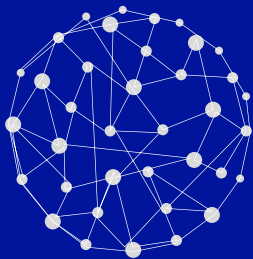


**ST. LOUIS  
COLLABORATIONS  
DIRECTORY**

2020 EDITION



*A catalog of the cross-sector collaborative efforts that connect and serve our region.*

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**GATEWAY CENTER FOR GIVING**

# NOTE

The PDF version of this directory represents a snapshot of known cross-sector collaborative efforts in the St. Louis region as of April 2020.

## ONLINE DATABASE

To help keep the directory up-to-date and accurate, an interactive online counterpart, the St. Louis Regional Collaborations Database, has been created.

It is viewable in two formats:

- Gallery - [bit.ly/STLCollaborationsGalleryView](https://bit.ly/STLCollaborationsGalleryView)
- Grid - [bit.ly/STLCollaborationsGridView](https://bit.ly/STLCollaborationsGridView)

To suggest an edit, update or addition to this directory, please contact [info@centerforgiving.org](mailto:info@centerforgiving.org).

## FUNDER SUPPLEMENT

A list of collaborations specific to grantmakers was created as a supplement to this directory. It can be accessed by at [www.centerforgiving.org/fundercollaboratives](http://www.centerforgiving.org/fundercollaboratives).

# ABOUT GATEWAY CENTER FOR GIVING

## WHO WE ARE

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# ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

## INTRODUCTION

To address the obstacles and inequities in our region, we need collaborative solutions at scale, ones that engage multiple stakeholders, community members, and sectors. In the absence of collaboration, strategies aimed at our most pressing social and economic problems will continue to be developed in silos and without the benefit of diverse perspectives.

Gateway Center for Giving published its first Regional Collaborations Directory in 2012, with an update in 2015, to identify current collaborations, encourage increased participation, and reduce the duplication of efforts. The initial publications profiled 72 established multi-organization collaborations. Over time some have continued, some have evolved into permanent programs or stand-alone organizations [1], and some have concluded their work or dissolved.

This version of the directory profiles 45 cross-sector collaborations in the St. Louis region that were active as of April 2020.

[1] Organizations that have graduated from collaboration to stand-alone status include: Alive and Well STL, Arch Grants, BioSTL, CityArchRiver, Forward Through Ferguson, Invest STL, Raising St. Louis, STEMpact, and STL Youth Jobs.

# SCOPE

The St. Louis region benefits from many types of collaborations, including collective impact initiatives, service provider partnerships, learning networks, and professional associations.

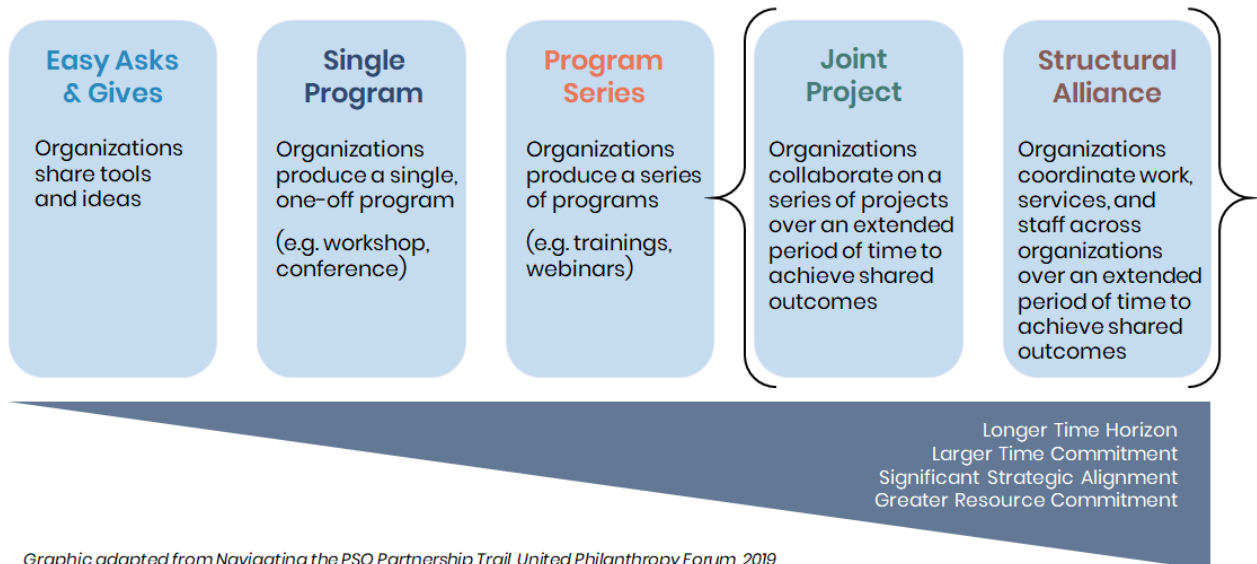
This directory documents a subset of regional collaborations, focusing on those partnerships that have a defined list of organizational members; engage multiple sectors; have been in existence for at least a year; and are focused on specific shared outcomes.

The types of cross-sector collaborations that are included in this directory tend to be time and resource intensive; have a longer time horizon; and require strategic alignment from organizational members.

## THE COLLABORATION CONTINUUM

The following graphic offers a framework for understanding the levels of engagement and longevity for collaborative efforts. This directory includes collaborations described by the two categories on the right side of the continuum: joint projects and structural alliances.

### Continuum of Organizational Collaboration



Graphic adapted from *Navigating the PSO Partnership Trail*, United Philanthropy Forum, 2019



# DEFINITIONS

## COLLABORATION

A mutually beneficial and well-defined relationship entered into to achieve common goals. The relationship includes a commitment to mutual relationships and goals, a jointly developed structure and shared responsibility, mutual authority and accountability for success, and sharing of resources and rewards (adapted from Mattessich, 2001).

## CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION

Collaborations whose membership is made up of organizations that represent more than one of the following types of organizations:

- Businesses & Corporations
- Colleges & Universities
- Faith-Based Institutions
- Government
- Grantmakers
- Hospitals
- Schools & School Districts
- Service Providers & Nonprofits

Grantmakers that actively participate in a collaboration would be considered members of the collaboration; however, grantmakers that fund a collaboration but do not participate would not be considered members.

## LEAD ENTITY

An organization, initiative, or an individual that provides particular leadership in bringing the collaboration together, and is generally acknowledged by the group as having a leadership role. Sometimes this leadership is expressed through a dedicated staff person, comprehensive “backbone” support, fiscal agency, meeting facilitation, or other supports. This leadership looks slightly different in every case, but the presence of a lead entity is a common feature among many collaborations in the region.

# METHODS

The 2020 edition of the directory builds on an initial list of collaborations included in the 2015 version of the directory and on a list of regional collaborative efforts compiled by CIAC, as a part of their research for the United Way of Greater St. Louis Community Needs Assessment.

Online research was conducted on each collaboration that met initial criteria for inclusion and direct outreach was made to the collaboration's lead entity. When no lead entity was identified, information was gathered from a facilitator or long-time participant.

Collaborations in this directory are organized by issue area, including:

- Animal Welfare
- Children, Youth & Families
- Community & Economic Development
- Early Childhood
- Education
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Sustainability
- Food Security
- Health
- Housing
- Immigrants, Refugees & Foreign-Born Populations
- Mental Health
- Public Policy & Advocacy
- Racial Equity
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
- Violence Prevention
- Workforce Development

Many collaborative efforts address overlapping and intersecting issues. For the purposes of this directory, collaborations were categorized by the primary issue area that best describes their work.



