



2011 Annual Report



New Website Offers Expanded Data

Find data on child well-being, review issue briefs and connect with other child advocates on the *Children’s Policy Forum* website new in 2011. The site has a storehouse of St. Louis-area data on child well-being, along with an extensive library of articles and best practices on children’s issues. The site receives some 3,000 page-views each month.

Regional Early Childhood Council Launches

More than 100 child-serving organizations, funders and businesses have joined to launch the St. Louis Regional Early Childhood Council, facilitated by Vision for Children at Risk. The Council is developing programs to advance the level of learning and development among children ages 0-8 in the St. Louis region.



Family & Community Partnership Continues Growth

Over 150 community members attended the St. Louis Family & Community Partnership’s annual Child Abuse Prevention Month kickoff in April. The Partnership, involving some 60 organizations, also continues progress on other projects dedicated to preventing child abuse and supporting foster and adoptive families. The Partnership is staffed by Vision for Children at Risk.

Anniversary Event Honors “Superstars”

We celebrated *20 years of working together for kids* with a Nov. 15 reception at the Palladium Saint Louis attended by over 200 people. ‘Superstars for Kids’ awards were presented to three retiring leaders of major funders. Pictured with VCR Executive Director Rich Patton, left, and Board President Meredith Anderson, right, are Dr. Jim Kimmey, Rev. Jerry Paul and Don Cuvo.



And more ...

- ... Chairing a Missouri statewide Children’s Leadership Council promoting a common legislative advocacy agenda for children.
- ... Advancing the ‘collective impact’ model of collaboration to address children’s issues.
- ... Working with funders in a special project to sustain the activities of intermediary agencies.



Making Things Happen for Children

Vision for Children is a catalyst for positive change in the way the St. Louis area takes care of its children:

Research. Vision for Children at Risk compiles data on 30 indicators of St. Louis-area child health and well-being to the ZIP-code level to pinpoint needs by geography and plan programs and strategies. Data is disseminated through the Vision for Children at Risk website, www.visionforchildren.org and the *Children of Metropolitan St. Louis* printed report.

Collaborative strategic action. Vision for Children at Risk builds, facilitates and staffs collaborative programs to address priority needs of children around the St. Louis Metropolitan Children's Agenda engaging key stakeholders from across the region. Major collaboratives currently supported include the St. Louis Regional Early Childhood Council and the St. Louis Family & Community Partnership, along with providing staffing for the St. Louis Mayor's Commission on Children & Families. Past successes include creation of the Maternal Child & Family Health Coalition, SafeFutures, quality standards for afterschool programs, and more.

Advocacy. We facilitate coordinated state legislative/policy advocacy among children's agencies through the Missouri Children's Leadership Council, in the St. Louis area work to raise public awareness of and support for the importance of providing for healthy development of all children.



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Financials

For the Year Ended December 31, 2011
(Unaudited Cash Basis; From IRS Form 990)

Revenue and Expenses

Revenue	
Contributions and grants	245,024
Program service revenue	<u>22,675</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 267,699
Expenses	
Program services	\$ 277,126
Management and general	37,948
Fundraising	<u>229</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 315,303
Net Revenue over Expenses	(\$ 47,604)

Balance Sheet

Net Assets	<u>(11,633)</u>
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Vision for Children at Risk brings together people and organizations across the St. Louis region to create a better future for the area's children, especially the most disadvantaged socioeconomically. We provide research, facilitate collaboration and advocate on behalf of children.