

Continental Cement, Green America Recycling, and United Way Substance Abuse Prevention Initiative



United Way of
The Mark Twain Area

ABOUT UNITED WAY

■ **MISSION:**

Increase the Capacity of People to Care for One Another

■ **VISION:**

The United Way of the Mark Twain Area empowers all individuals to achieve their potential through education, financial stability, and healthy lives.

■ **SERVICE AREA:** Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, and Shelby County

Total Organizational Budget:	\$425,000
<i>Office and Campaign Budget:</i>	<i>\$137,680</i>
<i>Invested in local Non-Profits:</i>	<i>\$238,320</i>
<i>Substance Abuse Prevention Initiative:</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>
<i>Reserves and Uncollectable:</i>	<i>\$24,000</i>



COMMUNITY ISSUE: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND AT-RISK YOUTH



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COMMUNITY ISSUE

■ Substance Abuse

Substance Abuse has been identified as an issue in our area. Employers are unable to find individuals to fill workforce positions due to the inability to pass drug tests. The justice system is overwhelmed by drug related issues. The number of children in foster care has seen a dramatic increase.

■ Contributing Factors to Substance Abuse

- Genetic predisposition
- Certain brain characteristics that can make someone more vulnerable to addictive substances than the average person
- Psychological factors (e.g., stress, personality traits like high impulsivity or sensation seeking, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, personality and other psychiatric disorders)
- Environmental influences (e.g., exposure to physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or trauma, substance use or addiction in the family or among peers, access to an addictive substance; exposure to popular culture references that encourage substance use)
- Starting alcohol, nicotine or other drug use at an early age

LOCAL DATA

Marion County 2018 Drug Related Arrests



Drugs and crime relationship	Definition	Examples
Drug-defined offenses	Violations of laws prohibiting or regulating the possession, distribution, or manufacture of illegal drugs.	Drug possession or use. Marijuana cultivation. Methamphetamine production. Cocaine, heroin, or marijuana sales.
Drug-related	Offenses in which drug's pharmacologic effects contribute; offenses are motivated by the user's need for money to support continued use; and offenses connected to drug distribution itself.	Violent behavior resulting from drug effects. Stealing to get money to buy drugs. Violence against rival drug dealers.

Drug and Crime Relationship Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics
<https://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=tp&tid=352>



LOCAL DATA

Marion County 2018 Arrests

Rape	8
Prostitution or Commercialized Vice	23
Sex Offenses (Except Forcible Rape and Prostitution)	11
TOTAL SEX OFFENSES:	42

Aggravated Assault	52
Simple (Non-Aggravated) Assaults	239
TOTAL ASSAULTS:	291

Robbery	3
Burglary	20
Larceny-Theft	245
Motor Vehicle Theft	7
Forgery and Counterfeiting	11
Fraud	28
Stolen Property (Buy, Sell, and/or Receive)	6
TOTAL ROBBERY/THEFT/FRAUD	320

Offenses Against the Family and Children	95
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Disorderly Conduct	96
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ARRESTS NOT INCLUDED ON CHART:	
All Other Offenses	2211

Weapons Charges	52
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Sale/Manufacturing of Opium or Cocaine and their Derivatives	6
Sale or Manufacturing of Marijuana	15
Sale/Manufacturing of Synthetic Narcotics	3
Sale or Manufacturing of Other Dangerous Non-Narcotic Drugs	22
Possession of Opium or Cocaine and their Derivatives	19
Possession of Marijuana	203
Possession of Synthetic Narcotics	31
Possession of Other Dangerous Non-Narcotic Drugs	141
Driving Under the Influence	105
Liquor Law Violations	64
Drunkenness	48
TOTAL DRUG/ALCOHOL	657

Curfew and Loitering Law Under 18	41
Runaways Under 18	6
TOTAL JUVENILE OFFENSES	47

Source: Missouri State Highway Patrol
https://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/SAC/data_and_statistics_uqr_query_backup.html

“In the previous 12 months, the Marion County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office filed 708 charges (not including traffic tickets or infractions). Of those, 395 (55.8%) of the charges filed were related to drug and alcohol crimes. Of the 395 cases, 93 (13% of the 708 caseload) were DWI.

These numbers don’t reflect what I consider “drug fueled” crimes (assault, robbery, stealing, property damage, burglary, etc.). Often times an addict will commit crimes to support their drug habits. I don’t have an accurate estimate of what percentage of the overall caseload would be considered “drug fueled” but I would guess it’s a pretty large percentage.”

-Luke Bryant
 Marion County Prosecuting Attorney



AT RISK YOUTH

■ Marion County Child Data (under 18)

6,733	Population of children	52.9%	Children on free & reduced lunch
38.9%	Live in single-parent households	20.8%	Children face food insecurity
19.9%	Live in families in poverty	38.6%	Live in families receiving food stamps
29.2%	Children under 6 who live in families in poverty	11.6%	Births to mothers without HS diploma
40.5%	Live in households at 185% of poverty threshold	23.4%	Mothers smoked while pregnant
2.8%	Children are homeless	41%	Born to mother who is not married
		18.5%	Live in homes where 30%+ of income is spent on housing

Source:
<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

■ Foster Care 10th Circuit Court

224	Juveniles in Foster Care in Marion, Monroe, and Ralls Counties
85%	In Foster Care due to substance abuse in home

Source: Samantha Gosney, Licensing Officer at 10th Circuit Court Children's Division

■ Juvenile Probation 10th Circuit Court

250	Juveniles on Probation (Formal or Informal) in Marion, Monroe, and Ralls Counties
85%	Come from home where parents have abused substances Mother used substances while pregnant with child Child was victim of abuse/neglect
50%	On probation have direct connection to substance use as reason for being on probation
30%	Juveniles on probation in the 10th circuit district are also in foster care

Source: Interview with JC Weyand, Attorney & Chief Justice Officer at 10th Judicial Circuit Court



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION INITIATIVE



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PREVENTION INITIATIVE

■ JUSTIFICATION

In an effort to create a better community and more vibrant economy, the issue of substance abuse needs to be tackled head on.

■ YOUTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Continental Cement, Green America Recycling, and United Way have joined together to decrease the number of youth who eventually become individuals who abuse substances.

■ INITIATIVE GOAL

Decrease the number of local individuals who abuse substances by preventing youth from engaging in utilizing substances.



DETAILS OF INITIATIVE:

- Non-profit organizations are invited to apply for \$25,000 to fund a research based initiative to prevent area youth from utilizing substances.
- These dollars are to be used solely to **prevent** youth from utilizing substances (not any treatment).
- Organizations will submit an application outlining details of the prevention initiative which will be reviewed by committee members. Applications will be accepted July 1st through October 15th.
- The top submitted proposals will be announced in early November. Individuals submitting the top proposals will make a presentation to committee members. Members of the committee will ask questions and one organization will be awarded funding.
- Funding for this project is made possible because of Continental Cement and Green America Recycling.

