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Thrive: to grow vigorously: FLOURISH

award that created much-needed Pre-K slots. Child Care Connections and almost doubled the size of our staff and annual budget. In December, reforms to increase quality early childhood care and education the Community Network Pilots became the gold standard for statewide Coalition. Beginning in August, the addition of three Early Head Start centers



created new community events that highlighted the unique needs of fathers and young children Authority. We expanded our Al's Pals, Signs of Suicide and Parenting programs into rural parishes, and we to address substance abuse in Union Parish, and added out-of-school programs at the Monroe Housing partnerships with state agencies that explored adolescent health issues in Ouachita Parish, built coalitions We also grew with the child by expanding our school-age programs to include

someone who cares for a child. As we grow as an organization, it is important not to lose sight of that child allowed the Coalition to not only grow, but to also flourish—and in so doing, have created a community combined efforts of our wonderful staff, dedicated board and amazing community partners that have As you read through the Annual Report, you will see a lot of numbers. Each number represents a child or Take a moment to look at their faces. Visit our website and hear their stories. Most of all, know that it is the

Lynn Clark, Executive Director

of you know, Lynda Gavioli, our founder and executive director for 16 years, set at the start of this fiscal year are being met to the upmost degree. As most On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are pleased to report that the goals Dr. Lynn Clark and the dedicated Coalition staff have done an exceptional job Coalition is built upon, it has been a remarkably successful transition and year retired last June. Due to the careful planning and excellent foundation that the



programs continue to be strong, and we are able to support not only Ouachita Parish but also involve our surrounding parishes as well. close gaps between agencies, programs and resources for our children. We are proud to report our needed to succeed, which will ultimately benefit everyone. The Coalition continues to bring together and

resources to children O-18 years old. Through successful programs that continue our mission, we are able to educators, parents, partners and businesses we can continue to build a community where children and reach so many children, but our mission will not cease and must go on. Thanks to our members, staff, board While reading through this Annual Report, please take note of all the hard work to link and extend

Mary Kate Smith, Board President

BOARD & STAFF

WHAT DOES THRIVE MEAN TO YOU?

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

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EARLY HEAD START

Erika Breshears Jessica Dunaway Miyoshi Artist Bernice Amos Lindsay Cavin Lacie Blake

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Sharon Thomas Latrinda Thomas JaNetta Thomas

- Debbie's School of Dance, West Monroe, LA

Debbie Bourg environment" its full potential under a loving, nurturing "Seeing something grow and develop to

Sha'Nikqua Ward Kaykitty Willis

HEALTHY LIVING

Patti McGilton Susan Thompson * Tammy Washington Joyce Landrum

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Amy Pyles, RN * Sherelle Smith * Jan Daniels

PARENTING

Gatha Green

Octaevia Crockhom

- Zion Hill Baptist Church, Farmerville, LA

Rev. lommy Carr

"To vigorously move forward with a plan"

Carolyn Ward Lasheka Thornton

Mary Barrios



Garnesha Alford with the ever-changing landscape of child care" "Push forward and never give up...especially

- Little Ones Child Care Center, Bastrop, LA

a self-fulfilling life" "Utilizing all the resources around you to live

Curtis Eberts

WrapAround of NELA



*Contractor

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION at the Children's Coalition is at the very hear

and family child care homes. This is done through a coordinated approach to training development occurs between birth and age three. The mission of this focus area is to ensure quality, nurturing environments to children in both Type III child care centers of the organizational mission and core values. We know that the most critical brain technical assistance and coaching.

2014 — 2015 OUTCOMES



providing training and technical assistance to child care providers region-wide CHILD CARE CONNECTIONS Helping parents find quality child care, and (11 parishes)

- 2,438 teachers trained
- 684 Technical Assistance Visits conducted
- 60 families received child care referrals



care for children from birth through age three at three centers in Ouachita Parish CHILDREN'S COALITION EARLY HEAD START Providing quality child

- 90 children served
- 4 pregnant moms served
- 77 families served
- 60 average monthly enrollment
- 47 community volunteers for six Super Saturday cleaning day events
- 43 children currently on waiting list for entry



coordinating enrollment in three parishes: Ouachita, Morehouse and Richland system through streamlined program expectations, supporting teachers and COMMUNITY NETWORK PILOTS Working to unify the early childhood

- OPENetwork (Ouachita Parish Early Childhood Network) 2,256 children and approximately 220 teachers
- MORE Network (Morehouse Parish Early Childhood Network) 482 children and approximately 35 teachers
- **Richland Parish Early Childhood Network**

337 children and approximately 34 teachers



(statewide) shop" for cost savings and time saving for child care centers and educators LAASR - LOUISIANA ALLIANCE FOR SHARE RESOURCES A "one-stop

