

2022 COMMUNITY IMPACT





From The Director

OMBAT is committed to serving Jackson County as one community—from the urban centers of Kansas City, to the surburbs and rural areas of Eastern Jackson County.

To effectively address violence and drug abuse we must work together. We need to understand that what

impacts one neighborhood in our community will affect us all.

That is certainly the case right now as we confront the deadly threat illegal fentanyl use poses. What makes fentanyl so dangerous is a 2 milligram speck can induce a fatal overdose. Drug dealers don't care. They are, with increased frequency, mixing the synthetic opioid with heroin, meth, cocaine and other illicit drugs—to also produce counterfeit



COMBAT Executive Director Vince Ortega

prescription medications. Then they're passing off the fentanyl-laced drugs and fake pills to their unsuspecting customers, despite the potential lethal consequences.

Overdoses are occurring in every corner of Jackson County and throughout the greater Kansas City metropolitan area.

The perils of fentanyl and other drugs, combined with increased crime during the COVID-19 pandemic, have made COMBAT support for the community even more crucial in 2022, 2023 and beyond. COMBAT remains an essential source of funding for the courts, local police, the Jackson County Drug Task Force and the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office. But also essential to COMBAT's mission is supporting impactful Prevention and Treatment programs that in 2022 were expected to serve more than 57,000 men, women and children.

As we've been emphasizing repeatedly the last several years, we can't arrest our way out of these problems. We have to address violence and drug abuse holistically, as both legal issues and public health crises.

No one person or organization has all the answers. Our new COMBAT logo symbolizes the "All Hands In" effort needed for us to have a truly meaningfuly and lasting impact on the community.



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A Little Change Can Make A 📙 🜀 Difference

The quarter-cent **COM**munity **B**acked **A**nti-crime **T**ax (COMBAT) charges taxpayers only 25¢ for every \$100. But all that change really adds up! The sales tax supports life-changing—and oftentimes life-saving—services in Jackson County.

99 Programs Funded In 2022

COMBAT awarded \$12,594,354 in grants to fund 89 Prevention and Treatment programs, as well as 10 Law Enforcement School-Based Inititives.

2022 COMBAT

Sales Tax Revenue Projection \$30,000,000

"COMBAT didn't just save my life; it gave me a chance to change my life for the better." - Tommy McGee, six years in recovery after receiving COMBAT-funded treatment

Supporting IMPACTFUL Prevention & Treatment Programs...

Turn The Page



...Providing ESSENTIAL Funding For The Courts & Law Enforcement

2022 COMBAT Funding

More than half of all COMBAT funding goes toward supporting the courts and local law enforcement agencies.

"COMBAT gives us resources to fight crime that other local agencies in the country just don't have."

> - Dan Cummings Officer-In-Charge Jackson County Drug Task Force

16th Circuit Court & Family Court	\$4,380,238
Jackson County Corrections	\$5,475,298
Jackson County Drug Task Force	\$3,623,189
Jackson County Prosecutor's Office	\$4,665,767
Kansas City Police Department*	\$3,467,689
Jackson County Drug & Treatment Court	\$992,041
COMBAT Administration	\$1,238,869
TOTAL	\$23,843,091

^{*} This does not include what the KCPD receives under the Law Enforcement School-Based initiative.

Agencies Awarded Grants

32,291 Clients Being Served

\$5,139,188

AdHoc Group Against Crime

Caring For Crime Survivors \$260,000 Grant • 370 Clients

Amethyst Place

Family Empowerment Support \$100,699 Grant • 200 Clients

Artists Helping The Homeless

Be The Change \$75,000 Grant • 300 Clients

Integrated Arts Violence Prevention \$204,729 Grant • 500 Clients

Blue Springs School District

Eastern Jackson County Schools Collaborative fo Greater KC \$49,220 Grant • 4,770 Clients

Boys & Girls Clubs

SMART Moves \$185,000 Grant • 2,759 Clients

Bridge Leadership Academy

Bridge Anti-Violence Program \$150,231 Grant • 50 Clients

Calvary Community Outreach Network

Helping Youth Plan For Excellence \$100.152 Grant • 4.000 Clients

Center For Conflict Resolution

Breaking Cycles of Violence \$77,000 Grant • 450 Clients

Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City Foundation

Work Opportunities For Returning Citizens (WORC) \$171,640 Grant • 25 Clients



Images from Kansas City Mothers In Charge & AdHoc Group Against Crime websites

Child Abuse Prevention Assocation

Health Families Jackson County \$50,421 Grant • 80 Clients

Child Protection Center, Inc.

