

Missouri KidsFirst

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Missouri KidsFirst leads and supports communities in abuse prevention, provides training to multi-disciplinary team members engaged in child protection, and advocates public policies that address and prevent child abuse.

MISSOURI
KIDSFIRST
Ending Child Abuse Now



MISSOURI KIDSFIRST HAS BEEN A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND SOME OF THE MOST VITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN PUBLIC POLICY TO KEEP MISSOURI'S CHILDREN SAFE.

- Kelly Schultz
Director, Missouri Office of Child Advocate



FROM THE DIRECTOR

As Missouri's premier agency working to create a safer Missouri for our children, 2015 was full of exciting accomplishments.

We worked on much needed legislation to make sure youths with problem sexual behaviors are brought into the child welfare system, along with their victims. This was an enormous task that required long hours of policy research and development and working with lawmakers to craft and pass legislation. As Department of Social Services implemented the resulting new policy, Missouri KidsFirst worked along side of them to assure successful implementation of the law.

In 2015, we grew Missouri's medical response to child abuse and continued to train Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) and their Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT). MDTs are the heart of our CAC movement, and

we are thrilled by the level of dedication and coordination fostered in MDT trainings. The more we all play our role to the best of our abilities, the better able we are to serve Missouri's kids.

Our prevention efforts continue to grow through our Pinwheels for Prevention awareness campaign and Stewards of Children program. In 2015 we increased Stewards of Children trainings and added trainers to our expanding statewide network.

Our work continues and there is always more to be done, but with your generous support we made Missouri safer for our state's children in 2015.

Joy Oesterly
Missouri KidsFirst Executive Director

ADVOCACY= CHANGE

Empowering adults to protect kids often means changing systems developed to protect children and families. As best practices evolve, so must our policies.

In 2015, we advocated for many appropriations & changes:

- House Bill 341 was one of the most important bills passed by the General Assembly in 2015. This bill, amended to include many provisions to protect vulnerable persons, gives Children's Division the authority to provide family assessments of youths with problem sexual behaviors. Children who were being abused by juveniles with problem sexual behaviors often received no services or protective intervention because there was no entity charged with investigating this type of abuse. As a result of HB 341, these children can receive services and protective interventions.



- \$500,000 to create a network of mental health providers trained in evidence-based practices to serve children who have experienced trauma. For a child who has experienced trauma, effective mental health is a lifeline and opportunity to flourish.
- \$1.4 million so physically abused children would receive forensic medical exams and case review from trained SAFE-CARE providers. Forensic exams and case review help children and families begin to heal and find justice.
- \$200,000 to assess youth with problem sexual behaviors.
- \$150,000 to Missouri's Child Advocacy Centers.
- \$100,000 to the Office of the Child Advocate.

A LOOK BACK *Implementing Senate Bill 341*



We were proud to work with Senator Jeanie Riddle & Chief of Staff Zach Monroe. Senator Riddle sponsored Senate Bill 341.



The Senate Bill 341 implementation team works to develop a state system to respond to youth with problem sexual behaviors.



Emily van Schenkhof & Annie Wilson take a much-needed coffee break.



Emily van Schenkhof's daughters love coming to the capitol for *Pinwheels for Prevention*.

EDUCATION= EMPOWERMENT

Protecting children through adult empowerment can mean professional development for law enforcement, doctors, nurses, prosecutors and many others who dedicate much of their working lives to children.

It can mean building and developing networks and facilitating communication among professionals who must work together to ensure the safety and welfare of Missouri's children.

MISSOURI KIDSFIRST
manages the **SAFE-CARE** network,
Missouri's medical response to
child abuse.

IN 2015, MISSOURI KIDSFIRST:

- Established SAFE-CARE Provider requirements
- Increased the number of SAFE-CARE providers by more than 60% from 27 to 41 providers
- Established SAFE-CARE Mentoring Guidelines
- Established SAFE-CARE Emergency New Provider Guidelines
- Provided 16 hours of training for new SAFE-CARE providers
- Upgraded the Quality Improvement System (QIS) for SAFE-CARE providers to review cases in real time with mentors.
- Facilitated 6 hours of case review with SAFE-CARE providers
- Facilitated 5 hours of webinar training, reaching 267 medical providers and Multidisciplinary team members
- SAFE-CARE Resource Centers provided 184 hours of training to:
 - 1,071 Medical Providers
 - 15 Dentists
 - 20 EMS Professionals
 - 129 Children's Division Professionals
 - 774 Multidisciplinary Team Members

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM

111

THE NUMBER OF CHILDFIRST TRAINING HOURS PROVIDED TO 181 PROFESSIONALS.

