Saint Louis Crisis Nursery Community
Child Abuse & Neglect Impact Report

Building Strong Families

FY19
**RISK FACTORS and CONCERNS of Families Served:**

- substance abuse
- homelessness
- extreme poverty
- domestic violence
- parental mental health concerns
- extreme parental stress
- lack of basic necessities

41% OF CHILDREN IN ST. LOUIS LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LINE

ST. LOUIS CITY RANKS DEAD LAST AMONG THE STATE’S 115 COUNTIES IN THE COMPOSITE RANKING OF ECONOMIC WELL-BEING, HEALTH, SAFETY AND EDUCATION

4,817 CASES OF CHILD ABUSE ARE REPORTED IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY

**IMPACT of RESPITE CARE in the St. Louis/St. Charles Region:**

- 99% of families remained intact, avoiding out-of-home placement
- 98% of families identified parenting stress triggers and coping mechanisms, increasing their Protective Factors
- 96% of children did NOT receive a substantiated child abuse hotline
- 94% of families reported stress reduction, decreasing their potential for child maltreatment

**IMPACT of FAMILY EMPOWERMENT Services by the Crisis Nurseries of St. Louis/St. Charles:**

- 100% of families remained intact, avoiding out-of-home placement
- 99% of children did NOT receive a substantiated child abuse hotline
- 94% of families utilized new coping mechanisms, increasing their Protective Factors
FY 19 Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Activities:

24-Hour Helpline—Provides 24-hour immediate access to a source of crisis intervention and support;

- received more than 4,229 calls for help from parents in crisis; answered by trained professionals;
- More than 256,000 hours of crisis care provided to children at-risk of abuse or neglect;

Respite Care for Kids—Provides short-term nurturing care, medical and developmental exams, therapeutic interventions, food and clothing for children, birth through age 12;

- the Crisis Nurseries provided 4,790 emergency respite care admissions to children vulnerable to abuse.
- More than 26,500 hours of loving care provided by volunteers;

Home & Community-Based Programming—Provides crisis counseling, community referrals, home visitation, parent education groups for families;

- 2,444 families were provided trauma-informed services through the Family Empowerment Program;
- 4,953 Home Visits were provided to families;
- More than 1,800 parents were provided case management, basic necessities and community resource connections through Crisis Nursery outreach activities.

- Crisis Nursery staff conducted more than 75 canvassing events in low-income communities across the region and places where families with young children were located.

77% of children provided crisis care are under age 6

90% of families served live in poverty
Grateful Parents share their thoughts:

“I would not be alive without the help that St. Louis Crisis Nursery has given me. When I first started working with the Nursery I wanted to kill myself. I felt worthless and that my life had no value. Someone told me about this program, and so I called to see if I could get help. Everything has changed for me. I am thankful that I am alive, that I have learned new skills, and that my four children have a stronger and more capable mother today than they did two years ago. They never gave up on me.”

“Thanks again for being so kind and accepting. Because of you keeping my babies, I was able to get sober.”

“The Nursery went above and beyond to give my family the support we needed. They made sure my kids were comfortable and safe during a really hard time for us.”

“When my daughter was young I was mentally in a terrible place and if it were not for your safety net, I don’t know where her or I would be. I just want to thank you and give you the acknowledgment you all very much deserve! I am now married with 2 more children, a total of 3. And life is so much better.”