Anti-Violence Program \$126,783 Grant • 800 Clients

Community Services League

CSL Mental Wellness & Resiliency \$135,000 Grant • 200 Clients

DeLaSalle Education Center

Block 47 \$100,000 Grant • 180 Clients

Della Lamb Community Services

Della Lamb Youth Services \$22,000 Grant • 300 Clients

Eastern Jackson County Youth Court

Court Services \$81,766 Grant • 250 Clients

Emmanuel Family & Child Development Center

Youth 4 Change Program \$100,000 Grant • 200 Clients

First Call

Safe & Healthy Schools 2022 \$30,089 Grant • 430 Clients

FosterAdopt Connect

Community Conections \$60,615 Grant • 150 Clients

Front Porch Alliance-KC

Youth Journeys \$35,000 Grant • 200 Clients

Full Employment Council

Career Systems of Support \$240,000 Grant • 50 Clients

Genesis School

Counseling & Wellness Program \$31,809 Grant • 240 Clients

Girl Scouts

Outreach Program \$10,000 Grant • 850 Clients

Guadalupe Centers

Substance Use Prevention Life Skills Program \$51,026 Grant • 250 Clients

Healing House, Inc.

Non-Residential Aftercare \$129,168 Grant • 500 Clients

Heart of America Council Boy Scouts of America

Be Prepared Program \$123,644 Grant • 3,600 Clients

High Aspiration

Violence Prevention Program \$100,000 Grant • 140 Clients

Hope House, Inc.

Domestic Violence **Prevention Project** \$96,279 Grant • 310 Clients

Housing Services of KC

HSKC-PPFG Case Manager \$52,650 Grant ● 70 Clients

Independence Youth Court

IYC Peer Diversion Court \$99,454 Grant • 250 Clients

Jackson County CASA

Family Drug Court Advocacy \$75,000 Grant • 1,250 Clients

KC Friends of Alvin Ailey

AileyCamp & AileyCamp The Group \$39,593 Grant ● 130 Clients

KC Crime Commission

Second Chance Program \$61,204 Grant • 36 Clients

Kansas City Municipal Court

KC Truancy Intervention \$80,000 Grant ● 350 Clients

Kansas City Youth Court

Court Services \$50,000 Grant ● 300 Clients

KC Mothers In Charge

Survivors Will Heal \$100,000 Grant ● 80 Clients

Lee's Summit CARES

Community Organizing To Prevent Youth Substance Use \$80,036 Grant ● 104 Clients

Legal Aid of Western Missouri

Adopt-A-Neighborhood Project \$42,514 Grant ● 15 Clients

Metropolitan Organization To Counter Sexual Assault

Comprehensive Sexual Violence Prevention \$108,712 Grant ● 1,715 Clients

MINDDRIVE, Inc.

Collaborative Program \$56,000 Grant ● 200 Clients

Morningstar Development Corportation

Probation Navigation Resource \$31,000 Grant ● 120 Clients

Newhouse

Prevention Curriculum for Survivors of Violence \$28,419 Grant ● 225 Clients

Northeast Community Center

Harmony Project KC \$21,000 Grant ● 275 Clients

Operation Breakthrough

Preschool & School-Age Bullying \$88,347 Grant ● 1,001 Clients

Reconciliation Services

REVEAL Social & Mental Health \$35,000 Grant ● 1,523 Clients

ReDiscover

Zero Suicide Project \$160,534 Grant ● 400 Clients

reStart, Inc.

Substance Abuse Prevention \$99,738 Grant ● 360 Clients

Rose Brooks Center

Project SAFE \$50,000 Grant ● 400 Clients

Saint Luke's Hospital

Crittention Substance Abuse \$90,000 Grant ● 100 Clients

Sisters In Christ

Dahomey Training Center \$128,559 Grant ● 50 Clients

Synergy Services, Inc.

