



Epworth

GUIDING BRIGHTER FUTURES TOGETHER



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VISION



A world in which every youth
experiences life in all its
fullness.



MISSION

Empowering youth to realize their unique potential by meeting essential needs, cultivating resiliency, and building community.

OUR WHY

Across Missouri, more than **34,000** school-age children and young adults are navigating life without stable housing. Among the nearly **12,000** youth in the state's foster care system, hundreds more will age out each year without permanent family connections to support their transition to adulthood.*

Each year, approximately **20,000** young people age out of foster care nationally without permanent family connections. Research shows 22–30% of former foster youth experience homelessness during the transition to adulthood.

Young people do not fail because they lack potential. They struggle because they lack consistent support systems.

Epworth exists to change that.





Dear Friends of Epworth,

Every day at Epworth is an opportunity to transform lives. The stories of resilience we witness through our programs inspire all of us to keep showing up.

This year, we proudly served 4,330 youth and families across St. Louis. We expanded our Rapid Re-Housing program, continued our Handle With Care Initiative, and celebrated over 160 years of unbroken service to our community.

Our vision remains unchanged: a world in which every youth experiences life in all its fullness. Thank you for being part of that vision and for making it possible every single day. Your generosity as donors, volunteers, and community partners empowers us to provide the care and resources that make a lasting difference in the lives of the youth and families we serve.

Together, we will continue to move forward.



OVER A CENTURY OF IMPACT

162 years of showing up for youth and families in St. Louis.



1864



A Mission Begins

Started as the Methodist Orphans' Home to care for children arriving on "orphan trains" from all over the country after the Civil War.

1884

A New Chapter

Moved to Laclede Avenue and renamed Central Wesleyan Orphan Home, housing 35 orphans in a home-like environment where they could grow and thrive

1913

Protecting the Vulnerable

Methodist Episcopal Home for Girls on Morgan Street opens - caring for 26 injured and homeless girls and young women. This home soon becomes the Epworth School for Girls..

1930

A Permanent Home

Epworth School for Girls relocates to Webster Groves, where it is still located today.

1964



Inclusion and Care

Services are expanded to include homeless or at-risk children and teens of all races and ethnicities

1975

One Organization

Epworth School for Girls and Methodist Children's Home formally merge.

1996

A New Name

Epworth Children & Family Services becomes the organization's official name.

2011

Expanding Reach

Street Outreach Services begins providing resources and support to homeless and at-risk youth in the community.



2013

Building a Continuum

Epworth merges with Family Support Network to educate, support, and guide families to a healthier future..



Today

Meeting Youth Where They Are

More than 4,300 youth and families served annually through housing, outreach, mental health, and family support.

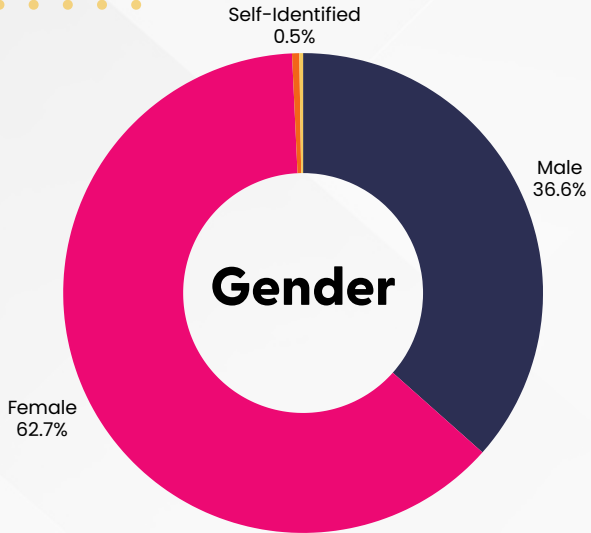
The Methods Have Changed. The Mission Has Not.

For over 160 years, Epworth has met youth where they are and helped them build brighter futures.