# **ANIMAL WELFARE**

# PetLover Coalition

**Website:** <https://explorestlouis.com/discover/st-louis-pet-lovers/petlover-coalition/>

**Date Initiated:** 2009

**Description:** The Saint Louis Petlover Coalition convenes public and private animal welfare service organizations that network and discuss improving the lives, adoption and retention of dogs and cats in our community.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Nestlé Purina PetCare Company

**Contact Info:** stlpetlovers@gmail.com

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *Nestlé Purina PetCare Company*

**Government:** *St. Charles County Pet Adoption Center, Saint Louis County Animal Care & Control, Madison County Animal Care & Control, City of St. Louis Animal Care & Control*

**Grantmakers:** *Nestlé Purina PetCare Company*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Wonder Weims Rescue, The Feral Companion, The Cat Network, Tenth Life Cat Rescue, Stray Rescue of St. Louis, Stray Haven Rescue, Stray Angels, St. Louis Pet Rescue, St. Louis Feral Cat Outreach, St. Louis County SAVE, St. Louis City Kitties, St. Clair County Animal Welfare Advocates, SNIP Alliance, Seven More Cats Rescue, Second Chance Sheltie Rescue, Pets and People in Need (PAPIN) Support Facility, Pet's Second Chance Welsh Corgi Rescue, Partners for Pets, Operation SPOT, Open Door Animal Sanctuary, Needy Paws Rescue, MuttsnStuff, MO Min Pin Rescue Corp, Metro East Humane Society, Metro Animal Resource Services Inc, Mercy Hospice, Jefferson County Humane Society Inc., Humane Society of Southeast Missouri, Humane Society of Missouri, Highland Animal Shelter, Helping Strays of Monroe County, Gateway Pet Guardians, Furry Friends Recovery, Franklin County Humane*

*Society, Five Acres Animal Shelter, Even Chance Pit Bull Rescue, Duo, Dogwood Farm Sanctuary, Dirks Fund, Dent County Animal Welfare Society, Crestwood Animal Shelter, Community Animal Resource Education & Safety Inc., Come Bye Border Collie Rescue, Clowder House Foundation Inc, CHAMP Assistance Dogs, Center for Animal Rescue & Enrichment of St. Louis (CARE STL), Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic, Caring-4-Canines Rescue, Camp Chaos Puppy Rescue, Bond County Humane Society, Bi-State Pet Food Pantry, Best Friends Animal Society, Belleville Area Humane Society, BARC, APA Adoption Center, Animal Protective League of Springfield and Sangamon County, Animal House Cat Rescue and Adoption Center*



**CHILDREN, YOUTH  
& FAMILIES**

# Back2Basics

**Date Initiated:** 2019

**Description:** The goal of coalition members organized within the Back2Basics Coalition is to honor the dignity of the community by increasing access to life's basic needs. Coalition members provide pathways to basic needs resources; connect communities with comprehensive health and wellness options; and identify gaps and foster partnerships amongst coalition member organizations.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Community Impact Network

**Contact Info:** Dr. Jaison McCall, Managing Director, Community Impact Network (jmccall@stlci.net, 314-776-9620)

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *Saint Louis University*

**Government:** *Saint Louis County Library*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *The Little Bit Foundation, St. Vincent Home for Children, St. Vincent DePaul, St. Louis Area Diaper Bank, Sneakers with Soul, Raising St. Louis, Prosperity Connection, Pink Ribbon Girls, Parents as Teachers, Operation Food Search, Nurses for Newborns, National Council of Jewish Women, Lupus Foundation, Helping Hand Me Downs, Give Kids A Smile, Epworth Children and Family Services, Community Impact Network, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Beyond Housing, Asthma and Allergy Foundation, Alive and Well Communities*

# East Side Aligned

**Website:** <https://www.eastsidealigned.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2015

**Description:** East Side Aligned (ESA) focuses on ensuring that children and youth have equitable opportunities throughout their childhood and beyond. ESA is comprised of organizations and collaborative groups that are working together to implement strategies to address the symptoms of inequity as well as to dismantle the systems that create and perpetuate inequity. This dual-transformation approach aims to meet the needs of young people today while also creating the conditions for a more just and thriving tomorrow.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** United Way of Greater St. Louis

**Contact Info:** Evan Krauss (evan.krauss@stl.unitedway.org, 618-857-7701)

## Collaboration Membership

**Government:** *St. Clair County Juvenile Justice Council*

**Grantmakers:** *United Way of Greater St. Louis*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *St. Clair County Youth Coalition, Make Health Happen, Leaving Our Voices Everywhere (L.O.V.E.), Greater East St. Louis Early Learning Partnership, East St. Louis Youth Development Alliance*



# St. Louis Child Abuse and Neglect Network

**Website:** <https://visionforchildren.org/stlcann/>

**Date Initiated:** 2017

**Description:** The St. Louis Child Abuse & Neglect Network (STLCANN) promotes advocacy, education and networking to improve the lives of children and families who have been impacted by abuse or neglect and to strengthen families to prevent child abuse or neglect. STLCANN was created when St. Louis Council on Child Abuse and Neglect and the St. Louis Family and Community Partnership merged.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Vision for Children at Risk

**Contact Info:** Ruth Ehresman (rehresman@visionforchildren.org, 314-534-6015)

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** Webster University, Washington University in St. Louis

**Government:** St. Louis Housing Authority, Saint Louis County Family Court, Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, Missouri Children's Division, City of St. Louis Juvenile Court, City of St. Louis Family Court, City of St. Louis Department of Health, Children's Trust Fund

**Hospitals:** SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital, BJC HealthCare

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** YWCA Metro St. Louis, Voices for Children, Vision for Children at Risk, Missouri Alliance for Children and Families, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Children's Permanency Partnership, Bilingual International Assistant Services, Annie Malone, Affinia

# Youth 1st Coalition

**Date Initiated:** 2019

**Description:** The goal of coalition members organized within the Youth1st Coalition is to support youth of the community to complete high school prepared for post-secondary options. Members connect youth to opportunities for engagement with post-secondary options; deliver comprehensive health and wellness services/programming; promote productive partnership between home and school; and identify gaps and foster partnerships amongst Coalition member organizations.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Community Impact Network

**Contact Info:** Dr. Jerri Johnson, Director of Education, Community Impact Network (jjohnson@stlci.net, 314-776-9614)

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *Harris-Stowe State University*

**Government:** *Saint Louis County Library*

**Schools & School Districts:** *Normandy Schools Collaborative*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Wyman, Unleashing Potential, "U&I-RISE/Bricks, Mortar, Broom & Shield", Turn the Page STL, The Leadership School, Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership, STL Youth Jobs, St. Vincent Home for Children, St. Louis Internship Program, SmartKids Inc., Prosperity Connection, Operation Food Search, Nine Network of Public Media, National Council for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (NCADA), Lutheran Family & Children's Services of Missouri, Gateway to Oral Health Foundation, Gateway Greening, Epworth Children and Family Services, Community Impact Network, Boys Hope Girls Hope St. Louis, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Beyond Housing, Affinia*



**COMMUNITY &  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

# Community Builders Network

**Website:** <https://www.communitybuildersstl.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2011

**Description:** The Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis (CBN) is a coalition of community building organizations, including community-based nonprofits, lenders, private developers, philanthropic organizations, and government actors. CBN's mission is to gather community leaders of all backgrounds to build engaged and equitable neighborhoods, which we believe are key to a strong and healthy St. Louis region. CBN's work focuses on supporting, connecting, and celebrating these neighborhoods and the people who serve them.

**Contact Info:** [info@communitybuildersstl.org](mailto:info@communitybuildersstl.org), 314-730-5449

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *BRAND of St. Louis*

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *University Square, Tower Grove Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation, The Housing Partnership, St. Louis Midtown Redevelopment Corporation, St. Joseph Housing Initiative, Spanish Lake Community Association/ Spanish Lake CDC, Rise, Revitalization of Baden Association, Rebuilding Together St. Louis, Park Place Housing & Economic Development, Park Central Development, Old North St. Louis Restoration Group, Northside Community Housing Inc., North Newstead Association, Lutheran Development Group, Link STL, Lemay Community Development Corporation, International Institute of St. Louis, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, Historic Carondelet Living, Hamilton Heights Neighborhood Organization Inc., Habitat for Humanity St. Louis, Greater Alton Community Development Corporation, Dutchtown South Community Corporation, DeSales Community Development Corporation,*

*Cornerstone, Community Action Agency of St. Louis County Inc., Beyond Housing*

# Metro East Coalition

**Website:** <https://www.communitybuildersstl.org/metro-east-community-development-coalition>

**Date Initiated:** 2017

**Description:** The Metro East Coalition works to build capacity of community stakeholders and create stronger connections with lending institutions in Madison and St. Clair counties so that we can elevate community development for the entire St. Louis Metro East region.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Community Builders Network

**Contact Info:** Gary Newcomer, Director of Operations, Community Builders Network (gary@communitybuildersstl.org, 314-730-5449)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** UMB Bank, St. Louis Equity Fund, Regions Bank, R3 Development, Providence Bank, Midland States Bank, Gateway CDFI, FCB Banks, Familia Dental and Vivid Smiles, Commerce Bank, Carrollton Bank, Busey Bank, Bank of Springfield, Associated Bank

**Colleges & Universities:** University of Illinois - Extension, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville

**Faith-Based Institutions:** New Life Community Church, Mt. Sinai Development Corp

**Government:** U.S. EPA - Region 5, Madison County Community Development, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, FDIC, East St. Louis Housing Authority, City of East St. Louis, City of Alton

**Grantmakers:** Greater East St. Louis Community Fund

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** Urban Strategies, Inc., Urban League of Greater St. Louis, Senior Services Plus, Rise, Prosperity Connection, Prairieland Service Coordination, Metro East Literacy Project, Make

*Health Happen, Madison County Connected, Lewis & Clark Habitat for Humanity, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, Katherine Dunham Centers, Justine Petersen, Housing Action Illinois, House of Prayer to All Nations, HOPCA Family + Community Center, Heartlands Conservancy, Greater Alton CDC, Good Samaritan House of Granite City, Gateway Pet Guardians, Gateway Greening, Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council (EHOC), IFF, East Side Heart and Home Family Center, East Side Aligned, Congress of Racial Equality, Community Hope Center, Collinsville Food Pantry, Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI), Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis, Citizens Community Bank, Christian Activity Center, CDBG Operations Corporation, Caritas Family Solutions, American Heart Association*

**Other Participants:** *Alton Main Street*

# Missouri Child Development Account Coalition

**Website:** <http://missouricda.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2019

**Description:** The Missouri Regional Child Development Account (CDA) Coalition is a statewide coalition that focuses on advocating for a statewide child development account policy. The Missouri CDA Coalition evolved out of the St. Louis Regional Child Development Account Coalition, which was initially founded by Health Equity Work. The Coalition's recommendation is that each child born in the state the Missouri receive a \$100 deposit into an interest bearing account to be used for post-secondary education. The accounts would be managed and funded by the Missouri State Treasurer in partnership with MOST: Missouri's 529 Education Plan.

