

# Mayor's Commission on Children, Youth and Families

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## Statistics for St. Louis City and Missouri

	St. Louis City	Missouri
<b>DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS</b>		
Child population <sup>2</sup>	89,657	1,407,342
Child population under 6 years <sup>2</sup>	28,369	445,566
Child population 10-14 years <sup>2</sup>	25,014	412,080
Child population 15-19 years <sup>2</sup>	24,729	413,296
Minority children <sup>1</sup>	70.9%	21.6%
<b>ECONOMIC INDICATORS</b>		
Children living in poverty <sup>1</sup>	36.4%	15.3%
Annual household salary <sup>1</sup>	\$41,229	\$32,518
<b>FAMILY SUPPORT INDICATORS</b>		
Children receiving food stamps <sup>1</sup>	62%	28.1%
Child abuse and neglect reports (per 1,000) [Substantiated Rate] <sup>3</sup>	4.02 [0.32]	3.44 [0.32]
Children in foster care <sup>3</sup>	1,408	10,575
Number of African-American children in foster care <sup>4</sup>	1,263	3,181

<sup>1</sup> Kids Count Missouri 2004

<sup>2</sup> 2000 Census

<sup>3</sup> Children's Division: Children's Service Management Report as of 1/31/06

<sup>4</sup> Missouri Children's Division



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<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD INDICATORS</b>		
Children receiving subsidized child care <sup>1</sup>	8,163	43,287
Licensed child care capacity <sup>2</sup> (centers and homes)	12,852	146,853
Licensed child care programs <sup>4</sup>	329	3,984
Number of DSS-registered in-home child care facilities <sup>5</sup>	1,074	6,894
Number of licensed school age (only) child care centers <sup>2</sup>	27	n/a
<b>EDUCATIONAL INDICATORS</b>		
Number of children enrolled in public schools <sup>3</sup>	37,166	891,847
Percent African-American <sup>3</sup>	81.6%	17.8%
Graduation rate <sup>3</sup>	58.6%	85.7%
African-American Graduation Rate <sup>3</sup>	57.7%	77%
Drop-out Rate <sup>3</sup>	15.7%	3.8%
African-American Drop-out Rate <sup>3</sup>	16.3%	6.4%
Average ACT score <sup>3</sup>	17.3	21.6
3rd grade reading level score of satisfactory or above <sup>3</sup>	75.3% (of 2,463 students)	77.1% (of 49,556 students)
7th grade reading level score of satisfactory or above <sup>3</sup>	34.6% (of 2,871 students)	65.1% (of 47,138 students)

<sup>1</sup> Kids Count Missouri 2004

<sup>3</sup> Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education website (2005)

<sup>2</sup> Child Day Care Association

<sup>4</sup> Dept. of Health and Senior Services website (12/05)

<sup>5</sup> MO Dept. of Senior Services (11/05)

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<b>HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH INDICATORS</b>		
Lead Screening Prevalence Rate (total # cases out of # screened) <sup>3</sup>	9%	3%
Percentage of children <6 tested <sup>3</sup>	46.7%	18%
Children enrolled in MC+/Medicaid <sup>1</sup>	74.7%	37.2%
Children receiving public SED mental health services <sup>2</sup>	531	15,239
Prevalence of children in need of public SED mental health services <sup>2</sup>	5,994	99,555
Public Immunization <sup>1</sup>	80%	79.1%
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) <sup>1</sup>	13.3	7.7
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000 teens) <sup>1</sup>	78.6	43.1
Number of births to African-American teens (10-19) <sup>4</sup>	784	2,270
Percentage of teens (10-19) with Chlamydia <sup>4</sup>	2.7%	0.8%
Percentage of African-American teens (10-19) with Chlamydia <sup>4</sup>	3.8%	3.2%
Percentage of teens (10-19) with Gonorrhea <sup>4</sup>	1.2%	0.3%
Percentage of African-American teens (10-19) with Gonorrhea <sup>4</sup>	1.8%	1.5%
Admissions to CSTAR Adolescent Programs (City residents admitted) <sup>5</sup>	329 (268)	3488
African-American Admissions to CSTAR Adolescent Programs (City residents admitted) <sup>5</sup>	290 (238)	727

<sup>1</sup> Kids Count Missouri 2004

<sup>2</sup> DMH's Division of Comprehensive Psychiatric Services FY 2005

<sup>3</sup> 2004 Lead Safe St. Louis

<sup>4</sup> St. Louis City Department of Health

<sup>5</sup> MO Dept. of Mental Health



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	St. Louis City	Missouri
<b>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS</b>		
Percent of children leaving high school and entering post-secondary <sup>2</sup>	43.8%	68.4%
Percent of population with after-school programs (vs. national avg) <sup>4</sup>	9%	22%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000) <sup>1</sup>	92	61.8
Total children in juvenile detention (African-American) <sup>5</sup>	2,644 (2,508)	n/a
Truancy court absence rates (pre- and post-program for Family and City Courts <sup>5</sup> )	(35.5) [28.2]	n/a
Number of juveniles served <sup>5</sup>	855	n/a
Number of parents with outstanding warrants <sup>5*</sup>	400	n/a
Number of juveniles referred for delinquency since truancy referral <sup>5</sup>	2,259 (44%)	n/a
Number of juveniles referred for serious violent offense since truancy referral <sup>5</sup>	542 (11%)	n/a
Number of commitments to Division of Youth Services <sup>3</sup>	130	1,205

<sup>1</sup> Kids Count Missouri 2004

<sup>2</sup> 2005 Data from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

<sup>3</sup> DSS

<sup>4</sup> St. Louis for Kids

<sup>5</sup> St. Louis Family Courts

\* Estimate

# Commission Participants



# Purpose



*Many initiatives and efforts exist at the local, regional and state levels to address the needs and promote the well-being of our children. In addition, city-wide collaborative efforts, called Action Groups, have formed around several key priority areas.*

The purpose of the Mayor's Commission is to:

- Establish and promote priorities for children and families in the City of St. Louis,
- Coordinate efforts of Action Groups as well as other existing or new initiatives, where appropriate, and
- Address requests recommended by Action Groups to assist them in their efforts to strategically address priorities.

