



SAFE CHILDREN • HEALTHY FAMILIES • STRONG COMMUNITIES

Mission

The St. Louis Family & Community Partnership is a coalition of more than 60 child-serving agencies and community partners in the city of St. Louis dedicated to supporting families, preventing child abuse and ensuring that children have permanent family relationships where they can thrive in their own communities.

Members

Partnership members include parents and families, schools, faith communities, Missouri Children's Division St. Louis office, St. Louis City Family Court, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, St. Louis Public Schools, Missouri Dept. of Mental Health Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center, Catholic Charities of St. Louis, Child Day Care Association, Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis, Family Resource Center, Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition, Kids Hope United, and others

Activities

- **Child abuse prevention awareness** through such activities for April Blue Ribbon Month to Prevent Child Abuse
- **Strengthening Families** program bringing together professionals in early care and education to increase the protective factors for young children
- **Collaborative Team Practices** utilizing strengths-based techniques to support families and children, including voluntary Family Support Teams in schools, early care and other community settings
- **For youth in alternative care**, increasing permanency and home-based settings for older youth, along with increasing the number of family resource homes and supports available

Leadership

Governance of the Partnership is by a 21-member Council. Activities are carried out by eight Workgroups involving hundreds of individuals. Staffing and administration of the Partnership is handled by Vision for Children at Risk, a nonprofit organization dedicated to building strategic initiatives to improve the well-being of children in the St. Louis region.

Results Achieved

- Collaboration and cooperation established among service providers in child-abuse prevention and foster care in the City of St. Louis
- Community awareness and participation generated in child abuse prevention through April Blue Ribbon Month; over 50,000 bookmarks, pins and other commemorative items have been distributed each year, and over 100 child advocates and community leaders attend annual kickoff event
- 5 child-care centers per year equipped and trained to promote protective factors against abuse
- 20 school staff members per year trained in collaborative team practices
- Foster parent recruitment programs launched

Supporters

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