**Contact Info:** [inquiries@missouricda.org](mailto:inquiries@missouricda.org)

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *St. Louis College of Health Careers*

**Government:** *City of St. Louis Office of the Treasurer*

**Grantmakers:** *YouthBridge Community Foundation*

**Schools & School Districts:** *The School District of University City*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Parents as Teachers, Missouri Budget Project, Beyond Housing*

**Other Participants:** *Additional anonymous members*



# North Corridor Collaborative

**Website:** <https://northcorridorcollab.wordpress.com/about/>

**Date Initiated:** 2013

**Description:** North Corridor Collaborative is a collective of residents, service providers, neighborhood associations and various stakeholders dedicated to providing a supportive network of services and facilitating positive change in an effort to create a stronger North City. The North Corridor Collaborative was formerly referred to as the College Hill Collaborative.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Grace Hill Settlement House

**Contact Info:** northcorridorcollab@gmail.com; Jeff Hendred (jhendred@GracehillSettlement.org, 314-584-6904)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *BM3 Technology*

**Government:** *St. Louis Public Library*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *WellHealth, Trailnet, St. Louis Association of Community Organizations, People's Community Action Corporation, North Newstead Association, Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council (EHOC), Grace Hill Settlement House, Fairground Neighborhood Revitalization Organization, Employment Connection, Connections to Success, Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis, Children's Education Alliance of Missouri, Campaign For College Hill, After School Labs, A Better Tomorrow*

# St. Louis CDFI Coalition

**Website:** <https://www.communitybuildersstl.org/cdfi-coalition>

**Date Initiated:** 2015

**Description:** The St. Louis CDFI Coalition is a partnership among eight Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) that offer an array of capital, development, and consulting services and share a common mission to empower a comprehensively healthy St. Louis community through support for nonprofits, small businesses, and communities facing disinvestment.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Community Builders Network

**Contact Info:** Gary Newcomer, Director of Operations, Community Builders Network (gary@communitybuildersstl.org, 314-730-5449)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *St. Louis Community Credit Union, Gateway CDFI, Alliance Credit Union, 1st Financial Federal Credit Union*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Rise, Justine Petersen, International Institute of St. Louis, IFF*

# St. Louis Commercial District Coalition

**Website:** <https://www.communitybuildersstl.org/commercial-district-coalition>

**Date Initiated:** 2017

**Description:** The St. Louis Commercial District Coalition is a collection of commercial district and corridor representatives that are organized around the belief that our region's economy and quality of life are inseparable from the outcomes of its neighborhood commercial districts.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Community Builders Network

**Contact Info:** Gary Newcomer, Director of Operations, Community Builders Network (gary@communitybuildersstl.org, 314-730-5449)

## Collaboration Membership

**Government:** Webster Groves, The Loop Special Business District, St. Louis Midtown Redevelopment Corporation, St. Louis Development Corporation, South Grand Community Improvement District, Maplewood Business District, Kirkwood, Grove Community Improvement District, Euclid South Community Improvement District, Dutchtown Community Improvement District, Clayton, Cherokee Street Community Improvement District, Central West End North Community Improvement District, Bevo Community Improvement District, Baden Special Business District

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** The Hill Business Association, Kingsway Merchants Association, Grand Center Inc, East of Grand Business Association, Delmar Maker District, Carondelet Business Association

# St. Louis Equal Housing and Community Reinvestment Alliance

**Website:** <https://www.slehcra.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2009

**Description:** The St. Louis Equal Housing and Community Reinvestment Alliance (SLEHCRA) is a coalition of non-profit and community organizations in the St. Louis metropolitan area. SLEHCRA works to increase investment in minority communities, regardless of income, and in low- and moderate-income communities, regardless of race, by ensuring that banks are meeting their obligations under the Community Reinvestment Act and fair lending laws.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council

**Contact Info:** Elisabeth Risch, Assistant Director, Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council (erisch@ehoc-stl.org, 314-534-5800 ext. 7012)

## Collaboration Membership

**Faith-Based Institutions:** *North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice, Moorish Science Temple of America Temple #5, Missionary Baptist State Convention of Missouri, Caring Ministries*

**Government:** *Community Action Agency of St. Louis County (CAASTLC), Civil Rights Enforcement Agency (CREA)*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Walnut Park East Neighborhood Association, Voices of Women, Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, St. Francis Community Services- Southside, Ready Aim Advocate! Committee, Old North St. Louis Restoration Group, O'Fallon Community Development Corporation, NAACP St. Louis, NAACP O'Fallon, MoKan, Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment (MORE), Missouri*

*Immigrant and Refugee Advocates (MIRA), Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council (EHOC), Man of Valor Inc., Latinos en Axion STL, Justine Petersen, International Institute of St. Louis, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, Consumer's Council of Missouri, Coalition of Concerned Citizens Alton Area, Center for the Acceleration of African American Business, Beloved Streets of America*

# St. Louis Regional Financial Empowerment Coalition

**Website:** <https://www.moneysmartstlouis.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2020

**Description:** The St. Louis Regional Financial Empowerment Coalition is a diverse group of community stakeholders who are dedicated to increasing family self-sufficiency and prosperity through financial education and asset-building. The Coalition facilitates and aligns stakeholders in the Greater St. Louis area for the purpose of creating systems level change, economic mobility for low-wealth households and long-term economic security among all households. The Coalition also seeks to transform how non-profit agencies and other community partners do business by integrating financial education, banking access, saving and/or credit building into program models and service delivery.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** United Way of Greater St. Louis

**Contact Info:** Alicia Chestnut (alicia.chestnut@stl.unitedway.org, 314-539-4019); Debbie Irwin (debbie.irwin@stl.unitedway.org, 314-539-4156)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *Together Credit Union*

**Government:** *City of St. Louis Office of the Treasurer*

**Grantmakers:** *United Way of Greater St. Louis*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Urban League of Greater St. Louis, People's Community Action Corporation, Justine Petersen, FamilyForward, Community Action Agency of St. Louis County Inc, Beyond Housing*

# St. Louis Vacancy Collaborative

**Website:** <https://www.stlvacancy.com/>

**Date Initiated:** 2018

**Description:** The St. Louis Vacancy Collaborative (VC) is a coalition of community members, private and non-profit stakeholders, and City agencies committed to reducing vacant property in St. Louis. The VC helps to coordinate existing vacancy efforts under one umbrella and empowers the public and private sectors to work together toward solutions. We convene committees and working groups to work towards systemic change, advance new policies, share success stories, and work to keep residents and neighborhoods at the center of this work.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Community Builders Network

**Contact Info:** Tara Aubuchon, Vacancy Coordinator, Community Builders Network (tara@communitybuildersstl.org)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** Custom Rehabs, US Bank

**Colleges & Universities:** University of Missouri – St. Louis, Saint Louis University

**Government:** St. Louis Development Corporation, City of St. Louis

**Grantmakers:** Senior Fund St. Louis City

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** Urban Land Institute St. Louis, Tower Grove Neighborhoods Community Development Corporation, St. Louis Regional Data Alliance, St. Louis Association of Community Organizations, Rise, Revitalization of Baden Association, Open Data STL, MoKan, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Landmarks Association of St. Louis, Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, Health Equity Works, Good

*Life Growing, DeSales Community Development Corporation, Creating Whole Communities, Cornerstone*

**Other Participants:** *Additional participants can be found at [www.stlvacancy.com/who-we-are.html](http://www.stlvacancy.com/who-we-are.html)*





**EARLY  
CHILDHOOD**

# 5byAge5 Coalition

**Date Initiated:** 2013

**Description:** The goal of coalition members organized within the 5byAge5 Coalition is to ready the children of the community for Kindergarten. The coalition does so by offering services that support family health and well-being like developmental screening and mental health services; providing family engagement and support through resource events and materials and connecting with families through home visiting; and advancing quality early learning with local child care providers.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Community Impact Network

**Contact Info:** Dr. Jerri Johnson, Director of Education, Community Impact Network (jjohnson@stlci.net, 314-776-9614)

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri – St. Louis*

**Government:** *Saint Louis County Library, Saint Louis County Department of Public Health*

**Schools & School Districts:** *Special School District, Normandy Schools Collaborative*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *YWCA Metro St. Louis, Youth in Need, Vision for Children at Risk, United 4 Children, "U&I-RISE/Bricks, Mortar, Broom & Shield", Ready Readers, Raising St. Louis, Places for People, Parents as Teachers, Our Little Haven, Nurses for Newborns, Nine Network of Public Media, Missouri Historical Society, Lutheran Family & Children's Services of Missouri, Infant Loss Resources, Generate Health, First Steps/AWS USA, FamilyForward, Epworth Children and Family Services, Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments, Community Impact Network, Beyond Housing, Bethany Christian Services, Belle Children's Services of St. Louis Arc*

# First Step to Equity Collaborative

**Website:** <https://firststeptoequity.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2019

**Description:** The First Step to Equity Collaborative (First Step) is an effort to ensure the first steps are taken to establish a sustainable early childhood education (ECE) system for children ages 0–5 in the St. Louis region. First Step has four key priorities in 2020: Strengthen our coalition of community in support of our 2020 priorities, establish a regional coordinating entity for our regional ECE system, build and implement a public education campaign focused on the need for dedicated local public funding for ECE (this campaign is now called Ready by Five), and pursue and establish dedicated local public funding in St. Louis City and County. The First Step to Equity Collaborative is also working in collaboration with the St. Louis PreK Cooperative.