BIP & Peaceful Path Diversion \$98,200 Grant • 60 Clients

Twelfth Street Heritage Development Corporation

Prison-To-Workforce Pipeline \$230,905 Grant ● 13 Clients

United Inner City Services

Arts@UICS \$25,000 Grant ● 240 Clients

Urban Ranger Corps

Ranger Program \$45,000 Grant ● 100 Clients

Whatsoever Community Center

Youth & Family Services \$45,000 Grant ● 100 Clients

Youth Ambassadors, Inc.

Summer & School Year Program \$70,000 Grant ● 250 Clients

Youth Guidance

Becoming A Man (BAM) & Working On Womanhood (WOW) \$150,042 Grant ● 420 Clients





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Agencies Awarded Grants

4,538

Clients Being Served

\$4,846,744

Amethyst Place

Recovery Housing \$105,288 Grant ● 150 Clients

Benilde Hall

Substance Abuse Treatment (SAT) \$447,955 Grant ● 450 Clients

Children's Mercy

TIES (Teams for Infants Exposed to Substance Abuse) \$65,000 Grant ● 156 Clients

Comprehensive Mental Health

Substance Use Disorder Program \$475,000 Grant ● 200 Clients

Cornerstones of Care

Substance-Use Treatment \$246,9479 Grant ● 190 Clients

First Call

Recovery Navigation 2022 \$98,226 Grant ● 185 Clients

Footprints, Inc.

Substance Use Treatment \$354,972 Grant ● 400 Clients

Guadalupe Centers

Outpatient Treatment Program \$114,468 Grant ● 75 Clients

Healing House, Inc.

Transitional Living Program \$366,030 Grant ● 480 Clients

Heartland Center for Behavioral Change

Substance Use Disorder Services \$399,967 Grant ● 255 Clients

Mattie Rhodes Center

Nuevo Amanecer / New Dawn \$121,980 Grant ● 100 Clients

Niles Home For Children

Strong & Connected Families \$250,000 Grant ● 150 Clients

Plaza Academy

Treatment For At-Risk Adolescents \$25,000 Grant ● 100 Clients

ReDiscover

Coed Treatment Services and Women & Children's Program \$512,359 Grant ● 460 Clients

reStart, Inc.

Treatment for Homeless Persons \$96,835 Grant ● 300 Clients

Rose Brooks Center

Supported Recovery Program \$90,995 Grant ● 60 Clients

Saint Luke's Hospital

Adolescent Intensive Outpatient \$111,000 Grant ● 30 Clients

Sheffield Place

Treatment Programs \$102,222 Grant ● 152 Clients

Sisters In Christ

Recovery Housing \$300,000 Grant ● 50 Clients

Swope Health Services

Imani House \$142,500 Grant ● 120 Clients

University Health Behavior Health

Recovery Health Services \$120,000 Grant ● 75 Clients

Welcome House, Inc.

Sober Living Recovery Program \$300,000 Grant ● 400 Clients

2022COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Client-served numbers based on grant application projections

Law Enforcement School-Based Initiatives

Agencies Awarded Grants

20,459 Clients Being Served

\$1,474,876

Blue Springs Police Dept. \$225,000 Grant ● 1,035 Clients

Buckner Police Dept.

\$75,000 Grant ● 331 Clients

Grain Valley Police Dept.

\$82,534 Grant • 750 Clients

Grandview Police Dept.

\$13,000 Grant • 655 Clients

Independence Police Dept.

\$225,000 Grant • 8,658 Clients

Jackson County Sheriff

\$150,000 Grant • 630 Clients

Kansas City Police Dept.

\$75,000 Grant • 4,800 Clients

Lee's Summit Police Dept.

\$254,342 Grant • 2,795 Clients

Oak Grove Police Dept.

\$75,000 Grant • 317 Clients

Sugar Creek Police Dept.

\$75,000 Grant • 488 Clients



Striving Together to Reduce Violence In Neighborhoods

OMBAT added its fifth STRIVIN' neighborhood in July of 2022. The Striving
Together to Reduce Violence In Neighborhoods initiative was developed to encourage greater collaboration among COMBAT-funded agencies and other community resources to address violence in Jackson County's most vulnerable neighborhoods.

