

**Franklin County Service Providers**

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Meeting Minutes  
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Presenter List**

## **Franklin County Service Providers Presenter List for 2006**

January 3, 2006	Sandra McKinnon – <i>Group Goal Setting</i>
February 7, 2006	Sue Swisshelm – Head Start
March 7, 2006	Kris Stark – Willow Brooke Assisted Living
April 4, 2006	Terri Hatter – HealthCare USA
May 2, 2006	Maria Killian – St. Vincent de Paul Society
June 6, 2006	Sandra McKinnon – <i>Revisit Goals &amp; Resource Guide</i>
<u>July 2006</u>	<u>No Meeting Scheduled</u>
August 1, 2006	Jennifer Bennett – CenterPoint Financial Solutions
September 5, 2006	Jeannette Hale – Franklin County Health Department
October 3, 2006	Cathy Covington – ALIVE
November 7, 2006	Sandra McKinnon – <i>Statistical Overview of Franklin County</i>
December 5, 2006	Judy Townsend – CLAIM

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Brenda Abegg, Head Start  
Jackie Blair, Division of Workforce Development  
Debbie Brewer, First Steps  
Darlene Coomes, Franklin County Human Society  
Cathy Covington, ALIVE  
Don Covington, Ministrall Alliance/Franklin County Sheriff's Department  
Pam Cox Williams, Head Start  
Joan Dennis, St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family  
Lisa Epple, East Central College  
Terri Hatter, HealthCare USA  
Maria Killian, St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Armin Klemme, Union Food Pantry  
Susan Luedde, Alzheimer's Association  
Donna Mantle, Missouri Career Center  
Susan McGlynn, Family Planning Clinic  
Sandra McKinnon, University of Missouri Extension  
Daphne Ressel, Probation and Parole  
Karen Rothschild, Division of Family Services  
Julia Schaffner, St. Louis Arc  
Dawn Sharp, Franklin County Health Department  
Jane Skornia, Probation & Parole  
Kris Stark, Willow Brooke Assisted Living  
Sister Camilla Verret, St. John's Mercy Hospital  
Wendi Warden, Division of Workforce Development

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### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Sandra McKinnon with the University of Missouri Extension. Introductions and the following announcements were made:

**Franklin County Service Providers:** Sandra stated the Extension office hopes to have an intern this summer who will be able to help with the community connection directory. Please plan to meet in the special events dining room as usual on June 6th. After a few brief announcements the group will go to a computer lab and enter their agency information into community connection. Please come to the meeting with your directory forms filled out; it will make entering the information much easier. The directory will be created on August 1st. A PDF file of the directory will be created so agencies are able to print off copies whenever they'd like. Between now and July we'll be sending out information to people on the Service Provider mailing list that haven't entered their information into community connection. This information will contain account ID and password information that will be needed to access their community connection account. Remember, just because you're on the Service Provider mailing list, does not automatically put you into the community connection directory; you must enter your information. Specific services and staff don't have to be listed, but it would be nice for the statewide database information. If you're not able to come to the meeting in June, you can enter your directory information yourself or someone from the Extension office can work with you if you need assistance. When an agency is googled now, they will also show up in community connection. Sandra sent around an example of the information that the Health Department has listed in community connection.

**First Steps:** Debbie Brewer stated that First Steps is an early intervention system for infants and toddlers with special needs. Their agency serves 15 counties. Brochures were available. Debbie stated that changes will be coming through for First Steps with Senate Bill 500.

**Alzheimer's Association:** Susan Luedde stated there will be a Safe Return registration day on Wednesday, May 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Adult Day Care in Washington. Registration is free. This is a nationwide identification program; bracelets or necklaces are typically what people wear to identify their caregiver's contact information. Flyers about additional registration sites were available. Please encourage clients and their families that you work with to sign up for this program.

**Willow Brooke Assisted Living:** Kris Stark stated that Willow Brooke has been in existence since 1985. New additions to the facility will be the Ozark Room, which will be a sunlight room that will be utilized as an exercise room. Four additional rooms are also being added.

**Union Food Pantry:** Armin Klemme stated they've not received a card with an official date yet, but the Mail Carriers food drive is usually held the first or second Saturday in May.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Armin Klemme announced for his wife Norma that there will be a meeting this Thursday to discuss the Sullivan and St. Clair Habitat projects. There are six rotary clubs that are trying to raise \$45,000 for these projects. A Habitat for Humanity golf tournament is scheduled to be held in Washington.

**Franklin County Humane Society:** Darlene Coomes reminded everyone to spade and neuter their pets. Every nine seconds an animal is put down; 400 die every hour because people are unable to care for them. If you work with low-income clients who need to have their pets spade or neutered, please have them call the shelter for information on discounted programs. The Humane Society has teamed with Hillermann's Nursery for a fund raising event. For every \$1 donated during the months of May through August your name goes into a drawing to win one of two \$50 gift certificates. This Sunday and on May 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. you can buy a pony ride for \$5.