**Contact Info:** [info@firststeptoequity.org](mailto:info@firststeptoequity.org)

## Collaboration Membership

**Grantmakers:** SKIP

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** WEPOWER, Urban Sprouts Child Development Center, SouthSide Early Childhood Center, Ready by 21 St. Louis, IFF

# FLOURISH St. Louis

**Website:** [www.flourishstlouis.org](http://www.flourishstlouis.org)

**Date Initiated:** 2015

**Description:** FLOURISH St. Louis is working to reduce infant mortality in St. Louis. FLOURISH brings together people and organizations from all parts of the region to fix the systems that impact the health of Black families. The driving goal is to achieve zero racial disparities in infant mortality by 2033.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Generate Health STL

**Contact Info:** Leah Moser, Director of Planning and Partnerships, Generate Health (lmoser@generatehealthstl.org, 314-880-5702)

## Collaboration Membership

*FLOURISH is structured as a large and fluid network of individuals, community leaders, and organizations. Over 200+ partner organizations from health care, managed care, mental health, social service, early childhood, transportation, faith-based, grassroots, advocacy, and public health sectors have participated in the collaboration. To learn more about FLOURISH's collective impact model visit [www.flourishstlouis.org/who-we-are](http://www.flourishstlouis.org/who-we-are)*

# Greater East St. Louis Early Learning Partnership

**Website:** [https://www.facebook.com/pg/GESLELP/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/GESLELP/about/?ref=page_internal)

**Date Initiated:** 2009

**Description:** Greater East St. Louis Early Learning Partnership (ELP)'s mission is to strengthen and sustain a high quality prenatal to five early childhood system of programs, services and supports.

**Contact Info:** [earlylearningpartnership@gmail.com](mailto:earlylearningpartnership@gmail.com)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *PNC Bank*

**Colleges & Universities:** *Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville*

**Government:** *East Side Health District*

**Schools & School Districts:** *East St. Louis School District 189*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Parents United for Change, Nine Network of Public Media, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, Erikson Institute, Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI), Children's Home & Aid*



**EDUCATION**

# After School for All Partnership

**Website:** <http://www.stlasap.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2007

**Description:** After School for All Partnership (ASAP) is the largest coordinated after school system in St. Louis, providing free, high quality programming for underserved children in grades K-5. Through ARCHS' strategic support, ASAP has increased programming related to nutrition and conflict resolution.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** ARCHS

**Contact Info:** Katrina Peoples, Vice President, ARCHS' School Age Initiatives (peoplesk@stlarchs.org, 314-289-5615)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** Wells Fargo Advisors, Spire, Mungenast Automotive, KPMG, Boeing

**Colleges & Universities:** Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri - St. Louis, Saint Louis University, Maryville University

**Government:** St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Missouri Department of Social Services

**Grantmakers:** Saint Louis MHB, Norman J. Stupp Foundation

**Schools & School Districts:** Ursuline Academy, St. Louis Public School District, St. Francis Cabrini Academy, Jennings School District

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** Wyman, Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Unleashing Potential, United 4 Children, Tower Grove East Neighborhood Association, Stray Dog Theatre/Arts in Mind, St. Louis Chess Club, Provident Behavioral Health, Operation Food Search, Northside Youth & Senior Services Center, Missouri School Age Community Coalition, Missouri AfterSchool Network, KidSmart, Gene

*Slays Girls and Boys Club, EnTeam, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis,  
Amanda Lockett Murphy Hopewell Center*



# American Graduate

**Website:** <https://jobs.ninenet.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2011

**Description:** Since 2011, public media's American Graduate initiative has helped our country understand the importance of improving high school graduation rates for all youth. In 2017, with graduation rates on the rise, American Graduate evolved to focus on what happens after high school graduation – helping young people access pathways to gainful employment in high-demand sectors. Through American Graduate: Getting to Work, the Nine Network is highlighting the changing world of work, the pathways into well-paying, in-demand jobs, and resources available to the St. Louis community.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Nine Network of Public Media

**Contact Info:** Andi Harpring (aharpring@ketc.org); Angie Carr (acarr@ketc.org)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** Accenture

**Colleges & Universities:** University of Missouri – St. Louis, St. Louis Community College, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, St. Charles Community College, Ranken Technical College, Jefferson College, East Central College

**Government:** US Department of Labor – Office of Apprenticeships, St. Louis Job Corps Center, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE), St. Clair County Intergovernmental Grants Department, St. Charles County Workforce & Business Development, Saint Louis County Division of Workforce Development, Missouri Division of Workforce Development, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Metropolitan

*Employment and Training Center, Madison County Government  
Employment & Training*

**Hospitals:** *Christian Hospital, BJC School Outreach*

**Schools & School Districts:** *The School District of University City, St. Louis Public School District, South County Technical High School, Ritenour School District, Pattonville School District, Parkway School District, North County Technical High School, Normandy Schools Collaborative, KIPP St. Louis, Jennings School District, Hazelwood School District, Ferguson Florissant School District, Affton School District*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, STL Youth Jobs, STEMSTL, St. Louis Youth Build, St. Louis Regional Chamber, St. Louis Internship Program, St. Louis Graduates, Ready by 21 St. Louis, Project Lead the Way, NPower, MERS Goodwill, Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, LaunchCode, Family and Workforce Centers of America, Exploring Greater St. Louis Area Council, Dream Builders 4 Equity, CyberUp, Construction Forum St. Louis, Clayco Construction Career Development Initiative, Building Union Diversity, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, Black Leadership Roundtable of St. Louis, Big Brothers Big Sisters*

# St. Louis Graduates

**Website:** <https://stlouisgraduates.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2008

**Description:** St. Louis Graduates is a collaborative network of K-12 and higher education, youth-serving non-profit organizations, philanthropic funders and businesses working to transform postsecondary education so the outcomes are no longer predictable by race or socio-economic status. St. Louis Graduates convenes the Postsecondary Equity Network of colleges and universities committed to eliminating equity gaps and engaging students more intentionally in decision-making and is one of 24 organizations designated as a "Talent Hub" by Lumina and Kresge Foundation's for its work to accelerate degree completion for low-income students and students of color. St. Louis Graduates is a component fund of St. Louis Community Foundation.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** St. Louis Community Foundation

**Contact Info:** Laura Winter, Project Director, St. Louis Graduates

([laura@stlouisgraduates.org](mailto:laura@stlouisgraduates.org), 314-880-4952)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** Wells Fargo Advisors, Commerce Bank

**Colleges & Universities:** Webster University, University of Missouri - St. Louis, University of Missouri - Kansas City, University of Missouri - Columbia, University of Central Missouri, St. Louis Community College, Southeast Missouri State University, Saint Louis University, Missouri State University, Maryville University, Harris-Stowe State University, Fontbonne University

**Grantmakers:** Trio Foundation of St. Louis, St. Louis Community Foundation, Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation, Deaconess Foundation

**Schools & School Districts:** *St. Louis Public School District*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Wyman, The Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis, St. Louis Regional Chamber, St. Louis Public Schools Foundation, Missouri College Advising Corps, EducationPlus, College Bound*



# ENTREPRENEURSHIP

## Social Venture Partners

**Website:** [http://stlrbc.org/social\\_venture\\_partners/become-a-partner/](http://stlrbc.org/social_venture_partners/become-a-partner/)

**Date Initiated:** 2001

**Description:** St. Louis Social Venture Partners (SVP) is a philanthropic program of the Regional Business Council (RBC) that complements the RBC's business, civic and philanthropic mission by providing financial and hands-on resources to build long-term sustainability in selected nonprofits. St. Louis SVP supports nonprofit organizations that provide opportunities for disadvantaged youth.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Regional Business Council