# Activities of Commission



- Create priorities based on the current needs, resources and trends related to the children and families in the City of St. Louis
- Identify common initiatives among Action Groups for cross-Action Group collaboration
- Create new Action Groups, as necessary, to target negative trends and promote positive trends. Connect initiatives to Commission, as appropriate
- Recommend the investment or realignment of local and state resources to priority areas
- Advocate changes in local and state legislation or regulation that address priority areas
- Increase civic engagement and citizen participation priority areas



# Relationship of Action Groups to Mayor's Commission

- Role of Commission:**
- Prioritization
  - Coordination
  - Policy
  - Breaking down barriers

**Mayor's Commission**

**K-12 School Reform Task Force**

**After School for All by 2010 Task Force**

**Family & Community Partnership**

**Lead Safe St. Louis Task Force**

**Council on Early Childhood Success**

Reforming Child Care Subsidy System

Improving City Regulatory System

ELOA Project Strategies

Economic Development Strategies

Building Community Partnerships

TDM/Practice

Improving PAT Participation

Recruitment, Development & Support

Self-Evaluation

Communications

Community Partners

Enforcement

Outreach and Education

Contractors

Housing

Legislative

- Role of Action Groups:**
- Fact finding
  - Planning and implementing strategies to achieve goals
  - Engagement and collaboration
  - Resource identification

# Action Groups as of March '06



- After School For All by 2010 Task Force
- Council on Early Childhood Success
- Family and Community Partnership
- Lead Safe St. Louis Task Force
- K-12 School Reform Task Force

# After School for All by 2010



Mission: Create a coordinated system of high-quality, non-school hour programs in the City of St. Louis by 2010

## Goals:

1. Develop multi-year strategic plan, including sustainability in funding
2. Key intermediary organizations commit to mission
3. Create model to pool funds from diverse sources including public and private
4. Create new funding sources
5. Develop and implement a common monitoring, data collection and accountability model
6. Build civic and citizen commitment for a coordinated system

## Priorities:

- Ensure a high quality afterschool program in every elementary school in the City of St. Louis by 2008

<http://stlc.in.missouri.org/newsletters/articles.cfm?NewsletterId=4&ArticleId=241>

# Council on Early Childhood Success



Mission: Create an integrated early care and education system

## Goals:

- Community and Economic Development: Increased investment by business, new public-private partnerships, competitive wages and benefits for childcare workers, development of new childcare business and the economic means for families to access quality care
- Health and Safety: Children and families have access and use quality, comprehensive health care; children live, play and learn in safe and health environments; and policies and regulations are consistent with this vision.
- Access to Quality Care: Parents demand quality care and the funding is adequate to meet the demand
- School Readiness: Children have access to pre-kindergarten opportunities, are prepared to enter school and the community embraces and participates in school readiness activities.

## Priorities:

- Increase access to affordable child care by:
  - Reducing the financial eligibility requirements and increasing the amount of subsidy payments
  - Streamlining the child care licensing process in the City of St. Louis
- Increase parental demand for lead poisoning testing
- Increase the saturation rate of PAT in the City of St. Louis
- Increase public awareness and citizen engagement in early childhood

# Family & Community Partnership



Mission: Support families, prevent child abuse and neglect, and help ensure that children have permanent relationships that help them safely thrive with families in their own communities.

## Goals:

1. Promote the existence and coordination of a continuum of services and supports
2. Recommend and advocate for effective prevention and intervention strategies
3. Provide community accountability and quality assurance that evaluates local data, policy, and practices
4. Promote community utilization of shared family support practices and principles
5. Increase public awareness and involvement, and improve communication between community partners
6. Seek out and coordinate funding and resources to promote collaborative partnerships, integrated services, and grassroots initiatives

## Priorities:

- Create Family Support Teams in SLPS
- Increase recruitment of foster care families in City of St. Louis

# Lead Safe St. Louis Task Force



Mission: Eliminate childhood lead poisoning in the City of St. Louis by 2010.

Goals: The goal of Lead Safe St. Louis is to shift the focus of the City's efforts from treatment to prevention

## Priorities:

- Universal and annual blood lead testing for all children under 6
- Proactive remediation of lead risks in City homes and enforcement of applicable laws
- Educate homeowners, landlords, teachers and parents with children at risk
- Coordinate and align the various lead initiatives

# K-12 School Reform



Mission: Rapid and dramatic reform of the St. Louis Public Schools. SLPS will provide a quality education to all students and enable them to realize their full intellectual potential.

## Goals/Principles:

- 1: Academic Achievement
- 2: Safe and Orderly Environment
- 3: Community Collaboration
- 4: Equity
- 5: Efficient and Effective Support Operations

## Priorities:

- School Organization
- Choice and Programs
- Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development
- College and Career Preparation
- Student Support Services
- Capital Development

# 2006 Commission Activities



- Identify connections between Action Groups for policy, legislative or resource changes
- Establish Commission priorities
- Respond to needs of Action Groups



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