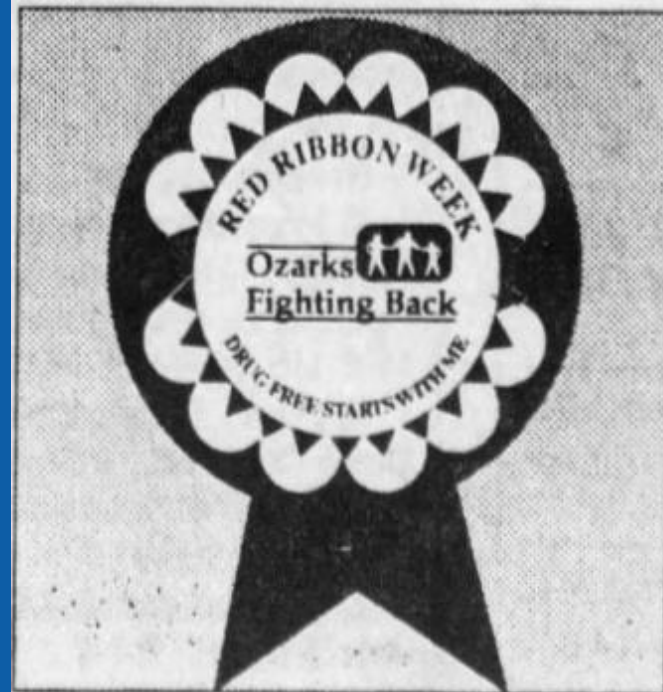


Strong Neighborhoods & Communities



OUR HISTORY

- Our roots date back to Ozarks Fighting Back that started in 1991.
- In 1998 OFB merged with the Community Task Force and created Community Partnership of the Ozarks.
- We have grown into an organization managing more than 100 grants/contracts totaling more than \$10 million and 80+ employees.



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► A list of Red Ribbon Week activities sponsored by Ozarks Fighting Back.

OZARKS FIGHTING BACK

Red ribbons give red light to drugs

By Patti Lindsay

The News-Leader

When he looks at problems created by drug and alcohol abuse, Charlie Maguire sees red. Beginning Saturday, he won't be alone.

Everyone is encouraged to display red ribbons — on homes, cars and clothing — “to announce their choice not to abuse alcohol or other drugs,” said Maguire, a probation officer for Correction Services who is chair of the Ozarks Fighting Back conference committee.

It's part of “Red Ribbon Week,” a public awareness campaign Saturday through Nov. 1 sponsored by the Missouri Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth and coordinated by Ozarks Fighting Back.

■ **Take a stand:** Carol Wilhite, communications advisor for OFB, said it's important for

residents to recognize that Springfield is affected by drug and alcohol abuse, but also that something can be done.

“There's a lot of denial,” she said. “It's important ... to realize the situation is not hopeless. There's a lot we can do on an individual, personal basis. We can take a stand in our own lives against drug abuse.”

Charlie O'Reilly, chairman of the OFB advisory board, said the group is a community coalition operating on a five-year grant received last October from the federal Office for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Assisted by more than 200 volunteers, O'Reilly said it's important to change public perception that alcohol and other drugs are a necessary part of our lives.

“It's a community partnership,” he said.

New alliance to attack community problems

Two Springfield organizations have joined forces to be able to do more for the community.

Ozarks Fighting Back and the Community Task Force announced Monday they will work together as the city's newest alliance. The new alliance, Community Partnership of the Ozarks, creates a deeper collaboration to better serve needs of the community, they said.