**Contact Info:** Burgandy Fitzhenry, Coordinator of Philanthropic Initiatives, Regional Business Council (bfitzhenry@stlrbc.org)

### Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *Individual SVP Partners are drawn from experienced business leaders*

**Grantmakers:** *Anonymous Grantmakers*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Select local nonprofits*

# St. Louis Equity in Entrepreneurship Collective

**Website:** <https://www.stlequitycollective.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2016

**Description:** The St. Louis Equity in Entrepreneurship Collective is a regional effort working to ensure that systems built to support new entrepreneurs operate equitably, especially related to race and gender. The Collective is made up of over 300 individuals from organizations that mentor, fund and champion entrepreneurs in St. Louis.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** BioSTL

**Contact Info:** [info@stlequitycollective.org](mailto:info@stlequitycollective.org)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *Rise Collaborative Workspace, MultiPass, DK Solutions*

**Government:** *St. Louis Economic Development Partnership*

**Grantmakers:** *Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *WEPOWER, Veterans Business Resource Center, Venture Cafe St. Louis, St. Louis Regional Chamber, St. Louis Makes, Small Business Majority, MoSourceLink, ITEN, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Gateway VMS, Cortex Innovation Community, Center for Emerging Technologies (CET), Brazen St. Louis, BRAND St. Louis, BioSTL, BioGenerator, Arch Grants*

**Other Participants:** *Entrepreneur Quarterly*



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY**



# Missouri Convergence Partnership

**Date Initiated:** 2008

**Description:** The Missouri Convergence Partnership's (MCP) mission is to converge multi-sector stakeholders to accelerate healthy eating and active living strategies that improve health equity through collective action. MCP has been laying the groundwork for creating policies and environments that promote healthy eating and physical activity throughout the state for over a decade. Accomplishments include the creation of several health-related positions within state government, research on feasibility of statewide health-promoting policies, collaborative advocacy efforts around food systems, active transportation, and early childhood education. MCP is committed to equity and enhancing community opportunities in high-poverty rural and urban areas.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Missouri Alliance of State YMCAs

**Contact Info:** Stephanie Smith (stephanie@moymca.org)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City*

**Colleges & Universities:** *University of Missouri Extension*

**Government:** *USDA Rural Development, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

**Grantmakers:** *Missouri Foundation for Health, Menorah Legacy Foundation, JR Albert Foundation, Incarnate Word Foundation, Heartland Foundation, Health Forward Foundation, Hartwig Legacy Foundation dba KC Healthy Kids*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Missouri State Alliance of YMCAs, Missouri Council for Activity and Nutrition, Alliance for a Healthier Generation*

# OneSTL

**Date Initiated:** 2010

**Description:** OneSTL is a collaboration to encourage and support greater sustainability across the eight-county St. Louis region. OneSTL is a network of organizations and individuals sharing ideas, expertise, and resources to meet regional sustainability goals to increase biodiversity, access to healthy food, transit-oriented development, and water quality, and decrease greenhouse gas emissions and waste.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** East-West Gateway Council of Governments

**Contact Info:** Aaron Young, Sustainability Planning Manager, East-West Gateway Council of Governments (aaron.young@ewgateway.org, 314-421-4220)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *Commerce Bank, Ameren*

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri Extension, University of Missouri – St. Louis, Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville*

**Government:** *Saint Louis County, Missouri Department of Conservation, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, Metro Transit/BiState Development Agency, Madison County, City of St. Louis*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *US Green Building Council -- Missouri Gateway Chapter, TRex, Trailnet, St. Louis Zoo, Missouri Confluence Waterkeepers, Missouri Botanical Garden, Heartlands Conservancy, Great Rivers Greenway District, Ecochallenge.org, Earthday365, Citizens for Modern Transit*



# **FOOD SECURITY**

# St. Louis Food Policy Coalition

**Website:** <https://moenvironment.org/food-farm-program/stlfoodpolicy/>

**Date Initiated:** 2015

**Description:** St. Louis Food Policy Coalition (STLFPC)'s mission is to promote a thriving local food system that supports the health, community, environment, and economy of the Greater St. Louis area. STLFPC has three areas of focus: advancing food justice, removing barriers to urban agriculture, and supporting environmentally-responsible farmers within 150 miles of St. Louis in reaching new markets and growing their farm businesses.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Missouri Coalition for the Environment

**Contact Info:** moenviron@moenviron.org, 314-727-0600

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri Extension, Saint Louis University*

**Government:** *Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, City of St. Louis Department of Health*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Urban Harvest STL, St. Louis MetroMarket, Slow Food St. Louis, Operation Food Search, OneSTL, Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Gateway Greening, Fair Shares CCSA, Emerson YMCA, Eat Here St. Louis, EarthDance, Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis, City Greens Market, American Heart Association, A Red Circle*



**HEALTH**

# Alliance for Healthy Communities

**Website:** <http://ahc-stl.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2012

**Description:** Alliance for Healthy Communities (AHC) serves as a platform for community stakeholder partnerships purposed with changing community conditions that enable youth substance misuse. AHC manages its operations using the strategic prevention framework, ensuring that its operations are data driven and reflect local priorities and best practices. AHC supports an active youth coalition, teen Voice for Change through which area youth advocate within their schools, communities and to their legislators.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Parkway C-2 School District

**Contact Info:** Ken McManus, Coalition Director  
(kmcmanus@parkwayschools.net, 314-415-7015)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *Delirium Creative Group*

**Colleges & Universities:** *St. Louis College of Pharmacy*

**Faith-Based Institutions:** *St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Greentree Community Church*

**Government:** *U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Town and Country Police Department, Saint Louis County Police Department, Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, Maryland Heights Police Department, Manchester Police Department, Creve Coeur Police Department, Chesterfield Police Department, Ballwin Police Department*

**Schools & School Districts:** *Parkway School District, DeSmet Jesuit High School*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *West County Chamber of Commerce, The Crossroads Program, Preferred Family Healthcare, National Council*

*for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (NCADA), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Meramec Bluffs, Kids Under Twenty One (KUTO), Hope Creates, H.E.A.L. Stop Heroin, Friendship Village Chesterfield, Brookdale Senior Living Creve Coeur, Briarcrest Senior Living, Be Smart for Kids, Addiction is Real (AIR)*

# Community Health Worker Workforce Partnership

**Website:** <https://stlouisihn.org/> | <https://stlchwcoalition.wixsite.com/info>

**Date Initiated:** 2018

**Description:** Originating as a committee of the HEAL Partnership, the Community Health Worker Workforce Partnership's goal is to scale and sustain the community health workforce within the St. Louis Region. The Community Health Worker Workforce Partnership is supported by the St. Louis Integrated Health Network (IHN) through funding from the Missouri Foundation for Health. The IHN facilitates a bi-monthly table called HEAL where employers, government leaders, educators, physicians and community health workers come together to strategize and discuss current work going on within the Community Health Worker movement.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** St. Louis Integrated Health Network

**Contact Info:** Ciarra Walker, Project Coordinator ([cwalker@stlouisihn.org](mailto:cwalker@stlouisihn.org))

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri – St. Louis, St. Louis Community College, Saint Louis University*

**Government:** *St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE), Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, City of St. Louis Department of Health*

**Hospitals:** *SSM Health, Mercy Health East Communities, BJC HealthCare*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Statewide CHW Payer Engagement Group, St. Louis Regional Health Commission, Nurses for Newborns, Missouri Primary Care Association, Mission: St. Louis, Health Literacy Media, Health Equity Works, Generate Health, Family Care Health Centers, DeSales Community Development Corporation, Community*



*Catalyst, Casa de Salud, Care STL, Betty Jean Kerr People's Health Centers, Affinia*

# Hospital Community Linkages

**Date Initiated:** 2011

**Description:** The Hospital Community Linkages are regional collaborative initiatives using intensive outreach teams to annually target over 3,000 hospital-referred patients with mental health and substance use challenges. The patients are un/under-insured, highly vulnerable, and often “high utilizers” of hospitals. The primary goal is to help client pursue recovery by connecting them to ongoing, community-delivered care, and to reduce preventable emergency department and inpatient psychiatric readmissions across the region.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis

**Contact Info:** Wendy Orson, CEO, Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis (worson@bhnstl.org); Sally Haywood, Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives, Behavioral Health Network (shaywood@bhnstl.org)

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *University of Missouri – St. Louis*

**Government:** *Missouri Institute of Mental Health, Missouri Department of Mental Health*

**Grantmakers:** *Missouri Foundation for Health*

**Hospitals:** *SSM St. Mary's Health Center, SSM St. Louis University Hospital, SSM St. Joseph's Health Center–Wentzville, SSM St. Joseph's Health Center–St. Charles, SSM DePaul Health Center, Mercy Hospital Washington, Mercy Hospital St. Louis, Mercy Hospital South, Mercy Hospital Lincoln, Mercy Hospital Jefferson, Christian Hospital, Barnes Jewish Hospital, BJC Behavioral Health*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Queen of Peace Center, Preferred Family Healthcare, Places for People, Independence Center, COMTREA,*