**Probation & Parole:** Daphne Ressel stated that she's working with the Missouri Re Entry Program on an upcoming workshop. They would like to have a representative from each provider available at the workshop to talk with inmates who will soon be released from the penitentiary.

**University of Missouri Extension:** Sandra McKinnon stated that she works with inmates through a thirteen-session program called Building Strong Families. These inmates are within six months of being released from prison. The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force will sponsor a GrandFamily Gathering to be held on a Saturday in September from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Union. Sandra will keep us posted on the specific date. A grant proposal writing workshop will be held in St. Louis in May. The fee will be \$600 for three days.

**Head Start:** Brenda Abegg stated that their program is now taking applications for next year. Children must be three years old by July 31st.

**St. Louis Arc:** Julia Schaffner stated that through a grant their program offers free professional development education on the topic of fetal alcohol syndrome. All services are free to individuals within Franklin, St. Louis, St. Clair, and Lincoln counties. This branch of the agency was started a year ago. Since September they have provided training to over 3,000 youth and 1,000 professionals. If you know of anyone interested in this type of service please let Julie know.

**ALIVE:** Cathy Covington stated they've received 800 phones through the cell phone drive collection that began on April 15th. A support group is being started; the first meeting is scheduled for May 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Please call the ALIVE office for location details. There will be an annual training sponsored by the Franklin County Family Violence Council offered on June 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the St. John's Hospital in Washington. There's no charge, but space is limited to 70 people, so please call 636-583-9863 to reserve a spot. Presenters for the day include Holly Schmitt with the Women & Children's Clinic, Jason Grellner with the Franklin County Narcotics Task Force, Michael Cundiff with the Family Wellness Program, Monica Chwascinski with the Center for Women in Transition, and Linda McQuary with the Children's Advocacy Center. There will be a Women's Day of Retreat on May 13 at the Fresh Renewal Center in Augusta. The deadline to sign up for this event is May 8th. A Run for Kids fund raiser, proceeds benefiting the Children's Advocacy Center of east central Missouri, will be held on Saturday, June 17th. The event takes place at the Sullivan soccer fields. The Sexual Assault Response team is up and running and will hold training sessions during July. If you're interested in volunteering and helping with the training, please call Esther Steinke at 636-239-3301.

**Yellow Ribbon Campaign:** Don Covington stated that the program works with issues that surround teen suicide prevention throughout Franklin County. Don will soon be retiring from the Franklin County Sheriff's Department.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Maria Killian stated that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Louis is one of the oldest service organizations in the United States. Their mission statement is: Called by baptism and inspired by gospel values, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul seek to grow spiritually by serving the needy and suffering in a spirit of justice and charity. The Society is an international Catholic lay organization founded in Paris on April 23, 1833 by a 20 year old college student named Frederic Ozanam. Twelve years later the Society was established in the United States at the Old Cathedral on the St. Louis riverfront in 1845. The St. Louis Council encompasses the whole St. Louis Archdiocese, which includes Lincoln, Warren, St. Charles, Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, St. Francois, St. Genevieve, Perry, and St. Louis Counties and St. Louis city. Over 2,500 volunteers serve those in need in the St. Louis Council area. The St. Louis Council has 8 districts with 139 conferences that served the needs of 232,000 families in 2005. The west district consists of Franklin County and 8 parish conferences serve their communities.

The Society in St. Louis is a non-profit organization providing personal assistance with furniture, food, clothing, rent, utilities, transportation, and companionship to people facing economic, emotional, or spiritual crisis. An essential part of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. They serve the poor regardless of race, creed, or ethnicity. Each conference relies on contribution from their parish. Monetary assistance is provided case by case with funds available at the time of request. The Society is also able to twin with other agencies to provide assistance. This year in Franklin County they were able to grant United Way and FEMA funds. Clients are asked to complete a release of confidential information agreement. Maria stated that 99% of the people they help aren't of the Catholic faith, but that doesn't matter.

They sit down with clients and work on a budget, instilling in them to cut back on the things they don't need and to help them make better life choices. The Society can also provide GED kits for clients. Maria stated they provide assistance with every aspect of life from birth to the grave; through pregnancy assistance to burial expenses. Their mission is to fulfill the need and they try to find a way to help people.

Armin asked if there was any assistance available to help clients with their water utilities. In the last three to four months they've found that individuals are required to pay their bill in full; with no payment plan options. Don Covington stated that the Salvation Army could possibly assist in paying up to \$75. Please call 636-390-8300 for more information.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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