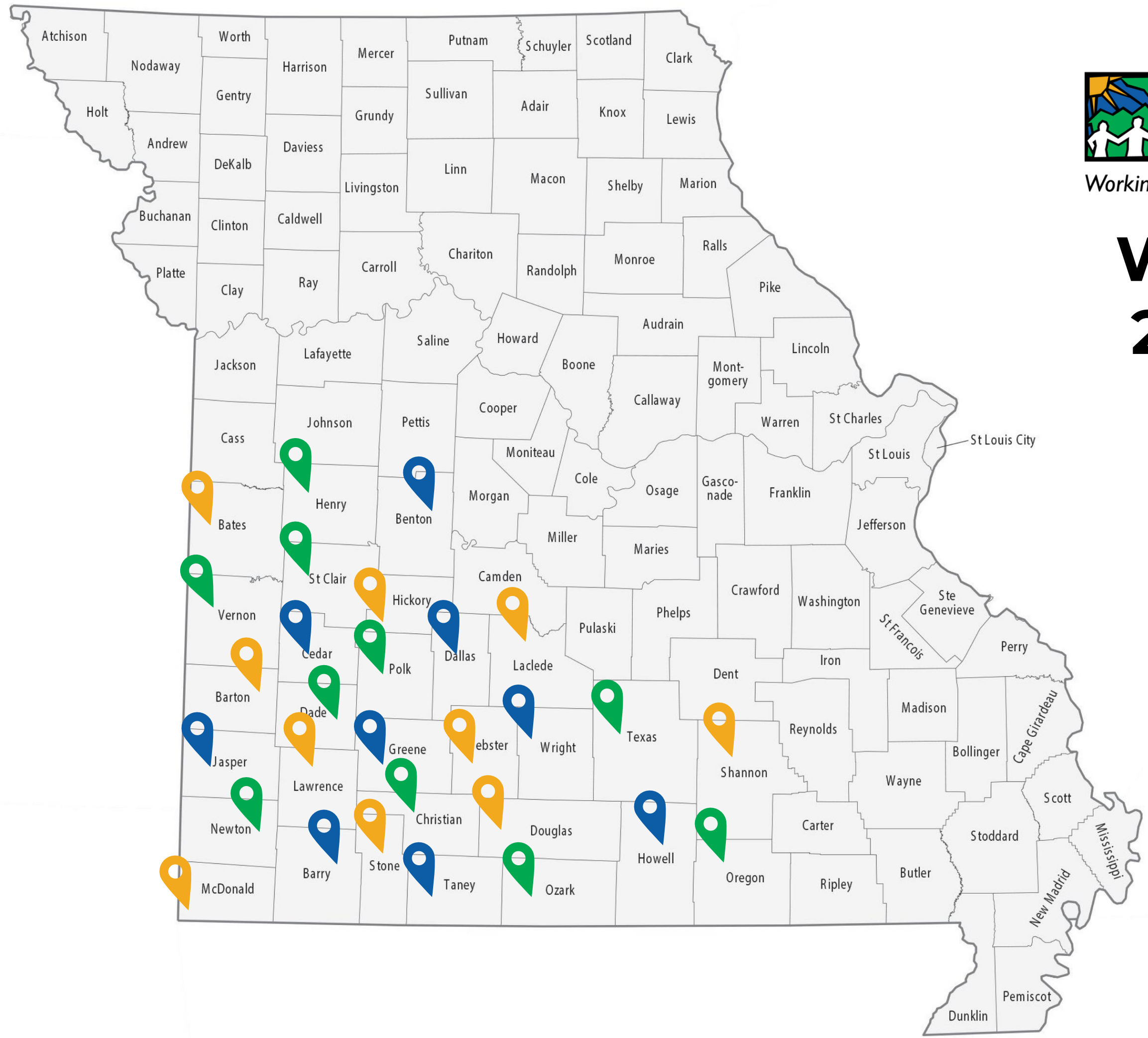
The alliance will deal with everything from getting grants into the area to coming up with programs to solve growing problems.

“It's the old left hand-right hand situation,” said Charlie O'Reilly, chair of the board for Ozarks Fighting Back.

“We'll be able to bring more people together to do more problem solving than we've ever done before.”

The partnership will consist of a board of 28 members — 12 from Ozarks Fighting Back, 12 from the Community Task Force and four from the United Way.