*Compass Health Network, Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis,  
Amanda Lockett Murphy Hopewell Center, Adapt of Missouri*

# Project LAUNCH

**Website:** <https://visionforchildren.org/initiatives/launch/>

**Date Initiated:** 2019

**Description:** The Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) collaborative works to implement a child wellness promotion grant program funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Collaborative works to foster the healthy development and wellness of young children (birth through age 8), preparing them to thrive in school and beyond by building the capacities of caregivers of young children to promote healthy social and emotional development; to prevent mental, emotional and behavioral disorders; and to identify and address behavioral concerns before they develop into serious emotional disturbances.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Vision for Children at Risk

**Contact Info:** Nathan Ivy (nivy@visionforchildren.org, 314-534-6015)

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis University*

**Hospitals:** *SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital, BJC HealthCare*

**Schools & School Districts:** *St. Louis Public School District*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Vision for Children at Risk, United 4 Children, Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments, Behavioral Health Response, Affinia*

# St. Louis Partnership for a Healthy Community

**Website:** <https://www.thinkhealthstl.org/tiles/index/display?alias=AboutUs>

**Date Initiated:** 2014

**Description:** The St. Louis Partnership for a Healthy Community is comprised of a broad range of stakeholders including local public health agencies, hospital systems, community-based organizations, public health coalitions, and academic institutions. The Partnership conducted the first joint St. Louis City and County Community Health Assessment (CHA) in 2017 and is currently implementing the 2019-2024 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). CHIP priorities currently include: address the social determinants of health as root causes of community health; eliminate the disparities in health and promote health and racial equity; and improve the local public health system to be able to collectively address the needs of the region (see video orientation here: <https://youtu.be/NL80Co-cTdc>).

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Saint Louis County Department of Public Health and City of St. Louis Department of Health

**Contact Info:** Hannah Kramer, CHIP Coordinator, Saint Louis County Department of Public Health ([hkramer@stlouisco.com](mailto:hkramer@stlouisco.com), 314-615-0505); Amanda Holmes, CHIP Coordinator, City of St. Louis Department of Health ([holmesa@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:holmesa@stlouis-mo.gov), 314-657-1419)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *Smythe Consults*

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis*

**Government:** *Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, City of St. Louis Department of Health, Bi-State Development*

**Grantmakers:** *United Way of Greater St. Louis, Saint Louis MHB*

**Hospitals:** *St. Luke's Hospital, SSM Health, Mercy, BJC HealthCare*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *St. Louis STI Regional Response Coalition, St. Louis Regional Youth Employment Coalition, St. Louis Regional Health Commission, St. Louis Integrated Health Network, St. Louis Food Policy Coalition, St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission, SouthSide Early Childhood Center, Generate Health, Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis, American Heart Association*

# System of Care St. Louis Region

**Website:** [www.systemofcarestl.org](http://www.systemofcarestl.org)

**Date Initiated:** 2004

**Description:** System of Care St. Louis Region (SOC) is a coordinated network of services and supports that builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth in order to help youth with serious emotional disturbance function better at home, in school, in the community and throughout life. System of Care St. Louis Region serves St. Louis City and County. There are 19 Systems of Care throughout the State of Missouri.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Saint Louis MHB

**Contact Info:** Serena Muhammad, Director Strategic Initiatives, Saint Louis MHB (smuhammad@stlmhb.com, 314-535-6964 ext. 14)

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri – St. Louis*

**Government:** *Saint Louis County Family Court, Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, Saint Louis County Department of Human Services, Missouri Institute of Mental Health, Missouri Department of Social Services, Missouri Department of Mental Health, City of St. Louis Department of Health, 22nd Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri*

**Grantmakers:** *United Way of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis County Children’s Services Fund, Saint Louis MHB*

**Schools & School Districts:** *Special School District*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Vision for Children at Risk, St. Vincent Home for Children, St. Louis Regional Health Commission, St. Louis Integrated Health Network, Presbyterian Children Homes and Services,*

*Preferred Family Healthcare, Places for People, National Council for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (NCADA), Lutheran Family & Children's Services of Missouri, Homegrown STL, Generate Health, Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition, Epworth Children and Family Services, Covering House, Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis, Care STL, Boys Hope Girls Hope St. Louis, Bethany Christian Services, Behavioral Health Response, Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis, Alive and Well Communities*

**Other Participants:** *Additional participants can be found at [www.systemofcarestl.org](http://www.systemofcarestl.org)*





# HOUSING

# Regional Housing Collaborative

**Website:** <http://www.bhnstl.org/current-initiatives/regional-housing-collaborative/>

**Date Initiated:** 2011

**Description:** The Regional Housing Collaborative was created to foster a common agenda for housing among its healthcare partners and to lead strategic plan execution around improving access to safe and affordable housing for those living with behavioral health conditions. Key successes of Collaborative members in the past five years include the development of Gateway Housing First, a nonprofit supportive housing development arm of ND Consulting, the construction of Nathaniel Rivers Apartments permanent supported housing, and a grant from the BJC Foundation to provide permanent supported housing to high utilizers of the BJC emergency department. The Collaborative continues to implement advocacy efforts to expand legislative support of publicly-funded affordable housing programs, coordinate with regional housing coordinated bodies, and work directly with Behavioral Health Network Hospital Community Linkages (HCL) Liaisons to streamline access to Continuum of Care (CoC) housing programs for homeless and at-risk clients through the CoC Coordinated Entry System.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis

**Contact Info:** Wendy Orson, CEO, Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis (worson@bhnstl.org); Cynthia Duffe, Executive Director, Gateway Housing First (cynthia@gatewayhousingfirst.org); Mary Quandt, Program Coordinator (Housing Initiatives) (mquandt@bhnstl.org)

## Collaboration Membership

**Government:** *Missouri Department of Mental Health, Mental Health Commission*

**Grantmakers:** *Missouri Foundation for Health*

**Hospitals:** *BJC Behavioral Health*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *St. Patrick Center, St. Louis Continuum of Care, Places for People, Gateway Housing First, Behavioral Health Network of Greater St. Louis, Amanda Lockett Murphy Hopewell Center*

# St. Louis City Continuum of Care

**Website:** <https://cocstl.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 1986

**Description:** The St. Louis City Continuum of Care (CoC) consists of wide range of organizations, social service providers and individuals who aim to end homelessness in our region.

**Contact Info:** Shanna Nieweg, CoC Chairperson & Executive Director, Horizon Housing Development (snieweg@hhstl.org)

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *Saint Louis University*

**Faith-Based Institutions:** *St. Francis Xavier (College) Church*

**Government:** *VA Homeless Programs, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE), Missouri Department of Mental Health, City of St. Louis Homeless Services Division*

**Grantmakers:** *United Way of Greater St. Louis, Saint Louis MHB*

**Schools & School Districts:** *St. Louis Public School District, KIPP St. Louis*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *YWCA Metro St. Louis, Windsor Transitional Housing, Walking Together, The Women's Safe House, St. Patrick Center, St. Martha's Hall, St. Louis Hope House, St. Louis Crisis Nursery, Shower To The People, Salvation Army, Rising Above Family Living, Queen of Peace Center, Preferred Family Healthcare, Places for People, Peter and Paul Community Services, Paraquad, Our Lady's Inn, Near Southside Employment Coalition, Missouri Home Health LLC, Lydia's House, Living Life Better Nonprofit, Let's Start, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Institute for Community Alliance (ICA), Humanitri, Horizon Housing Development, HomeFirst STL, Grace and Peace, Gateway*

*Housing First, Gateway Homeless Services, For His Glory Ministries, Family Resource Center/ROW, Epworth Children and Family Services, Employment Connection, Downtown STL Inc., Downtown Neighborhood Association, Doorways, DePaul USA, Crime Victim Advocacy Center, Covenant House Missouri, Community Response, Community Renewal and Development. Inc., Churches on the Streets, Central West End Neighborhood Security, Center for Women in Transition, Bridgeway Behavioral Health, Behavioral Health Response, Arch City Defenders, Amnesty International USA- St. Louis Group #105*



**IMMIGRANTS,  
REFUGEES &  
FOREIGN-BORN  
POPULATIONS**

# Immigrant Service Provider Network

**Website:** <https://www.ispnstl.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2015

**Description:** The Immigrant Service Provider Network (ISPN) increases collaboration by providing opportunities for education and outreach to unite organizations that support the foreign born and their families. Every month, service providers come together for a time to network and work on projects that address needs spanning agencies and immigrant communities. The ISPN hosts events designed to enhance the ability to provide quality services to immigrants in the St. Louis area.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America

**Contact Info:** ispnstl@gmail.com, 314-721-2977

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *Law Office of Patavee Vanadilok, CG Immigration, Associated General Contractors of Missouri, All Access Interpreters*

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis*

**Faith-Based Institutions:** *Curby Memorial Presbyterian Church*

**Government:** *Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, Civil Rights Enforcement Agency (CREA)*

**Grantmakers:** *Saint Louis MHB, Marillac Mission Fund, Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis*

**Schools & School Districts:** *Marion Middle School, KIPP St. Louis*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Vitendo4Africa, U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), The Women's Safe House, St. Louis Regional Professional Development Center Migrant English Language*

