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**Lafayette County Children's Services Fund Board Awards  
the funds' fourth grant**

*To the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit-CASA  
for their Lafayette County Program*

LEXINGTON, Mo. - The Lafayette County Children's Services Fund Board (LCCSF) has reviewed several proposals to improve mental health services to youth in the county. They awarded their fourth grant to the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit – CASA for CASA's Lafayette County Program. The grant is for \$25,000. The local CASA program follows national standards as Court Appointed Special Advocates for children who are under Family Services and Juvenile Services. The CASA program focuses on "The Best Interest of the Child" in efforts to shorten the time the child is receiving Family and Juvenile Services. The Outcome results and success indicators will be reviewed by the LCCSF BOD at the grants conclusion on July 19, 2008.

The Board will continue to review other proposals as their time will allow. A "Request for Proposal" (RFP) may be reviewed and downloaded from their webpage; [www.lafayettecountychildrensfund.org/](http://www.lafayettecountychildrensfund.org/)

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