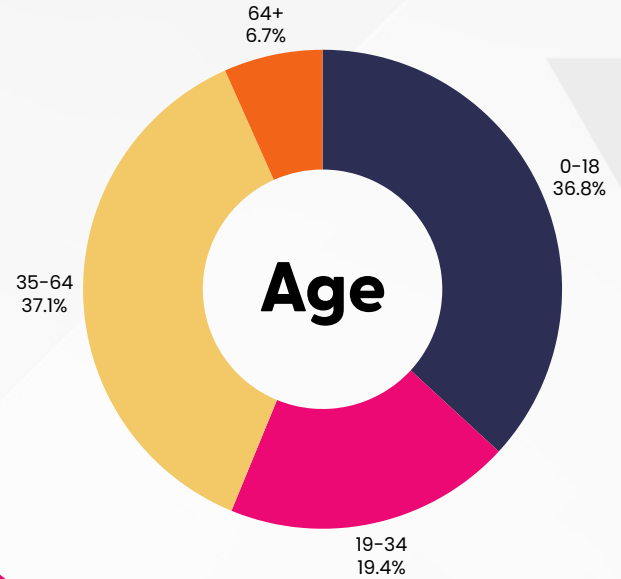
2025 AGENCY SNAPSHOT

Across our continuum of care, Epworth provided services that helped youth and families move from crisis toward stability, healing, and independence.

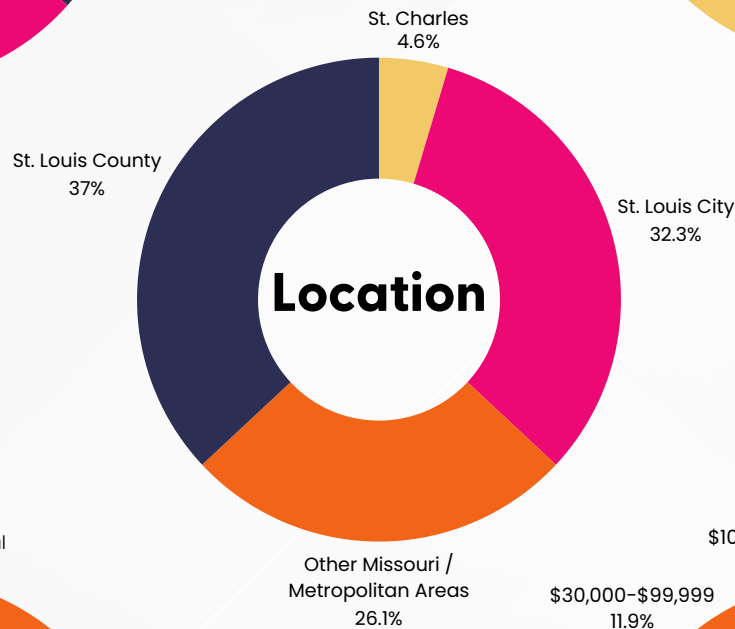
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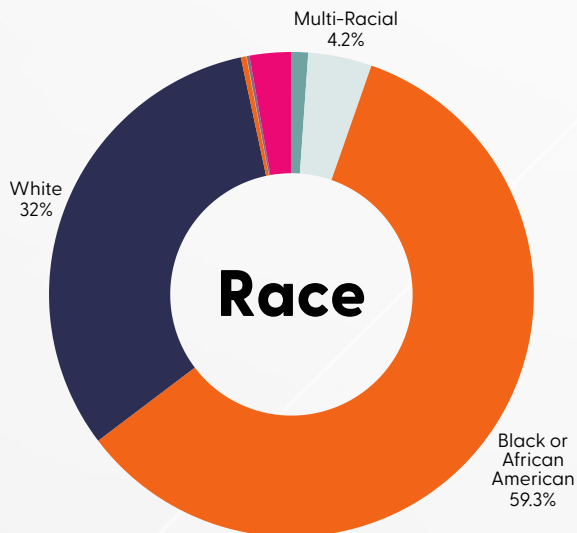
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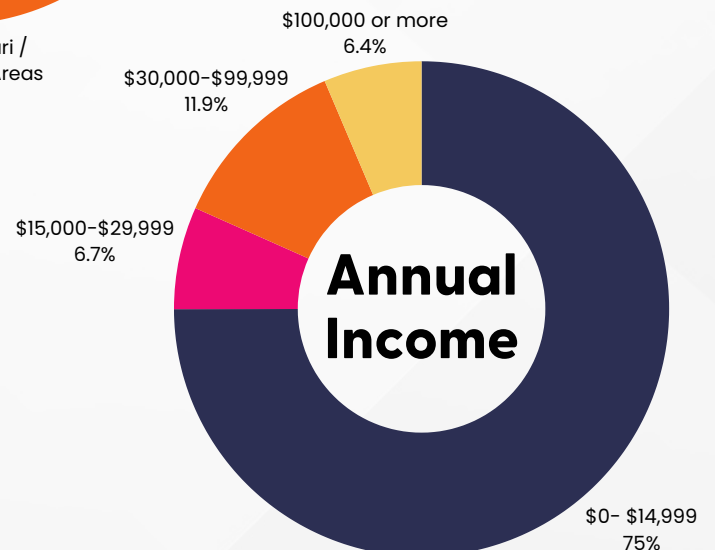
Location