*Learners (MELL), St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America, St. Louis Effort for AIDs, St. Francis Community Services- Southside, Sparlin Mental Health, Sierra Leone Community of Society, Safe Connections, Nurses for Newborns, Multicultural Counseling Research Center (MCRC), MICA Project, Lydia's House, LifeWise STL, LAMP (Language. Access. Multicultural. People.), International Institute of St. Louis, Immigrant & Refugee Women's Program (IRWP), Healing Action, Gateway Region YMCA, FACES Clinic at Cardinal Glennon, Equal Housing and Opportunity Council (EHOC), Epworth Children and Family Services, Dutchtown South Community Corporation, Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM), Casa de Salud, Caring Ministries, Bilingual International Assistant Services, All Nations*



# St. Louis Mosaic Project

**Website:** <https://www.stlmosaicproject.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2013

**Description:** The St. Louis Mosaic Project works with regional collaborators to attract and retain foreign born people to the St. Louis Region. This includes people of all ethnicities and skill levels, from international students to corporate executives to entrepreneurs and refugee families. The two goals: For the STL region to be the fastest growing major metro for foreign born by 2025 and to add 25, 000 foreign born people to the region by 2025 over the 2016 baseline.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** World Trade Center-STL of the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership

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## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** Tota Investments, TAO + LEE, Refinitiv, MilliporeSigma, Mastercard, Enterprise Holdings, Commerce Bank, Bayer, Ameren

**Colleges & Universities:** Webster University, Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri - St. Louis, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, Saint Louis University

**Government:** World Trade Center St. Louis, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission, Saint Louis County, Missouri Partnership, City of St. Louis, Bi-State Development

**Grantmakers:** Commerce Bank

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, St. Louis Sister Cities, Saint Louis Art Museum, Regional Business Council, International Institute of St. Louis, Interfaith Partnership, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, Civic Progress, Casa de Salud*

**Other Participants:** *KMOX AM1120*



**MENTAL HEALTH**

# St. Louis ReCAST

**Website:** <https://ReCAST-STL.org>

**Date Initiated:** 2016

**Description:** St. Louis ReCAST (Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma) is a federal grant program that supports community projects in mental health, peer support, youth engagement, and violence prevention in the Promise Zone, a federally designated area that encompasses parts of North St. Louis City and County. All community projects are decided on and awarded through a participatory budgeting process – meaning that community members 11 years of age or older are involved in making the decisions. Participatory budgeting is a democratic process that involves Promise Zone residents voting on how to spend up to \$650,000 annually.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Saint Louis County


**Contact Info:** 314-615-0508

## Collaboration Membership

**Government:** *Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, City of St. Louis Department of Health*

**Grantmakers:** *United Way of Greater St. Louis, Saint Louis MHB, St. Louis County Children's Services Fund, Missouri Foundation for Health*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *St. Louis Regional Health Commission, Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri*



**PUBLIC POLICY &  
ADVOCACY**

# Social Policy & Electoral Accountability Collaborative

**Website:** <https://www.communitybuildersstl.org/speac>

**Date Initiated:** 2016

**Description:** The Social Policy & Electoral Accountability Collaborative (SPEAC) is a group of St. Louis area organizations that are striving to hold elected officials accountable to the communities they represent—or are seeking to represent—both prior to an election and afterward.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Community Builders Network and the Clark-Fox Policy Institute

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## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri – St. Louis*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Vision for Children at Risk, Trailnet, St. Louis Equal Housing and Community Reinvestment Alliance, Ready by 21 St. Louis, Health Equity Works, Generate Health, Forward Through Ferguson, FOCUS St. Louis, Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis, Beyond Housing*

# St. Louis Regional Data Alliance

**Website:** <https://stldata.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2018

**Description:** The St. Louis Regional Data Alliance's mission is to build shared data infrastructure and support strong data actors who use quality data to improve people's lives. Over 180 individuals are members of the Regional Data Alliance (RDA) and its 19-person Steering Committee includes representatives from local governments, universities, nonprofits, healthcare, funders, private industry, and strategic initiatives. The RDA is working to organize and mobilize community data in St. Louis using shared tools like a central regional data repository, a data visualization platform, data integration tools, trainings, and networking.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** UMSL's Community Innovation and Action Center

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## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *US Bank*

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri - St. Louis, Saint Louis University*

**Government:** *Saint Louis County, Metro Transit/BiState Development Agency, City of St. Louis*

**Grantmakers:** *United Way of Greater St. Louis, The Community and Children's Resource Board - St. Charles, Clark-Fox Family Foundation*

**Hospitals:** *BJC HealthCare*

**Schools & School Districts:** *East St. Louis School District 189*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Vision for Children at Risk, Rise, Open STL, Generate Health, Forward Through Ferguson, East-West Gateway*





# **RACIAL EQUITY**

# Equity Indicators Initiative

**Website:** <https://stlequity.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2016

**Description:** The Equity Indicators Initiative is a collaborative effort to create a Regional Equity Indicators Dashboard. The dashboard creates a mechanism through which to quantify the state of racial equity in the St. Louis region and to measure progress over time. The Regional Equity Indicators Dashboard is an expansion of the work released by the City of St. Louis and a response to the Ferguson Commission's calls to action.

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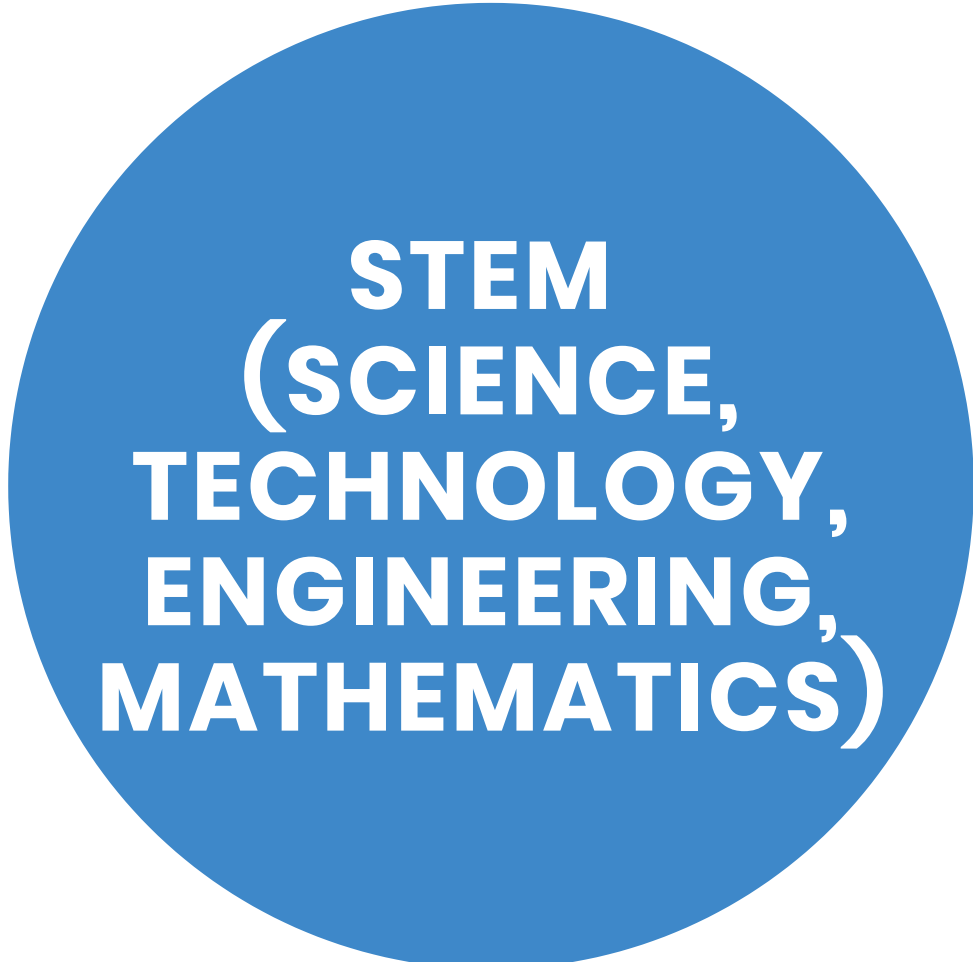
## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *University of Missouri - St. Louis*

**Government:** *City of St. Louis*

**Grantmakers:** *United Way of Greater St. Louis*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *St. Louis Regional Chamber, Forward Through Ferguson*



**STEM  
(SCIENCE,  
TECHNOLOGY,  
ENGINEERING,  
MATHEMATICS)**

# STEMSTL

**Website:** <https://stemstl.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2017

**Description:** STEMSTL builds infrastructure to ensure equitable access to high-quality STEM learning and employment opportunities for all in the St. Louis metro region. Powered by a series of work groups (Teacher Professional Development; Students & Family; Broadening Participation; Pathways to Workforce) and leadership committees, STEMSTL is creating shared unified communication tools, evidence-based shared quality standards and regional infrastructure to create a diverse STEM talent pool to meet the region's talent demand.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** BioSTL