OFB and CTF, both United Way agencies, will continue to operate as they do now, but will be part of a broader effort.



We Serve a 29-County Region



Served or impacted
55,268 people



Recruited 6,716
volunteers

**IN THE
LAST YEAR
WE...**



Received
30,270
volunteer hours



Leveraged \$12,432,669
for our community

Central Trust Company
November 1, 2023
Pay to the order of Community Partnership of the
Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars
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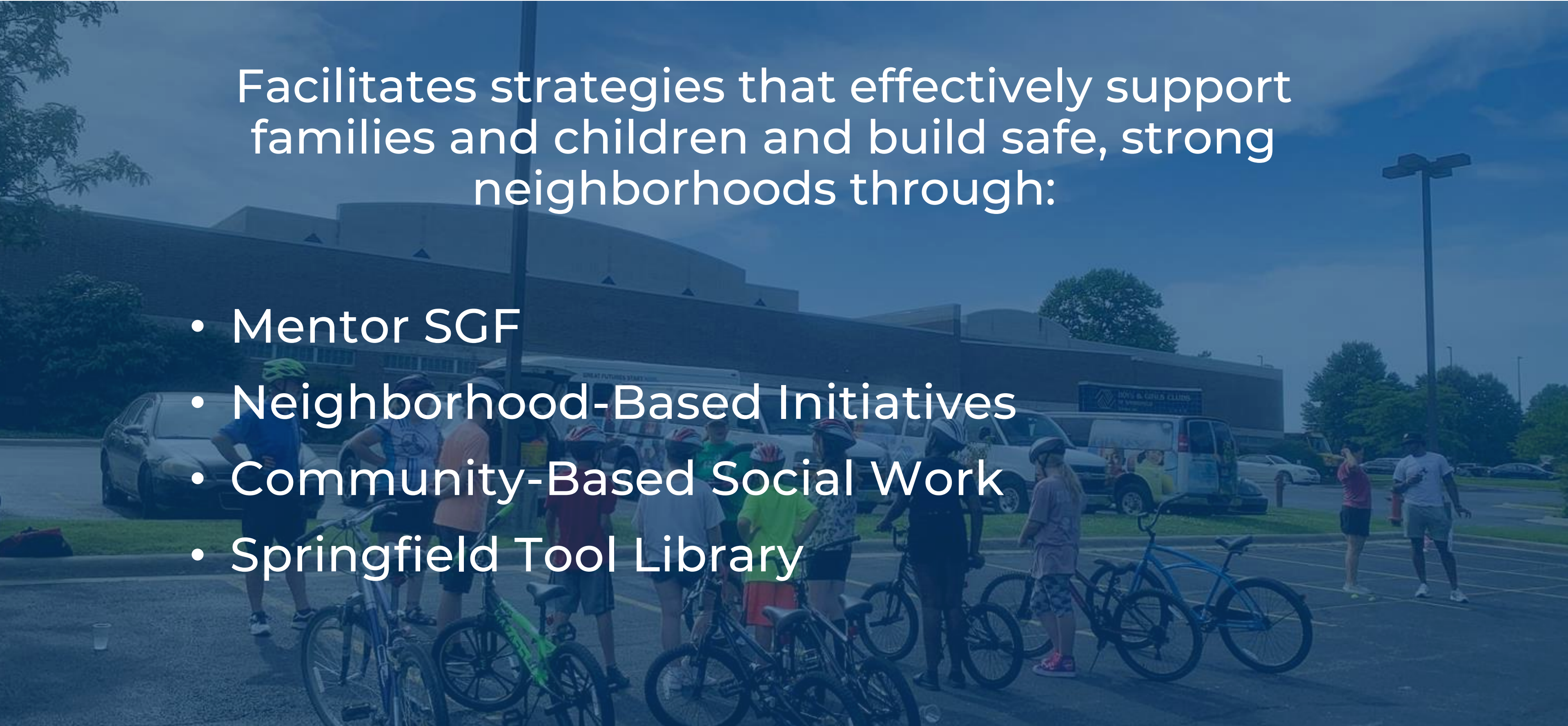
COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT



CARING COMMUNITIES

Facilitates strategies that effectively support families and children and build safe, strong neighborhoods through:

- Mentor SGF
- Neighborhood-Based Initiatives
- Community-Based Social Work
- Springfield Tool Library



2022 ANNUAL MEETING

THE RIPPLE EFFECT



MENTOR SGF



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**SERVED 554 STUDENTS THROUGH
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS LAST YEAR**

We help to support a variety of after school clubs to help provide students opportunities to explore positive activities and allow teachers support to work with kids in areas they are passionate about. After School Clubs include groups like:

- Step Team
- Math Club
- Entrepreneurship Club
- And More

MENTOR SGF

- Strategy to keep kids safe, drug-free and out of gangs
- After school clubs/academic enrichment programs provided in 12 schools
- 1100 students participated in 85 different mentoring programs last year





MENTOR SGF



BULLDOG BASKETBALL ACADEMY

236 STUDENTS *SERVED LAST YEAR*

Bulldog Basketball Academy is a mentoring program focusing on building life skills, connecting youth to positive adult role models, and learning basketball skills. Bulldog Basketball is offered at a range of sites across Springfield including schools and Boys and Girls Club sites.



MENTOR SGF



BROTHER-2-BROTHER SISTERS-2-SISTERS

***167 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ACROSS
15 LOCAL CHAPTERS***

Brother-2-Brother and the newly developed Sisters-2-Sisters empowers youth between the crucial ages of 10 to 18 with core programs focused on leadership development, academic excellence, spiritual growth, community service, career exploration and life skills.



MENTOR SGF

SMALL GROUP AND ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING

MENTORED 92 STUDENTS LAST YEAR

Intentional mentoring to create positive outcomes for youth in the areas of youth development, social emotional learning, academics, and positive character growth.



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**Neighborhood Events
and NOVAs**



Neighborhood Clean-ups

**Neighborhood
Based
Initiatives**



Tool Library



**Help Develop New
Neighborhood
Associations**

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL



NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES



NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION VOLUNTEER AWARDS (NOVA)

Each year, we host an event to recognize neighborhood volunteers at the Neighborhood Organization Volunteer Awards (NOVA) banquet. This event celebrates all of the work that happens in registered neighborhood associations in Springfield.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

An annual event coordinated in partnership with the Springfield Police Department, Springfield Fire Department, and Springfield-Greene County Park Board focusing on building community and police/fire relations.

Neighborhood Clean-Ups

We facilitate neighborhood clean-ups for recognized neighborhood associations in Springfield so that residents can dispose of yard waste, old furniture, construction debris and much more free of charge. Neighborhood clean ups remove hundreds of tons of trash and help keep our community clean for everyone to live, work and play safely.



**222 TONS OF TRASH
COLLECTED LAST YEAR**

Springfield Tool Library

The Springfield Tool Library, the only program of its kind in the state, lends out home repair and gardening tools to Springfield residents and community groups.



Help Develop New Neighborhood Associations

We work in partnership with the City of Springfield to provide support to community members and groups who are working to develop new registered neighborhood associations.



COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL WORK

Our Community-Based Social Work Program, in collaboration with our School-Based Social Work program, provides support to students, families, school staff and the community. The program assesses needs and provides resources and referrals to people in need.

LAST YEAR WE SERVED
284 INDIVIDUALS AND
156 FAMILIES



COMMUNITY YOUTH MENTORING

In partnership with the Division of Youth Services (DYS), we provide one-on-one youth mentoring for at-risk youth placed in DYS custody. We help them complete their individual treatment plan goals while also connecting them to critical community resources.



