

Summit Conference Program



Vision for Children at Risk

**St. Louis
Metropolitan
Children's
Summit**

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*Building a Framework
for Strategic, Coordinated
Community Action to
Promote the Well-Being of
All St. Louis Area Children*

**Busch Memorial Center
Saint Louis University
20 N. Grand Ave.**



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Program for the St. Louis Metropolitan Children's Summit

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Summit Overview
Summit Co-chairs
Ronald Jackson, Executive Director, InterACT St. Louis
Deborah Paulsrud, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University
- 8:45 a.m. Opening Remarks
Mayor Clarence Harmon, City of St. Louis
Fred Perabo, Ralston Purina Company
- 9:00 a.m. Formulating the Agenda: Research-Based Community Action Addressing the Needs of Children
Jonathan Cloud, Developmental Research & Programs
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation of the *St. Louis Metropolitan Children's Agenda*,
Findings and Recommendations of the Critical Issues Task Forces
CITF Co-chairs
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| Family Support | <i>Hon. Susan Block, St. Louis County Family Court</i>
<i>Gloria Taylor, Lutheran Family & Children's Services</i> |
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- 10:30 a.m. Break

- 11:00 a.m. Panel Review & Audience Discussion;
 Considerations Related to Implementing the St. Louis Children's Agenda
- Panel Members*
 Robin Gierer, Missouri Department of Social Services
 Mark Hayes, Vice President, St. Louis 2004
 John Kyle, Director, Children, Families & Cities Project, National League of Cities
 Richard Mark, President & CEO, St. Mary's Hospital of East St. Louis
 Hon. Betty Sims, Missouri State Senate
 Joseph Wiley, Monsanto Company
 Jonathan Cloud, panel moderator
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Summit Keynote Address
 Marianne Larned, author, *Stone Soup for the World Foundation*
- 2:00 p.m. Small Group Implementation Strategy Working Sessions
 Summit Participants
- 3:45 p.m. Summit Wrap-up/Next Steps
 Jonathan Cloud
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Next Steps and Summit Follow-up

The Metropolitan Children's Summit is a focal point in an ongoing, collaborative initiative in St. Louis directed to more strategic, coordinated community action promoting the well-being of children. The initiative focuses particularly on children for whom fundamental life needs are not now met. Following the summit event, the focus of the initiative will shift to:

1. Implementing specific elements of the Children's Agenda. One primary focus will be on working with neighborhood communities in tailoring strategies to meet their needs;
2. Promoting the well-being of children as a primary criterion for civic action in St. Louis;
3. Maintaining a region-wide forum and process for addressing the needs of children and youth, as well as increasing the number of individuals and organizations involved in those efforts;
4. Developing the resources and securing the commitments required to provide more effectively for problems, needs and opportunities facing St. Louis area children and youth; and
5. Setting benchmark goals and tracking outcome data to assess community progress in improving the well-being of the community's young people.

In 1999, a Community Call to Action will be held in conjunction with America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth. The purpose of the call-to-action event will be two-fold. First is to increase community awareness of the St. Louis Children's Agenda as a vehicle for advancing the complementary goals of America's Promise and Vision for Children at Risk. The second purpose will be to enlist broader community participation in focused, strategic civic efforts to improve the well-being of St. Louis area children and youth. The goal is to better ensure that adequate provision is made for the fundamental life needs of all children in the St. Louis region.



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