Race



Annual Income



4,330
Youth & Families Served!



Epworth's Continuum of Care



Reach

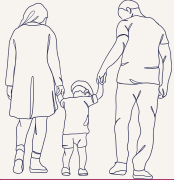


Outreach and Basic Needs

Immediate connection to safety, resources, and essential supports. Programs providing care:

- Street Outreach Services
- Food Pantry
- Drop-In Center
- Library

Heal



Family & Clinical Support

Counseling, family-centered care, and psychological assessments. Programs providing care:

- Family Support Network
- Psychological Services

Stabilize



Residential Stabilization

Therapeutic Residential Foster Care provides a structured safe, and supportive environment for youth to heal and stabilize.

Grow



Transition to Independence

Life skills, housing support, and preparation for adulthood. The programs providing care:

- Chaffee
- Independent Living
- Transitional Living

Thrive



Long-Term Stability

Intrada- Permanent Supportive Housing provides ongoing housing support to promotes lasting stability.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ACCESS

Where connection starts. Meeting people where they are, before they're ready to ask for help.

Street Outreach Services

Some young people are not yet ready to walk through a door, so Epworth goes to them. Street Outreach staff meet youth experiencing homelessness or unsafe living situations in the community, offering food, clothing, hygiene items, and referrals. These first connections build the trust that opens the door to case management, housing resources, health care, and a pathway from crisis toward safety.

958

Youth Reached

6,800+

Services Provided

425

Unduplicated
Youth

Drop-In Center

Epworth's Drop-In Center offers youth a safe, welcoming place to meet basic needs and connect with support. Youth can access meals, showers, laundry, clothing, computers, and health services alongside staff who help them plan their next steps. For many, it is where crisis ends and the next chapter begins.



Food Pantry

For many of the young people and families Epworth serves, food insecurity is part of the crisis. The Food Pantry helps youth and families access nutritious food during times of need, removing one of the most immediate stressors so they can focus on housing, school, employment, and family well-being. Food support is often one of the first steps toward stability, and a first reason to trust.

576

Families Served

1783

Individuals Served

6

Libraries Served

Library Social Workers



St. Louis County **Library**

Libraries are community anchors where anyone can walk in, no referral required. Through a partnership with the St. Louis County Library system, Epworth places trained social workers inside county library branches to provide one-on-one support, connect patrons to resources, and offer warm, judgment-free guidance that helps people take the next step toward stability.

Current Library Locations:

Natural Bridge, Florissant Valley, Lewis and Clark, Weber Road, Rock Road, and Mid County

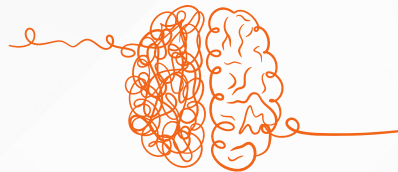
CLINICAL & FAMILY SERVICES

Where healing begins. Clinical support and family care that address the root of the crisis.

Family Support Network

When families face a breaking point, Epworth is already there. Epworth's Family Support Network sends therapists directly into homes and communities to strengthen relationships, reduce stress, and build stability through individual and family therapy, parenting support, crisis intervention, substance use counseling, and connections to community resources.

