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**LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MISSOURI RECEIVES  
\$67,500 GRANT FROM ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

ST. LOUIS – Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM) has been approved to receive \$67,500 in funding from the Community Children’s Services Fund through the St. Louis Mental Health Board. This funding will support the Children’s Legal Alliance in its advocacy for children in residentially placed foster care to obtain appropriate educational services. The funding is renewable up to two years.

“I want to thank the St. Louis Mental Health Board for its generous co-investment,” said Dan Glazier, Executive Director and General Counsel for LSEM. “This project will allow us to provide even more educational advocacy and services through our Children’s Legal Alliance program.”

LSEM’s Children’s Legal Alliance provides quality, child-centered legal and social support for disabled children who need assistance with educational issues. Cases include assistance with suspensions, expulsions, and appropriate educational placement for children.

The St. Louis Mental Health Board is a government entity originally established by authority of the Community Mental Health Act – a Missouri statute. This legislation permits counties to pass a special tax to raise funds for mental health and substance abuse services.

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri is an independent, non-profit organization that has provided high quality legal assistance in civil cases to the low-income community for more than 50 years. In 2008, LSEM represented over 6,500 clients in 21 counties.

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