240

THE NUMBER OF CHILD ABUSE TRAINING HOURS PROVIDED TO 302 PROFESSIONALS.

CHILDFIRST TRAINING PROVIDED TO 181 PROFESSIONALS FOR 111 HOURS:

- 2 Medical Professionals
- 50 Law Enforcement Professionals
- 77 Children's Division Professionals
- 19 Child Advocacy Center Professionals
- 8 Juvenile Officers
- 14 Forensic Interviewers

CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION TRAINING PROVIDED TO 302 PROFESSIONALS FOR 240 HOURS:

- 2 Medical Professionals
- 24 Law Enforcement Professionals
- 260 Children's Division Professionals
- 8 Child Advocacy Center Professionals
- 2 Juvenile Officers
- 2 Prosecutors
- 2 Mental Health Professionals



Missouri KidsFirst is the state chapter for the **National Children's Alliance** and provides support and advocacy to the state's 15 child advocacy centers.

Missouri KidsFirst was reaccredited by the **National Children's Alliance** as the state chapter of Missouri's child advocacy centers.



Missouri Kids First is the state chapter for **Prevent Child Abuse America**. As the state chapter, we work to prevent abuse through education, awareness and social change.



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT MISSOURI KIDSFIRST

"Missouri KidsFirst prevents child abuse and improves system responses on absolutely all fronts. MKF gathers stakeholders together to identify areas of concerns, gets solutions from those in the field, and then commits to implementing the necessary changes. MFK has been incredibly successful whether the solution is advocacy surrounding a specific case, changing state law, attaining funding, providing training, or simply getting the right people together at the table. Their collaboration, willingness to ask tough questions, and commitment to seeing things through to implementation has directly had an impact on the wellbeing of children. I am truly grateful for each one of the staff at Missouri KidsFirst."

-Kelly Schultz,

Director, Missouri Office of Child Advocate

"As a parent, I needed to know this. Thank you!"

-Stewards of Children Attendee

"ChildFirst is critical for proper child abuse investigations."

-Detective Allison Stewart

PREVENTION= SAFETY

We believe that each adult trained in prevention skills means safer homes, schools and communities for children. We are proud to report that our 2015 prevention efforts have created safer environments for children.

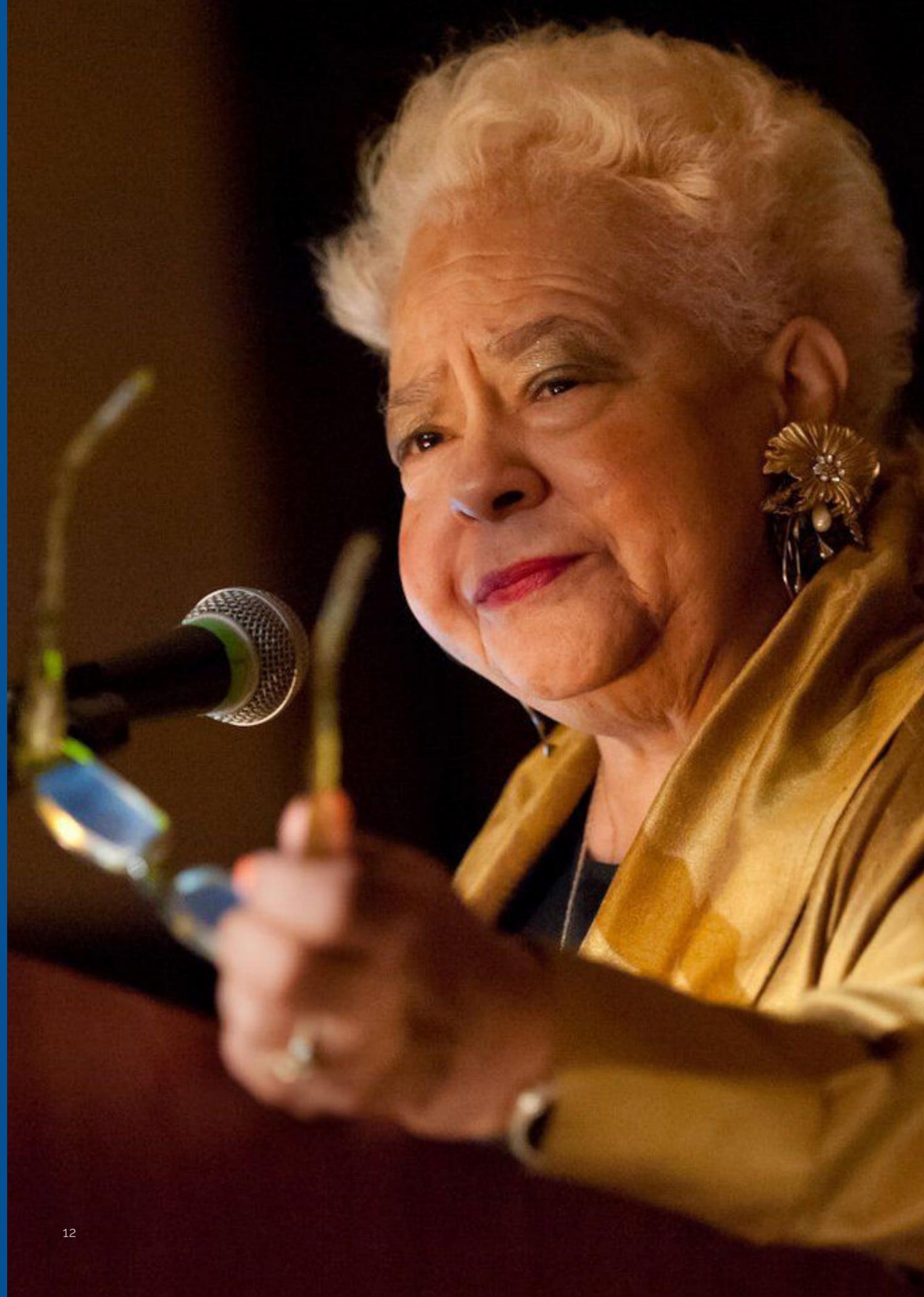
Our Prevention Programming & Leadership Included:

- Missouri KidsFirst led a statewide workgroup tasked with creating a curriculum for a standardized online training for mandated reporters. When mandated reporters are well trained, children's lives can be saved.
- We played a lead role in Missouri Prevention Partners, a collaborative of public and private organizations committed to ending child abuse.
- Missouri KidsFirst leads and continues to build the Missouri Stewards of Children Facilitator Network:
 - We organized and facilitated 12 Stewards of Children trainings.
 - We trained nearly 200 adults to protect children from sexual abuse.
 - We added 38 new facilitators to the Stewards of Children Network.



IN MEMORIAM

Missouri KidsFirst mourns the passing of board member Ida Woolfolk. Ida passed away March 23, 2016. Ida was a community leader and champion for children. She is greatly missed.



2015 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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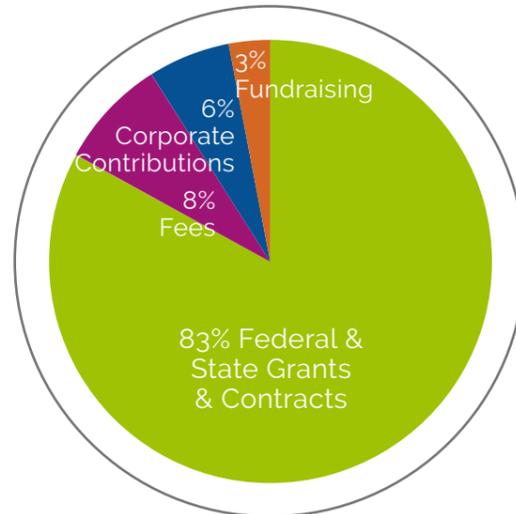
Jill Mueth
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The late Ida Woolfolk
Civic & Community Leader, St. Louis, MO

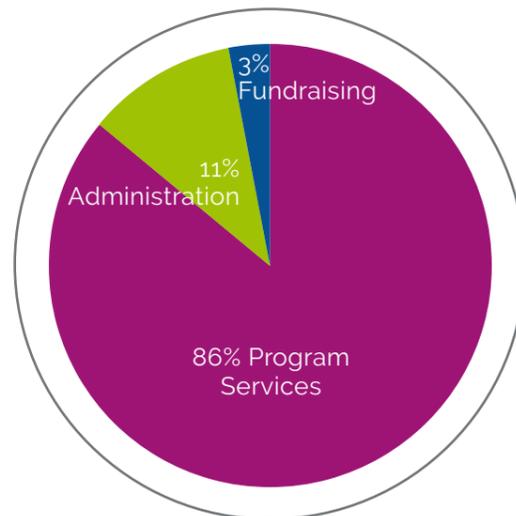


REVENUE



Corporate Contributions	\$	57,551
Federal & State & Contracts	\$	868,595
Fees	\$	86,290
Fundraising	\$	32,924
Other	\$	237
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EXPENSES



Program Services	\$	858,178
Administration	\$	107,413
Fundraising	\$	26,582
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		\$ 992,582



Donate to Missouri KidsFirst and your gift will help protect children. With your help, we can prevent child abuse before it happens, intervene for children when abuse does happen, and advocate for just laws that make Missouri a safer and better place for children. Visit MISSOURIKIDSFIRST.ORG

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