1,028
Individuals Served



Epworth Psychological Services

When a child is struggling, Epworth Psychological Services provides comprehensive testing and evaluations for children, adolescents, and adults, helping families, schools, and providers understand the learning, behavioral, emotional, and mental health needs shaping a young person's experience and move toward the right support.

88

Individuals Served



Therapeutic Residential

Some young people need more than outpatient support. Epworth's Therapeutic Residential program provides a safe, structured, and nurturing environment for youth navigating significant emotional, behavioral, or mental health challenges. Through trauma-informed care and consistent relationships, residents build the confidence and stability they need to move forward.

92

Individuals Served

HOUSING

Where stability takes hold. Safe, supported housing for youth at every stage of independence.

Transitional Living Program

Becoming independent takes practice. Epworth's Transitional Living Program provides safe, staffed housing, case management, and life skills education for unhoused teens and young adults taking their first steps toward independence, with staff on site around the clock to help them build confidence and work toward their own goals in education, employment, health, and finances.



Independent Living Program

For young adults ready to live on their own but not yet ready to do it without support, Epworth's Independent Living Program provides case management and guidance while participants live in their own apartments. With housing stability as the foundation, staff help them focus on employment, education, budgeting, and daily responsibilities as they grow toward long-term independence.



Intrada

Permanent Supportive Housing

Some young adults face housing instability after leaving foster care and need a safe, stable place to call home. Epworth's Intrada program provides long-term supportive housing for young adults ages 18–24 who have exited foster care, giving them their own furnished studio apartment and support from Epworth staff. Through ongoing guidance, young adults build life skills, connect to resources, and work toward stability in housing, employment, education, finances, and well-being as they build an independent future.



CHAFEE

Epworth's Chafee Successful Transitions to Adulthood Program supports current and former foster youth 13 - 23 as they prepare for adulthood. Through the Chafee program, youth receive life skills education, service coordination, academic support, financial guidance, leadership opportunities, and help accessing community resources.

Staff work alongside each young person to identify their goals and take practical steps toward independence. Whether a youth is preparing to graduate, exploring college or career options, learning to budget, or planning for stable housing, Epworth provides steady guidance so they do not have to navigate adulthood alone.



655

Youth
Enrolled

112

Group Life
Skill classes
offered

589

Individual Life Skill
classes completed

A JOURNEY TO INDEPENDENCE

MM is 18 years old and has spent several years in foster care. As a high school senior preparing to graduate, she was attending school, working two jobs, and planning to continue her education in college. Reliable transportation was one of her biggest barriers. Her foster father, who is living with stage 5 kidney failure, did everything he could to support him, but getting to school and work was not always possible.

MM knew that having a car would help her stay on track, keep working, attend school, and take another step toward independence.

Partnerships that make this possible:

United Way of Greater St. Louis

Leta Family Foundation in partnership with Frank Leta Acura St. Louis Community

Credit Union

Stifel Bank

**HER STORY IS NOT
THE EXCEPTION.
IT IS THE GOAL**

This car marked
the 65th car sold
through this
opportunity!



A JOURNEY TO LEADERSHIP

FROM RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT TO A FUTURE BUILT ON PURPOSE.

JP entered foster care at age two after experiencing severe neglect, parental substance use, and abandonment. Although he was later adopted, the effects of early trauma continued to impact his life.

When his adoptive family later relinquished their parental rights, JP returned to foster care carrying the pain of another loss. He struggled with feelings of rejection and began using alcohol as a way to cope. After several placement disruptions, JP came to Epworth's Residential Treatment Program.

At Epworth, JP began the hard work of healing. With support from staff and his treatment team, he addressed his trauma, built healthier coping skills, and developed trusting relationships. Over time, he became a positive leader among his peers, advocating for himself and encouraging other youth in foster care.

JP successfully discharged to a foster home. Today, he is employed and actively working toward launching his own business.