338 memberships

Funding provided by Louisiana Department of Education and School Readiness Tax Credits

PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS



When children are healthy and well-nourished, they are more able to learn, grow HEALTHY LIVING concentrates on developing the body as well as the mind and thrive throughout their school years. Our school-based and out-of-school community-based initiatives meet the unique needs of families in our region. programs encourage positive physical and mental development, and

2014 — 2015 OUTCOMES



to make healthy choices AL'S PALS Teaching preschool children the social-emotional and resiliency skills

- 1,879 students served in 9 Child Development Centers, 87 Pre-K classrooms, and 21 Kindergarten classrooms in Ouachita and Morehouse Parish Schools and Monroe City Schools
- 12 Family In-Home Child Care providers trained on the Al's Caring Pals Program - an adaptation of the Al's Pals program specifically for home settings



so children in the housing authority are reading on grade level by third grade LITERACY PLUS Providing literacy programs that bridge the home and school

- 160 Pre-K through fifth grade students attended the Literacy Plus After-School Tutoring at Berg Jones Elementary School
- 50 Pre-K through first grade students attended the Literacy Plus Summer 10 students attended Monroe Housing Authority's Summer Drama Camp Program (June 2015) at Berg Jones School
- in conjunction with Strauss Youth Arts Academy
- Reading Time program at Berg Jones School 15 Pre-K families and 25 school-aged families attended the Prime Time Family



5-year plan to address underage drinking and prescription drug abuse U-ACT Creating a coalition in Union Parish that will develop and implement a

- 400 people served through events, coalition membership and "Rethink the Drink" prom campaign
- 3 schools: Union Parish High School, Downsville Charter School and D'Arbonne Woods Charter School



developmentally appropriate practices that foster healthy development MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION Educating teachers and parents on

- 🔾 4 parishes: Ouachita, Lincoln, Morehouse, Richland
- 23 child care centers
- 300 children per month
- 656 hours spent in centers with direct service to children, owners/directors, staff and/or parents

Funding provided by Northeast Delta Human Services Agency, Monroe Housing Authority,

and Tulane Institute for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

Berg Jones Pre-K Teacher, Jeanette Wynn, teaches a lesson on feelings



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data and works with governmental agencies, non-profit organizations and empowering and supporting youth, adults must work together to address physical health and nutrition, and support with key issues that matter to some of the serious problems faced by our teens. The Coalition utilizes young people. Statistics show that supportive relationships bring safety, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT encourages positive mental health, concerned citizens to develop strategies addressing these issues using stability and encouragement to young people's lives. In addition to both school-based programs and community-based initiatives.

2014 — 2015 OUTCOMES



SIGNS OF SUICIDE

suicide in themselves and others Helping middle school students to recognize signs of depression and

- O 2,897 teens trained
- 777 screened for mental illness within 7 schools in 3 parishes



LPHI MAPPING ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

needs of adolescents Building a coalition to help identify and meet the reproductive health

- 3 local coalition meetings
- 8 health system providers, 12 community organizations and 1 school system assessed for community report



4TH JDC YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

toster or justice system in Ouachita and Morehouse parishes parishes dedicated to meeting the needs of youth at risk of entering the 20-member, cross-sector coalition from Ouachita and Morehouse

Funding provided by Northeast Delta Human Services Agency and Louisiana Public Health Institute



ARENT EDUCATION AMARIAMANA MARIAMANA MARIAMANA

Parenting Programs for children ages O-18. Due to the efforts of the parenting PARENT EDUCATION has consistently provided evidence-based programs such as The Nurturing Skills for Teen Parents, Triple P Seminars and Nurturing development, empathy skills and alternatives to corporal punishment, as well as how to raise resilient and confident children in a positive environment. initiative, families in Northeast Louisiana have gained knowledge of child

2014 — 2015 OUTCOMES



FATHERHOOD NETWORK

Parenting support for men led by men using the Nurturing Fathers Curriculum

- 265 fatherhood participants at Dad's Draft Day
- 55 active fathers in 5 fatherhood networks in Ouachita and Union parishes



JUS4ME TEEN PARENTING

Skills for Teen Parents Supporting pregnant and parenting teens at the school site through Nurturing

40 teen mothers at schools in the city of Monroe



PARENTING SESSIONS

programs at CCNELA Providing on-demand workshops throughout the region using evidence-based

812 parents served in 81 sessions



SHARE

pregnancy and infant loss Biweekly meetings and peer-to-peer support for families who have experienced

- 175 people through bimonthly meetings, SHARE walk (October 2014), SHARE training (January) and community events
- 1 hospital (St. Francis) piloting the Caring Companions program to assist bereaved tamilies with a trained mother who has experienced the same

Funding provided by Louisiana Children's Trust Fund, Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word United HealthCare and School Readiness Tax Credits

PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

Gaddy at Dad's Draft Day Pat Williams, Bruce Peddie, Mark Boyle and Rev. Welton Senator Francis Thompson, Rod Washington, Carey Casey





Coalition comes together as a staff to present several community-based events each and ALL CHILDREN'S DAY, we added two new events this year: DAD'S DRAFT DAY and FAMILY FIELD DAY. We also reached new heights of dance and design year. Building on the success of our annual WHAT WORKS CONFERENCE In addition to working on programs in our four focal areas, the Children's

at our annual fundraiser: FASHION FUSION.

