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**Lafayette County Children's Services Fund Board Awards
The funds first grant**

*To the Lafayette County Juvenile office
for Youth Skills in Managing Anger*

LEXINGTON, Mo. - The Lafayette County Children's Services Fund Board (LCCSF) reviewed several proposals to improve mental health services to youth in the county. They awarded their first grant to the Lafayette County juvenile Office for a series of courses that would help young people in the county to better manage their anger. The grant is for \$1,842.50. This is a pilot effort to be conducted by the Lafayette County Juvenile court office. Amy Meyer, Juvenile Office, will implement the grant over the first half of 2007. Outcome results and success indicators will be reviewed by the board to determine impact and appropriateness of on-going funding.

The Board will continue to review other proposals in January, 2007. The Board is also in the process of developing a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) procedure for county-wide children's mental health initiatives. The Board plans to initiate the RFP in the first half of 2007.

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