**WHEN YOUTH ARE GIVEN
STABILITY AND SUPPORT,
THEY CAN BEGIN TO
BUILD THEIR OWN FUTURE.**





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

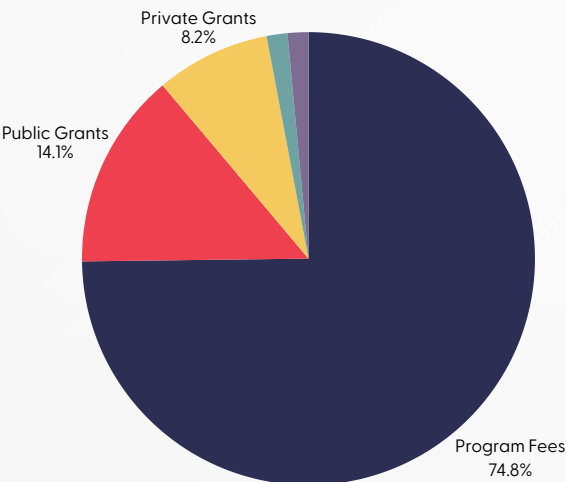
As we look toward the future, Epworth’s Board of Directors remains deeply committed to expanding our impact, strengthening community partnerships, and ensuring that young people across the St. Louis region have the consistent support they need to grow and thrive. As demand for our services rises and critical funding becomes increasingly uncertain, our responsibility has never been stronger.

With the support of our donors, partners, volunteers, and community, Epworth will continue to adapt and move forward. Together, we are ensuring that Epworth remains a trusted and sustainable resource for youth and families for generations to come.

Thank you for being part of the Epworth community.

- Chase Barclay - Barclay Law Firm
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KEY FINANCIAL DATA



Epworth closed FY 2025 in a position of continued financial stability, supported by the generosity of our donors, funding partners, and the broader St. Louis community.

Total operating revenue reached approximately \$12.9 million, with the majority drawn from program service fees, government grants, and private contributions. Program services accounted for the largest share of expenses, reflecting our commitment to directing resources toward the youth and families we serve.

Our total net assets stand at approximately \$26.5 million, reflecting the sustained investment the community has made in Epworth’s mission over many years. We remain grateful for every partnership that makes this work possible.

GRATEFUL FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS



PANTRY



DONATION CENTER

Scan Here
to find out how
to get involved!



BEAUTIFICATION

Your support is about more than a donation. It sends a powerful message to a young person that they are valued, supported, and not alone. Together, we help youth and families move toward brighter futures and realize their unique potential.

Visit epworth.org/volunteer to learn more about current opportunities, or contact our team to discover how you can make a difference.

EPWORTH'S VILLAGE

GRATEFUL FOR THE PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS WE HAVE!

Bank of America
Beyond Housing
Blues for Kids
Berges Family Foundation
Children's Trust Fund of Missouri
Community Children's Resource Board
Community Impact Network
Community Response
Compass Health
Dana Brown Charitable Trust
Deaconess Foundation
Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of -St.
Charles County
Duo Dogs
East Missouri Foundation
Employees Community Fund of Boeing
Employment Alliance
E. Reuben & Gladys Flora Grant Charitable Trust
Every Child's Hope
Family & Youth Services Bureau
Family Forward
Home Sweet Home
IFM Community Medicine
In The Door
Its Your Birthday
John E. Grose Charitable Trust
John H. Chafee Foster Care Program
Kornerstone for Kids
KTA and Associates
Lattner Family Foundation
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis
Manchester United Methodist Church
Marillac Mission Fund
Missouri Children's Division
Missouri Housing Development Commission
Missouri Housing Innovation Program
Missouri United Methodist Foundation

Neighborhood Healing Network
Normandy Schools Collaborative
Oasis
Operation Food Search
Pershing Charitable Trust
Personal Responsibility Education Program
Productive Living Board
Propel Kitchens
Salem United Methodist Church
Simmons Bank
Sneakers With Soul
Stifel Bank
St. Louis Area Diaper Bank
St. Louis County Children's Service Fund
St. Louis County Department of Human Services
St. Louis Community Credit Union
St. Louis Episcopal Presbyterian Health Trust
St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability
Resources
St. Louis Scholarship Foundation
St. Louis Unitarian Foundation for Children
St. Louis Violence Prevention Commission
The Covering House
The Pott Foundation
The Norman J. Stupp Foundation
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