

# STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

## challenge

In 2015, there were **1,959** child abuse and neglect cases screened-in for investigation in the tri-county area, involving a total of **3,062** children. Research shows that children who experience repeated abuse and neglect are more likely to have mental health issues and be diagnosed with chronic health problems as adults.



## OUR GOAL

### ENSURE CHILDREN ARE FREE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT

## strategy

### Intervening to build strong families

We awarded a \$270,438 grant to Community Connections, a collaboration between Family Services and Outagamie County, Department of Health and Human Services, Children, Youth and Families Division. The rapid-response program provides voluntary, pro-active services to families not currently involved in the child protection system that are at risk for child maltreatment. Through the program, families are taught protective strategies and address immediate needs such as housing, mental health treatment, and substance abuse treatment, all of which are known drivers of child abuse and neglect.

## big picture

In 2017, we supported **5** programs with \$361,753 to give families the necessary tools to succeed.



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