

Name of Lead Agency	St. Patrick Center
Location	Louis, MO
Title of Project	Project Protect
Program Option	RPG 5-Year Grant; \$500,000 annually
Geographic Area and Congressional District Served	St. Louis and County Areas Congressional District 1
Brief Program Description	Project Protect aimed to enhance the safety and wellbeing of children by enabling them to be reared by their parents in stable, nurturing home environments, away from the influences of substance abuse. Project Protect provided a comprehensive continuum of care for homeless and impoverished families with children in out-of-home placements or at risk of being removed from homes due to parental substance abuse. It uses the evidence-based practice, Intensive Case Management (ICM).
Target Population	<p>The project targeted:</p> <p>Families that met the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families at risk of having their children removed from homes or have children in foster or substitute care with substance-abuse issues or co-occurring disorders and the dependent children involved in St Louis City and County areas.
Participants Served	<p>Children: 813</p> <p>Adults: 341</p> <p>Families: 340</p>
Major Goals	<p>Major program goals included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children at risk of out-of-home placements due to parental substance abuse will remain with their parents • Children in out-of-home placements due to parental substance abuse will be returned to their parents • Substance-abusing parents will end or reduce their use of substances • Parents will address their behaviors that affect child wellbeing • Children will have opportunities for healthy physical, social and emotional development

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interagency collaborations will be improved to enhance permanency outcomes.
<p>Key Major Program Services</p>	<p>Case Management and In-Home Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive/Coordinated Case Management • Traditional In-Home Services <p>Substance Abuse Treatment for Adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive Outpatient – Matrix Model <p>Specialized Outreach, Engagement & Retention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivational Interviewing <p>Family-Centered Substance Abuse Treatment</p> <p>Screening/Assessment – Substance Use and Other Adult Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening and Assessment for Substance Use Disorders • Other Specialized Adult Screening and Assessment - Parenting, Psycho-Social <p>Housing Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Support Services and Assistance • Permanent Supportive Housing and Permanent Housing <p>Other Major Program Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation
<p>Partner Agencies and Organizations</p>	<p>Child Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Child Welfare Agency <p>Substance Abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Abuse Treatment Agency <p>Courts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Treatment Drug Court (FTDC) <p>Mental Health Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Services Provider • Adult Health Services Provider (Hospital) <p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing/Homeless Provider <p>Education</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Department of Education • College or University <p>Other Evaluation and Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluator (University-Affiliated or Other) <p>Other Community and Child and Family Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church/ Faith-based Organization • Other Community Stakeholder Groups • Other Advisory/ Council Groups
<p>Evaluation Design and Comparison Group Type</p>	<p>Quasi-experimental Same-Time, Matched Population-Level</p>
<p>Performance Indicators</p>	<p>Project Protect clients on average spent 277 less days in foster care than the average State of Missouri case, with a range from 18 to 567 fewer days. At a daily reimbursement rate of \$227.00 the average Project Protect case saved the State of Missouri \$51,680.00.</p>
<p>Sustainability Status</p>	<p>Within St. Patrick several products developed and implemented for the Project Protect Program are now used across programs of the Housing Department. The agency now examines outcomes of safety, permanency and wellbeing in Individualized Service Strategies (ISS) plans.</p>