School-Based Social Work

We offer School-Based Social Work services to students and families in the Springfield Public School district. All students and families who are referred by the school will be connected with a social worker. Social workers create connections by building relationships with students and families. They work to meet with them weekly with the hope of helping families become more self-sufficient.

15,866 CONTACTS MADE WITH STUDENTS AND FAMILIES LAST YEAR



Resources

Educational Needs

Mentoring

Advocacy

Sustainability

NOURISH THE OZARKS

Nourish the Ozarks empowers farmers and enriches communities by providing local food to the community. This program distributes free, locally grown food to communities in need.

The program bridges the gap between farmers and underserved communities by purchasing fresh food directly from farmers in our region and distributing it in communities.

Currently serving 17 counties in Southern Missouri by distributing a range of local food products including meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, and produce.



Financial Literacy

MSOM

Our Making Sense of Money Program teaches basic budgeting. Participants set savings goals and receive a match when they reach their goal.

VITA

Our VITA program helps prepare taxes for those in need. Last year 5,380 returns were prepared bringing in over \$5 million!

TAXAPALOOZA


This one day event provides free tax services for those that qualify where individuals and families can walk in and get their taxes filed.

**IN 2023, WE HAD 50 VOLUNTEERS
THAT COMPLETED 134 RETURNS
BRINGING IN OVER \$91,000
IN FEDERAL REFUNDS AND
\$35,000 IN STATE
REFUNDS!**



COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES

These community collaboratives engage stakeholders in our community around key focus areas with the goal of identifying gaps and needs and making community-wide lasting positive change.

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- A group of diverse people, including a person in a wheelchair, gathered outdoors for a community meeting. The scene is overlaid with a blue tint. The text is white and arranged in two columns.
- Environment/Sustainability
 - Transportation
 - Food
 - Health Equity
 - Housing
 - Early Childhood and Education
 - Child Abuse and Neglect

CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime by overcoming the two key elements that inhibit community involvement: fear and apathy. The Greater Springfield Area Crime Stoppers relies on cooperation between the police, the media, and citizens to provide anonymous information about crime and criminals in the Greene County area with a major focus on crime within Springfield city limits.



EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT





HOME VISITING

Home Visiting is a prevention strategy that connects trained health, social services and child development professionals with new and expecting caregivers to provide education on parenting and child development, build support and facilitate connections to community services.



HOME VISITING



FAMILY FOCUSED NETWORK

468 REFERRALS RECEIVED LAST YEAR

Family Focused Network is a home visiting program that works with anyone that is pregnant or caregivers who have a child up to the age of 5. They work to ensure that all families that want to participate in a home visiting program are served by one that best fits their family needs.



HOME VISITING



SAFE SLEEP FIRST BIRTHDAY

**WE SERVED 223 FAMILIES PROVIDING A
SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP FOR KIDS IN
THEIR HOME.**

Our First Birthday program serves families who are in their 3rd trimester and/or have a child who is up to 6 months old that does not have a safe sleep option. Our team serves 24 counties in Southwest Missouri. Our home visitor provides safe sleep education along with supplying a Pack N Play for a safe sleep option and other items for the baby.



HOME VISITING



HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

**98% OF FAMILIES WE WORKED WITH
MAINTAINED CUSTODY OF THEIR KIDS**

Healthy Families is an evidence-based home visiting program that focuses on relationship-based, culturally respectful, and family-centered practices. Our program serves families that reside in Bates, Henry, Benton, St. Clair, Hickory, Polk, Dallas, and Webster counties.



Child Care Collaborative Network

Statewide quality initiative that provides free onsite consultation and training for child care providers to increase knowledge and skills of the childcare workforce when working with infants, toddlers, and preschool aged children.

CHILD CARE CONNECT

Child Care Connect links families to available child care in the area and provides information on how to choose the best child care for your family. We will help families find state child care records to see things such as inspections and rule compliance. This is an initiative of the Early Care and Education Collaborative, which primarily serves Greene, Christian, Polk and Webster Counties.





PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Aims to create a platform for parents to have their voices heard while connecting with other parents in SW Missouri.



CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

We provide assistance for community members who need help installing car seats to ensure that kids are safe.



Community Outreach

Community Wide Play Day

- Partner with 40+ agencies to provide fun, age-appropriate activities at no cost to families
- Serves 2000+ children (0-12 years old) and their families each year
- Every child receives a free book



Community Outreach

Big Rig Night

- Partnership with Parents as Teachers & Simon Properties/Battlefield Mall
- 3,788 attendees at our July event
- More than 40 vehicles



CLASS PRESCHOOL CERTIFICATION TRAINING

The CLASS™ is an observation tool that examines teacher-child interactions in the classroom. A trained observer watches the classroom activities and scores the effectiveness of teacher-child interactions. Students in high performing CLASS™ classrooms make greater academic and social gains than those in classrooms with lower CLASS™ scores.





SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING TRAINING

This is a lesson-based approach to build on practice of self-regulation and executive function skills, integrated practice of these skills within the classroom, and support for parent engagement and practice at home.





PARENT CAFE TRAINING

Parent Cafés are designed to strengthen families from the inside out. The process relies on parent facilitators who lead peer-to-peer learning using several simple activities including building a sense of community, a theme targeted around the five Strengthening Families™ protective factors, one-on-one discussions to practice listening skills, café conversations, commitments made to ourselves, debriefing on what we learned, and reflection on the method and manner of delivery.



#GoBlueSWMO

Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month

*Protect our
children!*



Pinwheels for
PREVENTION
Prevent Child Abuse
Missouri

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING

We coordinate free community mandated reporter trainings. These trainings are done in partnership with the Greene County Prosecutor's Office, Greene County Children's Division, and the Child Advocacy Center. They teach people more about the system and how to identify and respond to child abuse and neglect.

FLIP IT Training



This training provides a strategy that offers a simple, kind, strengths-based, common sense, and effective four step process to address children's day to day challenging behavior.

F – Feelings

L – Limits

I – Inquires

P – Prompts



PREVENTION AND YOUTH SUPPORT



PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER

- One of 11 Regional Support Centers (RSC)
- 20 Years as Regional Support Center
- Serves 21-County Region in Southwest Missouri Focused on decreasing substance use through prevention
Community coalitions are formed through the PRC to work on impacting substance use problems in their communities



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facilitate the



OZARKS FIGHTING BACK (OFB) ADVISORY BOARD

OFB is a coalition that works to prevent substance misuse and related violence. This group is comprised of key community leaders and has representation from Greene County substance misuse prevention coalitions and providers.

OFB has led or made possible many successful prevention initiatives:

- Greene County Drug Endangered Children Team
- White House Office of National Drug Control Policy - national meth awareness campaign from Springfield
- Spearheaded the “Lock It to Stop It” crime prevention campaign with local law enforcement
- Started the Speaker’s Bureau with SPS



SPIRIT PROGRAM

SPIRIT is a school-based prevention program designed to reduce substance use and promote resilience at any grade level.



GREENE COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUCCESS PROJECT

Federally funded program that builds substance misuse prevention in Greene County.

- Assists substance misuse prevention coalitions with trainings and resources
- Builds capacity to increase community awareness and engagement





REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUCCESS PROJECT

This project is part of the State of Missouri's Partnerships For Success grant, allowing us to provide additional support and resources to nine counties within our service region to help them decrease their substance misuse issues through prevention.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING PROJECT

We provide and coordinate mental health promotion and suicide prevention trainings across our region.



This training helps people learn the signs and symptoms of adults who may be experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis, including thoughts of suicide. It teaches a 5-step action plan to help assess crisis and non-crisis situations, and how to listen non-judgmentally, give reassurance and information, and encourage appropriate professional, self-help, and other support strategies as needed.



