



St. Louis Metropolitan Children's Agenda — Strategies & Lead Agencies

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Family Support	Early Childhood Development	Maternal & Child Health	Quality Education	Youth Development	Safe Neighborhoods & Strong Communities	Advocacy & Civic Engagement
<p>Improve quality and impact of parent education programs^{††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Support Network <p>Improve child welfare practice^{††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Louis Family and Community Partnership/ • Vision for Children at Risk <p>Minimize impact of parental incarceration on children^{††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition for Children of Offenders <p>Recruit foster and adoptive parents and increase permanency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition <p>Provide Family Development Credentialing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Support Council 	<p>Improve state & local child care policies and strategies^{††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase Missouri child care subsidies - Promote universal access to voluntary Pre-K programs - Support implementation of Quality Rating System • Child Day Care Association • Vision for Children at Risk <p>Implementation of City of St. Louis Strategic Plan for Early Childhood Success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Streamline child care licensing in the City of St. Louis - Enforce annual lead testing - Increase urban PAT participation • Early Childhood Success Steering Committee <p>Increase access to services for young children with special needs^{††}</p> <p>Maintain T.E.A.C.H. Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral Network <p>Create early childhood data and information system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Desmond Lee Technology & Learning Center, UM-St. Louis 	<p>Increase access to and utilization of health care services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternal Child Family Health Coalition <p>Improve youth physical activity & nutrition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Youth Partnership <p>Teen pregnancy & STD prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership <p>Reduce fetal Infant mortality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternal Child Family Health Coalition <p>Improve access to behavioral and mental health services</p>	<p>Conduct community forums to address critical issues facing the St. Louis Public Schools^{††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for Children at Risk <p>Continue to engage stakeholders to establish a St. Louis Public Education Coalition^{††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for Children at Risk <p>Pursue strategies to improve regional educational quality and equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Education Coalition Steering Committee <p>• Denotes Lead Agency</p> <p>^{††} Strategies for which Vision for Children at Risk provides intensive staff support</p>	<p>Promote quality nonschool-hour programs and professionally trained youth development workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Louis for Kids <p>Enhance mentoring programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri <p>Analyze youth employment/ skill development opportunities and barriers^{††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Center for Education & Work, UM-St. Louis • Vision for Children at Risk 	<p>Analyze need and identify strategies/ best practices related to Gang Outreach and violence prevention programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for Children at Risk 	<p>Conduct <i>Invest in Kids</i> public awareness campaign^{††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for Children at Risk <p>Engage civic leaders in addressing children's issues^{††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for Children at Risk <p>Analyze state and regional budgets for children's services (Research)</p> <p>Perform community asset assessment (Research)^{††}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision for Children at Risk <p>Educate state legislators on children's issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens for Missouri's Children

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