

# St. Louis Metropolitan Children's Summit 2009

## Stepping Up, Moving Forward: Investing in Children Today to Build the Region's Future

Join with national experts and area civic, government and nonprofit leadership during this important daylong conference as we explore strategies for increasing community investment in our most vital resource - our children - while also promoting economic development in the St. Louis region.

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## Children's Summit Program

8:30 a.m. **Summit Welcome & Call to Action**  
Lora Gulley, Co-chair, St. Louis Metropolitan Children's Agenda  
Jerry Paul, President & CEO, Deaconess Foundation

8:45 a.m. **Keynote Address: Investing in St. Louis Children to Promote Economic Success in the Region**  
**Robert Dugger**, Chair, Partnership for America's Economic Success & Managing Partner, Hanover Investment Group

Why are children essential to the future economic health of our community and the nation? How can we make the case for investing in children? How can we energize the community around this issue? Mr. Dugger chairs the Partnership for America's Economic Success, a coalition of business leaders, policy experts and economists dedicated to improving our nation's economy through strategic investments in children.

9:15 a.m. **Panel Discussion: Addressing Investment in Children and Economic Success in St. Louis**  
How can greater investment in children benefit the St. Louis area?

Facilitated by **Otis White, Civic Strategies, Inc., Atlanta, Ga.**

**Panelists:**

**Robert Dugger**, Chair, Partnership for America's Economic Success  
**Patrick McKeehan**, Executive Director, Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois  
**Ellen Sherberg**, Publisher, *St. Louis Business Journal*  
**Michael Yarbrough**, Director of Community Outreach, St. Louis Rams

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. **Vision for Children at Risk and St. Louis Metropolitan Children's Agenda Updates**

- 2009 *Children of Metropolitan St. Louis* report
- Preview of Children's Information Clearinghouse
- 2009 St. Louis Metropolitan Children's Agenda

11:15 a.m. **Breakout Sessions: Status & Update on Fundamental Needs of St. Louis-Area Children**  
Take a closer look at six specific children's fundamental needs areas. Community leaders will update recent activities and accomplishments in each of these areas while also summarizing current needs and future goals. Six breakout sessions:

- Family Support
- Early Childhood Development
- Maternal & Child Health
- Quality Education
- Youth Development
- Safe Neighborhoods

12:30 p.m. **Lunch & Presentation of Investing in Children Award to U.S. Senator Christopher Bond**  
Sen. Bond has served 23 years in the U.S. Senate and two terms as Missouri governor. During that time he has championed legislation and funding for a variety of children's policies and programs. Join in saluting his contributions for children as he prepares to retire at the end of 2010.

1:45 p.m. **Breakout Sessions: Visioning and Action Steps for Community Strategies to Make St. Louis a Model Region for Children & Realize Economic Success**  
**Facilitated by Otis White, Civic Strategies, Inc.**  
In this 21st century global economy, communities that invest in children will thrive the most and offer a more educated, skilled workforce. Join one of the nation's leaders in civic decision-making as he takes us through a working session to develop a framework through which St. Louis can become a model region for promoting the well-being of children and realizing economic success.

4:00 p.m. **Summit Wrap-Up and Adjournment**

**Robert H. Dugger**  
Chairman, Partnership for America's Economic Success  
Managing Partner, Hanover Investment Group

**R**ob Dugger has had a long and varied career in business and public service. For 15 years, he was a partner in Tudor Investment Corporation, a global asset management company active in currency, bond, equity, and commodity market trading and venture capital investment worldwide. Currently he is managing partner of Hanover Investment Group, a boutique private equity and investment analysis company. He is an expert on government policy assessment and the effects of policy on domestic and global markets and financial institutions. Prior to Tudor, Mr. Dugger served as policy director at the American Bankers Association, where he facilitated a panel of bank officials in developing a plan that became the RTC and the solution to the U.S. savings and loan crisis.



Mr. Dugger is a founder of the Partnership for America's Economic Success, chairman of the Invest in Kids Working Group, and a Trustee of the Committee for Economic Development - all projects focused on ascertaining and communicating the economic growth and job creation value of investing early in the lives of children. In his home state of Virginia, he is board member of Smart Beginnings, a member of Governor Kaine's Strong Start Pre-Kindergarten Council, served as co-chair of Governor Warner's Virginia Early Learning Council, and is a founding board member of the Alexandria Community Trust.

**Otis White**  
President of Civic Strategies, Inc.

**O**tis White is an authority on community decision making and one of America's most quoted analysts on civic leadership. His Atlanta-based consulting firm Civic Strategies, Inc. helps cities and regions design and manage decision-making processes to deliver effective solutions.

Mr. White has worked with numerous governments, non-profit organizations and companies, including Georgia Power Co., the Iowa State Association of Counties, the Virginia Performing Arts Foundation, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the University System of Georgia, Augusta-Richmond County, GA, the city of Springboro, Ohio, the Lilly Endowment, AT&T, and many others. He has conducted studies of civic leadership for such cities as Boston, Los Angeles, San Jose and Nashville. From 2002 to 2007 he was a columnist for *Governing* magazine writing about urban issues. He also has written for the *New York Times* and other publications.



# St. Louis Metropolitan Children's Summit 2009

**Registration Form**  
Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Millennium Hotel, St. Louis

You can also register online at [www.visionforchildren.org](http://www.visionforchildren.org).

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#### Lunch Preference

I prefer the vegetarian lunch

Morning Breakout Session Choice

Please indicate the morning Children's

Fundamental Needs Area breakout session

you will be attending (11:15 am to 12:15 pm)

- Family Support
- Early Childhood Development
- Maternal & Child Health
- Quality Education
- Youth Development
- Safe Neighborhoods & Strong Communities

#### Conference Registration Fee

Early Bird (up to Dec 1) - **\$75.00**

Regular (after Dec 1) - **\$95.00**

Student Registration - **\$45.00**

#### All registrants receive:

- Participation in all Summit sessions
- Complimentary copy of the 2009-2010 *Children of Metropolitan St. Louis Report*
- Continental breakfast and lunch
- Free parking in the Stadium East garage

*In light of the economic downturn and tight agency budgets, with the help of the sponsors of the Children's Summit registration fees have been held at 2007 levels.*

Mail this registration form with the conference registration fee, payable to:  
**Vision for Children at Risk, 2433 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63106**

**Early bird registration deadline is Tuesday, December 1.**

Questions? Call (314) 534-6015 or e-mail [vcr@visionforchildren.org](mailto:vcr@visionforchildren.org)

**Thank you for attending the Children's Summit!**

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## St. Louis Metropolitan Children's Agenda

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- Join in setting a community agenda to make children a greater priority
- Hear from national leaders about the business case for investing in children
- Learn about what is being done to address the needs of at-risk children in St. Louis
- Help fashion a plan for investing in St. Louis area children and promoting economic development in the region

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