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAININGS

We offer:

- Mental Health First Aid
- Teen Mental Health First Aid
- Youth Mental Health First Aid

Go to

www.cpozarks.org/mental-health to sign up



Signs of Suicide Training

School-based prevention training for students in grades 6-12 that teaches students how to identify signs of depression and suicide in themselves and their peers, while providing materials that support school professionals, parents, and communities in recognizing at-risk students and how to take appropriate action.

WE TRAINED 16 NEW SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STAFF TO IMPLEMENT SIGNS OF SUICIDE TRAINING. THIS LED TO SIGNS OF SUICIDE TRAINING BEING PROVIDED TO MORE THAN 6,800 6TH THROUGH 9TH GRADE STUDENTS LAST YEAR

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS

The Developmental Assets are a collection of experiences and qualities that we all have the power to introduce, build and nurture in the lives of young people. The assets act as a guide for adults as we create environments, provide opportunities, engage in healthy relationships, and instill personal strengths that our young people need to succeed. Our team is trained to facilitate in-person, hybrid, or virtual 40 Developmental Assets workshops.

**LAST YEAR WE PROVIDED
DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS WORKSHOPS
AND TRAININGS TO OVER 500 PEOPLE.**



Trainings Offered

Learn more at www.cpozarks.org/mentalhealth

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)

This one-hour suicide prevention training teaches signs and symptoms of someone who may be experiencing suicidal thoughts, along with how to ask about thoughts of suicide directly, persuade someone to stay alive by providing hope, and refer them to professional help.

Conversations for Suicide Safer Homes (CSSH)

This one-hour suicide prevention training informs participants of the role they can play in preventing suicide by reducing access to lethal means, particularly firearms.

Talk Saves Lives (TSL)

This 45-60 minute suicide prevention presentation increases awareness about the scope of suicide as a leading cause of death, what research has found to be warning signs and risk factors of suicide, and strategies to prevent suicide.



SUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORKS

**These networks work in
Christian, Greene, Howell
and Taney Counties.**

**They work to prevent suicide
in these counties through
the Ozarks Firearm Suicide
Prevention Project.**



BORROW MY ANGEL

Borrow My Angel partners with CPO to promote mental wellness in the community.

We provide fiscal administration and staff support to Borrow My Angel to bring encouragement and resources to those affected by depression or suicidal crisis.

**HELPING ANYONE
AFFECTED BY DEPRESSION
& SUICIDAL CRISIS FIND
STRENGTH AND HOPE**



Medication Take-Back Events

- Held in collaboration with the DEA and community partners, typically in the spring and fall.
- Community members can drop off their unused, unwanted or expired medications at these events, and the DEA will collect and properly dispose of them.
- 2,696 pounds were collected at 6 different locations last year.



TOBACCO MERCHANT EDUCATION

Each March, we visit all 1,000+ tobacco retailers in our 21-county region to provide them with information and resources to prevent tobacco sales to minors and stay in compliance with state and federal tobacco sales laws.



Synar Tobacco Compliance Checks

We work with the state to conduct tobacco compliance checks with 100+ tobacco retailers in our region, to ensure they are not selling tobacco to minors.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESS PREVENTION



O'REILLY CENTER FOR HOPE

The O'Reilly Center for Hope serves as a community hub that brings together multiple partner agencies in support of affordable housing, financial stability, and the overall well-being of our community.

***In 2023 we served 9,301
different guests and
made 33,017 referrals.***



ONE DOOR

- One Door provides a central point of entry for coordinated intake, assessment and referrals for housing and shelter services. One Door serves those who are homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness throughout Greene, Christian and Webster counties.
- Averages 171 assessments per month
- Receives over 12,000 calls annually from those seeking stabilizing services



CRISIS COLD WEATHER SHELTERS



Every winter, overnight Crisis Cold Weather Shelters open in our community to provide additional emergency shelter beds. We help to coordinate these shelters that are operated by volunteers and volunteer sites across our community.