ALL CHILDREN'S DAY Despite the tornado the week before, the community that came together. River Market was filled with happy tamilies celebrating the power of a

- 700 attendees
- 92 children in costume parade
- O 12 partners

community to be "championship" fathers. DAD'S DRAFT DAY National speaker and CEO of the National Fatherhood Institute Carey Casey inspired men from across the

- 120 fathers attended
- 80 fathers who pledged





WHAT WORKS CONFERENCE: PARENT IS A VERB

the children they encounter in their personal and professional lives. Teaching, Social Work and Counseling to learn about ways to parent Participants chose from six career paths offering CEUs in Nursing,

- 315 participants
- 200 CEUs awarded







Delta Style, this unique blend of dance and design highlighted our local champions for children, local businesses and the arts FASHION FUSION Beginning with a stunning 25-page spread in

- 600+ attendees
- 75 performers/models (a sold-out venue!)
- 20 community celebrity models

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SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S COALITION

agencies to identify and address critical issues that affect the care and education of children ages O-18 in our region. By joining the Coalition, you have an opportunity to be part of this For the past 17 years, the Children's Coalition has worked with its members and partner community effort and support important programs that are currently untunded

Your membership not only provides funding for community-based initiatives like SHARE and Jus4Me Teen Parenting, but it also helps the Coalition to better meet community needs through your input and participation in community-wide events like All Children's Day and Dia de la Familia.

your membership. It takes all of us to create a community where children and families thrive! Consider becoming part of the Coalition today as either a member or patron, or renewing

THREE MAIN WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE



BECOME A MEMBER

Membership has its benefits! Find out what it means to join the Coalition.



SPONSORSHIP

community-based organization that impacts over 30,000 children each year Sponsor an event or program and align your organization or business with a



SCHOOL READINESS TAX CREDITS

Children's Coalition Receive a dollar-for-dollar refundable tax credit for a \$5,000 donation to the

Visit www.childrenscoalition.org/support for more information



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SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S COALITION

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\$100-\$250 PROFESSIONA

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\$500-\$1,000 SUPPORTING

Mary Kate Smith

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P&S Surgery Center, LLC Derek and Jan Daniels Jan and Derick Daniels Connie Smallwood CenturyLink

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SCHOOL READINESS TAX CREDITS

foundation for future success in school life. For every dollar up to \$5,000 contributed to the Children's Coalition, businesses receive dollar-for-dollar refundable credit on state taxes. In turn, this allows the Children's Coalition to bring quality child care and education to every child in Northeast Louisiana. future. Our state is the first to establish tax credits to encourage private investment to improve the businesses to turn their tax liabilities into an investment that ensures all children will have a strong Investing in early childhood education is one of the best investments we can make for Louisiana's quality of care and education for young children. School Readiness Tax Credits allow Louisiana

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

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DIA DE LA FAMILIA

Lake D'Arbonne State Park IOAM - 2PM

ALL CHILDREN'S DAY

10AM - 2PM

Monroe River Market



DAD'S DRAFT DAY DINNER

Monroe Civic Center

WHAT WORKS CONFERENCE: **HEALTHY LIVING**

Monroe Conference Center 8AM - 4PM



FASHION FUSION

Monroe Civic Center 7:30PM

UPCOMING IN 2015-2016

In the coming year, the Children's Coalition is expanding into the region, and working specific community needs in the areas of Early Childhood, Healthy Living, Youth with state and local partners to meet Development and Parenting.

DEVELOPMENT GRANT FEDERAL PRESCHOOL

delivery model with Monroe City Schools. 50 additional Pre-K slots in a diverse subawarded by the state to provide The Coalition is one of six agencies

HEALTHY LIVING

AL'S PALS IN RURAL PARISHES

healthy decision-making for children ages Coalition supports biweekly lessons in Working with local school districts, the 3-5 in Union and Caldwell parishes.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

OUACHITA YOUTH SUMMIT

the opportunity to shape the conversation Junior League, this conference gives teens Supported by a grant from the Monroe on issues that matter to them most

JUS4ME/SOLOPARAMI

Jus4Me weekly parenting support sessions This bilingual program expands existing for pregnant teens into rural parishes (Madison, Union) and school-based health centers



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