

Organizations and Community-Based Initiatives Strategically Addressing the Needs of Children, Youth & Families in the City of St. Louis

The following list is intended to provide an initial identification of:

- Community groups, coalitions and councils
- Broad-based community initiatives engaged in broad, strategic action to address the problems, needs, and opportunities facing children, youth and families in the City of St. Louis

Organizations and initiatives are listed in ten categories. Six of the categories relate to specific areas of fundamental childhood need. Four additional categories address:

- Efforts promoting comprehensive regional action to improve child/family well-being and investment in young people
- Groups and initiatives focused on promoting child/family well-being in a specific geographic community
- Agencies and foundations providing the community capacity to better understand and more effectively address issues related to the well-being of children, youth and families

The organizations included in this list are those whose sole focus is the promotion of child and family well-being, or that explicitly included improving the lives of children youth, and families as a primary purpose of the organization. Additionally, the list focuses on those efforts that extend beyond direct service provision and are data-driven, broad-based, strategic in nature and outcome-oriented. “Intermediary” organizations are included in the list. Organizations whose sole or primary purpose is providing direct services are not included here. Efforts focused on the St. Louis region or State of Missouri that also address the needs of young people and families in the City of St. Louis are included. **If you feel that your organization should be added to this list, please contact Vision for Children at Risk at (314) 534-6015******

1. Multifaceted Initiatives Addressing the Needs of Children, Youth & Families

- ARCHS (Area Resources for Community and Human Services)
- Community Children’s Services Fund (St. Louis Mental Health Board) *
- Mayor’s Commission on Children, Youth, and Families (City of St. Louis) *
- St. Louis Metropolitan Children’s Agenda

2. Family Support Organizations and Initiatives

- Alternatives for Children of Offenders Network (ACON)
- Father’s Support Center
- Family Support Council
- Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition of Greater St. Louis
- St. Louis Healthy Marriage Coalition
- St. Louis Family and Community Partnership *

- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition (TPPP)
- Transitions (Missouri Department of Mental Health)

3. Early Child Care & Education and Special Needs Organizations and Initiatives

- City of St. Louis Strategic Plan for Early Childhood Success *
- Child Day Care Association
- Early Learning Opportunities Act (ELOA) Council (coordinated by United Way)
- Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral Network
- St. Louis ARC
- Easter Seals

4. Maternal & Child Health Organizations and Initiatives

- Lead Safe St. Louis *
- St. Louis City Childhood Obesity Initiative *
- St. Louis Lead Prevention Coalition
- St. Louis Maternal, Child, and Family Health Coalition
- St. Louis Regional Health Commission (RHC)
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership
- Youth Health & Wellness Initiative (Greater St. Louis Community Foundation, Rams, RWJ)

5. Quality Education Organizations and Initiatives

- Black Leadership Roundtable, Education Committee
- Educational Equity Action Team (FOCUS St. Louis)

6. Safe Neighborhood & Juvenile Justice Organizations and Initiatives

- Regional Response Coalition

7. Youth Development & Economic Opportunity Organizations and Initiative

- St. Louis for Kids
- Youth Development Providers Network (YDPN)
- St. Louis Children's Agenda Career Development and Youth Employment Initiative (Regional Center for Education and Work – UM St. Louis)
- SLATE *

8. Organizations/Initiatives Addressing Child & Family Needs in a Specific Locale

- Office of Neighborhood Stabilization, City of St. Louis *
- Operation Weed and Seed *
- St. Louis Association of Community Organizations *

9. Organizations/Initiatives Building Community-Capacity to Address Child & Family Needs

+ *Research, Data, and Information:*

- Citizens for Missouri's Children (Kids Count report)
- City of St. Louis Department of Health *

- St. Louis Regional Health Commission (RHC)
- Management Information System for Early Childhood Success (City of St. Louis Early Childhood Success Initiative, Technology and Learning Center – UM St. Louis) *
- Missouri Child Care Resource & Referral Network (MOCCRRN) and Child Day Care Association (CDCA)
- Vision for Children at Risk (Children of Metropolitan St. Louis report, Community Assessment of Child Health, Community Resource Inventories and Asset Maps)

+ *Public Awareness, Civic Engagement, and Advocacy*

- Citizens for Missouri’s Children [legislative advocacy & public awareness in Missouri]
- Missouri Budget Project [budget analysis and advocacy in Missouri]
- Missouri #1 Question Campaign [Statewide public awareness/public sector investment]
- Invest in Kids (St. Louis Children’s Agenda Strategy, Vision for Children at Risk lead agency) [Regional public awareness, civic engagement, public-private investment]

+ *Strategic Planning – Policy and Program Development and Implementation*

- St. Louis Metropolitan Children’s Agenda

+ *Resource Development and Major Funders*

- Deaconess Foundation (Children’s health) [Funding, organizational capacity-building and public policy]
- Missouri Foundation for Health (health) [Funding, public policy and advocacy]
- St. Louis Mental Health Board [Funding and strategic investment] *
- United Way of Greater St. Louis [Funding, needs assessment and planning]
- Vision for Children at Risk (VCR) [Community assessment research, facilitation of collaborative policy/program development and public awareness & civic engagement]

10. **Faith-based Initiatives**

* Indicates an organization or initiative that is specifically focused on St. Louis City. All other organizations or initiatives present a regional approach.