Through STRIVIN', COMBAT brings together school administrators, police officers, family court administrators, social workers, elected officials, health care providers, faith-based leaders and concerned citizens to team up in a collective effort to make each neighborhood safer. In 2022 Midtown Kansas City became the fifth STRIVIN' neighborhood, joining South Kansas City (Hickman Mills), Northeast Kansas City, Independence and Raytown.

In each of these neighborhoods, a designated COMBAT-funded agency serves as the primary coordinator of the STRIVIN' effort. These hub agencies now also process referrals made through the STRIVIN' social services online program.



Agencies receiving 2022 STRIVIN' grants:

Center For Conflict Resolution	\$78,000 Grant
Community Services League	\$185,000 Grant
Hickman Mills Prevention Coalition	\$113,850 Grant
Hope House, Inc.	\$127,170 Grant
Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council	\$52,775 Grant
Mattie Rhodes Center	\$147,446 Grant
Sisters In Christ	\$160,000 Grant
University Health Project RISE	\$270,306 Grant



617 Referrals Made

OMBAT launched the innovative STRIV-IN' social services referral program in July of 2021. The initial objective was to give Raytown Police officers an online option for quickly connecting individuals and families in distress with community resources able to provide them assistance.

Officers access the digital form on their phones and within minutes can submit a referral to the hub agency for Raytown STRIVIN', Sisters In Christ, which then does an in-depth assessement to determine a person or family's specific needs.

"It's amazing for us to have a resource like this—right at our fingertips."

- Raytown Police Officer (pictured above)

"Filling out the referral form is simple on your phone and can be done anywhere, anytime," Raytown Police Chief Robert Kuehl said. "A lot of police departments are trying to utilize social workers more, but the 9-1-1 calls keep coming in. It's not easy to have those in-depth conversations later with a social worker. With this system, we can make a referral on the spot."

The referral program quickly expanded to include Raytown schools and other agencies and has since been introduced in other STRIVIN' neighborhoods—Northeast Kansas City, Independence, South KC (Hickman Mills) and Midtown KC.

Through the end of 2022, 617 referrals had been made. "We're trying to get people help," COMBAT Director Vince Ortega said, "before the difficult circumstances in their lives escalate."

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TREATING All The Wounds A Bullet Can Inflict

ince 2009 when violence reduction was officially added to its mission, COMBAT has placed increasing emphasis on doing more to help victims become survivors who are able to get on with their lives. An innovative program,

initiated by and funded through COMBAT, now focuses on treating all the wounds a bullet can inflict.

Over the last half-decade (2018-2022),
Jackson County has averaged more than
400 non-fatal gunshot wound incidents per
year. There were 583 bullet-to-skin shootings
reported in 2020 alone—the first full year that **Project RISE** was being offered through COMBAT's
partnership with Truman Medical Centers/University Health (TMC/UH). The Responsive Individual
Support and Early intervention program seeks to
identify gunshot wound survivors who might be
most at risk of developing chronic Post-Trauma
Stress Disorder (PTSD). The screening process can
begin in the emergency room, once a patient's physical injuries are stabilized.

The health care professionals and social workers participating in Project RISE had screened more than 400 survivors through the program's first three

years. Three levels of a trauma care are also provided, ranging from immediate crisis intervention (a.k.a. "Psychological First Aid") to long-term therapy through the TMC/UH Behavioral Health Unit. As RISE has evolved, it has also become active in

the STRIVIN' social services referral program, so survivors can receive assistance meeting basic needs and can better concentrate on their mental wellbeing.

Project RISE was introduced in Jack son County, after COMBAT staff and the Prosecutor's Office reviewed a star-

tling 2012-2017 study that tracked gunshot wound victims treated in the Seattle area: those victims were 21 times more likely, compared to the general public, to get shot—again—and four times more likely to be killed in a firearms-related homicide.

"I think we know the trend seen in Seattle probably wasn't unique to Seattle," said Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker.

She added, "Through [Project RISE], the whole person—and not just the bullet wound they've suffered—is being treated."

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All Hands In...

COMBAT's evolution—from being almost entirely focused on law enforcement and the "War On Drugs" in the 1990s, to taking a far more holistic approach to reducing drug abuse and violence—is reflected in our new logo. We've unclenched the fist at the center of that outdated '90s logo—and the lower-the-hammer mentality it represented—and replaced it with helping hands that symbolize **Community**, **Prevention**, **Treatment** and **Justice** all working together.



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