10,657 BED NIGHTS OF SHELTER PROVIDED LAST YEAR FOR THOSE IN NEED



SHELTER DIVERSION

Through financial assistance, and case management, CPO's Shelter Diversion program provides support and resources aimed at keeping individuals and households from entering emergency shelters or sleeping in places not meant for human habitation (their cars, vacant building, etc).

EVICTIION DIVERSION

The Housing Stability and Eviction Diversion (HSED) program provides assistance related to eviction relief, case management and legal services intended to keep low to moderate-income tenants housed.



DAYS OF HOPE

These are recurring one day events hosted at the O'Reilly Center for Hope focusing on providing services to those in need. Days have focus areas such as healthcare, careers, vision care, etc. Multiple partners come together to provide a range of services in one location.



NUTRITION DAY OF HOPE PROVIDED NUTRITION AND DIABETES EDUCATION.



VISION DAY OF HOPE OFFERED VISION EXAMS AND GLASSES.



HEARING CARE DAY OF HOPE FOCUSED ON HEARING TESTS AND REFERRALS.



IDENTIFICATION DAY OF HOPE CENTERED ON BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND PHOTO IDS.



SHOWERS AND HAIRCUTS DAY OF HOPE OFFERED FREE HAIRCUTS AND OTHER HYGIENE NEEDS.



SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

- This program allows qualified buyers to purchase homes while the land beneath the home belongs to the Springfield Community Land Trust
- The homeowner holds rights to the land by paying a fee through a lease-hold agreement
- Homes within the program are typically remodeled or new construction homes that are energy efficient and equipped with new appliances and other amenities






AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

We work with local affordable housing developments to create an environment to strengthen communities. Our partnership with these housing developments allows us to host events and encourage the community to come together and care for one another. Through on-site educational opportunities and family events, neighbors can get to know one another, lend a helping hand and build community together.

Bringing innovation and collaboration together to identify the needs of the homeless in our community to address recommendations and meet goals within our 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness



**OZARKS
ALLIANCE TO
END
HOMELINESSNESS**

Responsible for ensuring over \$971,000 in HUD dollars are secured annually to support emergency and transitional housing providers, domestic violence shelters, and substance abuse recovery centers.



OTHER CPO PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES



PROSPER SPRINGFIELD



Prosper Springfield was created in March 2017 to work with 300+ entities in the community working to make the Springfield community more prosperous.

The community has two goals to increase the prosperity for our community:

- 1) Reduce the poverty level from 25.7 to 20.7 percent and*
- 2) increase post-secondary attainment from 39.5 to 48 percent – both by 2025.*



EQUITY AND PROSPERITY COMMISSION

The Equity and Prosperity Commission is Phase 2 of Prosper Springfield. It is a group of community stakeholders working together to address systemic barriers and reduce poverty in Springfield and Greene County.

The main goal for the Commission focused on creating eco-systems and not recommending additional programs. The Commission continued with the Impacting Poverty Commission's two original community goals:

1. Reduce poverty by five percentage points
2. Increase postsecondary educational attainment (increase education beyond high school to 60 percent.)

GUN SAFETY AND VIOLENCE COLLABORATIVE

This group formed in 2023 to address the increase in gun-related violence in Springfield. This collaborative is working to make lasting, positive change in reducing gun-related violence in our community.





COMMUNITY DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION WORK

We work to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) across the community and create infrastructure for other organizations and businesses to improve their DEI culture.

Racism, discrimination and intolerance are roadblocks to improving the quality of life for everyone in our region, and we must do better as a community, state, and nation.





MULTICULTURAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Multicultural Business Association (MBA) was established to promote economic development, business opportunities, and employment through advocacy, capacity building, and networking for women, minority-owned businesses, and entrepreneurs.

In 2023 this group was brought under the umbrella of CPO to provide additional support to help achieve their mission.





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THANK YOU!



QUESTIONS?

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