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## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *World Wide Technology, Wells Fargo Advisors, Technology Partners, Pfizer Inc, Microsoft, KWS SAAT AG, Great American Human Foosball, Geodata IT, Daugherty Business Solutions, CoverCress (Arvegenix), Confluence Discovery Technologies, Charter, Centene Corporation, Benson Hill, Beneficial Biome*

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri – St. Louis, St. Louis Community College, Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville, Ranken Technical College, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Maryville University, Harris-Stowe State University*

**Faith-Based Institutions:** *Living The Word Church*

**Government:** *St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE), Saint Louis County Library, Saint Louis County, National Geospatial-Intelligence*

*Agency, Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Missouri Department of Economic Development, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, City of St. Louis*

**Grantmakers:** *James S. McDonnell Foundation, Clark-Fox Family Foundation*

**Hospitals:** *BJC HealthCare*

**Schools & School Districts:** *The School District of University City, Rockwood School District, Ritenour School District, Parkway School District, Normandy Schools Collaborative, Marion Middle School, KIPP St. Louis, Kairos Academies, Jennings School District, Hazelwood School District, Hawthorn Leadership School for Girls, Ferguson Florissant School District, Confluence Academy*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Youth Learning Center, Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, United 4 Children, The Yield Lab Institute, The Magic House, The Little Medical School, The Little Bit Foundation, The Greenhouse Venture, STL Youth Jobs, STEMpact, St. Louis Regional Chamber, St. Louis Graduates, Science Coach, Saint Louis Zoo, Saint Louis Science Center, Saint Louis Art Museum, Regional Business Council, Ready by 21 St. Louis, Project Lead the Way, Parents as Teachers, NPower, Nine Network of Public Media, Missouri Botanical Garden, LaunchCode, Jackie Joyner Kersee Foundation, Girls Who Code, Girls Inc., Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, Explosion Sports Academy, EducationPlus, EdHub - Venture Café, Delmar Divine, CyberUp, Cortex Innovation Community, Coordinated Youth and Human Services, Challenger Center, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, Boy Scouts of Greater St. Louis, American Heart Association*



# St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission

**Website:** <https://www.stlareavpc.org/>

**Date Initiated:** 2015

**Description:** The St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC) works to reduce violent crime in the region by promoting and advocating for coordinated, well-resourced policies, support systems, and interventions among area governments, institutions and agencies that serve individuals and families most at risk of violent crime. The VPC is a regional, cross-sector collaboration; its role is to align, convene, connect and communicate with the organizations addressing Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Saint Louis MHB and Ready By 21

**Contact Info:** Jessica Meyers, Coordinator, St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (jessica@stlareavpc.org, 314-535-6964 ext. 18)

## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri – St. Louis, St. Louis Community College*

**Faith-Based Institutions:** *Episcopal Diocese of Missouri*

**Government:** *U.S. Attorney's Office– Eastern District of Missouri, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office, St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE), Saint Louis County Police Department, Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, Saint Louis County Department of Human Services, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, Missouri Division of Probation & Parole, Missouri Children's Division, Family Court – Juvenile Division, City of St. Louis Fire Department, City of St. Louis Department of Health, City of St. Louis Corrections Division, Affordable Housing Commission*

**Grantmakers:** *United Way of Greater St. Louis, Saint Louis MHB, ReCAST, Missouri Foundation for Health*

**Hospitals:** *Barnes Jewish Hospital*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *YWCA Metro St. Louis, Youth Violence Prevention Partnership, Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice, Voices for Children, United 4 Children, STL Mothers in Charge, St. Vincent Home for Children, St. Louis Story Stitchers, St. Louis Regional Health Commission, St. Louis Promise Zone, St. Louis Integrated Health Network, St. Louis Association of Community Organizations, Sparlin Mental Health, Spanish Lake Community Association/ Spanish Lake CDC, Saving and Organizing Our Neighborhoods by Serving, Safe Connections, Ready by 21 St. Louis, One Hope United- St. Louis Office, Nurses for Newborns, North Newstead Association, National Council for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (NCADA), Moms Demand Action- Missouri Chapter, Mission: St. Louis, Lutheran Family & Children's Services of Missouri, Life Outside of Violence, Jewish Family & Community Services, International Institute of St. Louis, Homegrown STL, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, Forward Through Ferguson, Fathers & Families Support Center, Epworth Children and Family Services, Employment Connection, Crime Victim Advocacy Center, Concordance Academy of Leadership, CommUNITY Arts STL, Community Unity Family Foundation, Breath of Life, Better Family Life, Behavioral Health Response, Alive and Well Communities*





**WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT**

# St. Louis Alliance for Reentry

**Website:** <http://www.stlreentry.org>

**Date Initiated:** 2006

**Description:** St. Louis Alliance for Reentry (STAR) provides professional development training and resource sharing opportunities for individuals and organizations who work with justice-involved individuals. STAR's definition of reentry is a process of promoting public safety, individual self-sufficiency, and restorative practices by utilizing comprehensive programs, initiatives, and partnerships beginning at pre-trial and continuing through community reintegration.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** ARCHS

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## Collaboration Membership

**Colleges & Universities:** *Washington University in St. Louis, University of Missouri – St. Louis, St. Louis Community College, Saint Louis University, Harris-Stowe State University*

**Government:** *U.S. Probation Office, U.S. District Court, U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, Saint Louis County, Missouri Department of Social Services, Missouri Department of Corrections, Missouri Department of Mental Health, City of St. Louis*

**Grantmakers:** *Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis, Clark-Fox Family Foundation*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Queen of Peace Center, Provident Behavioral Health, Prison Performing Arts, Places for People, One-Eighty, Missouri Substance Abuse Professional Credentialing Board, Mission: St. Louis, Mission Gate Prison Ministry, MERS Goodwill, Loaves & Fishes for St. Louis, Let's Start, Legal*

*Services of Eastern Missouri, Laughing Bear Bakery, Kathy J. Weinman Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence, Humanitri, Fathers & Families Support Center, Employment Connection, Criminal Justice Ministry, Crime Victim Advocacy Center, Connections to Success, Concordance Academy of Leadership, Center for Women in Transition, Catholic Charities, Care STL, Arch City Defenders, Alive and Well Communities, Affinia*

# St. Louis Regional Youth Employment Coalition

**Website:** <https://blueprint4.com/careers/>

**Date Initiated:** 2018

**Description:** The St. Louis Regional Youth Employment Coalition (RYEC) is a collaborative of over two dozen workforce development connected organizations. The coalition is working towards ensuring greater racial equity in the region's workforce. Key priorities for the coalition include expanding access and increasing the quality of regional summer youth employment programs, reducing barriers young people face in completing training and employment opportunities and creating a coordinated system of credentialing and apprenticeship programs that are aligned with regional employer needs.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Ready By 21

**Contact Info:** Nataly Garzon (nataly.garzon@stl.unitedway.org); Andi Harpring (aharpring@ketc.org)

## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** Accenture

**Government:** St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE), Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, Saint Louis County Department of Human Services, City of St. Louis Department of Health, Bi-State Development

**Grantmakers:** United Way of Greater St. Louis, Clark-Fox Family Foundation

**Schools & School Districts:** Special School District, KIPP St. Louis

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, The Little Bit Foundation, STL Youth Jobs, STEMSTL, St. Louis Internship

*Program, St. Louis ArtWorks, Rung, Ready by 21 St. Louis, NPower, Nine Network of Public Media, LifeWise STL, Ferguson Youth Initiative, Fathers & Families Support Center, Family and Workforce Centers of America, CyberUp, Construction Career Development Initiative, Better Family Life*

# WOW (Work, Opportunity, & Wealth)

**Date Initiated:** 2019

**Description:** The goal of coalition members organized within the WOW (Work, Opportunity, & Wealth) Coalition is to cultivate wealth accumulation through financial education and career pathways for the community. Coalition members connect community members to career services, resources, and training opportunities; provide access to financial capability services and sustainable wealth options; and identify gaps and foster partnerships amongst coalition member organizations.

**Lead Entity or Backbone:** Community Impact Network

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## Collaboration Membership

**Businesses & Corporations:** *St. Louis Community Credit Union, First Financial Federal Credit Union*

**Colleges & Universities:** *St. Louis Community College*

**Government:** *Saint Louis County Library*

**Service Providers & Nonprofits:** *YWCA Metro St. Louis, STL Youth Jobs, St. Louis Internship Program, St. Louis ArtWorks, Red Dough Money Center, Prosperity Connection, More Than Carpentry, Money Smarts School of Finance for Children, Mission: St. Louis, Justine Petersen, Grace Hill Women's Business Center, Fathers & Families Support Center, Employment Connection, Connections to Success, Community Impact Network, Brownpreneurs, Beyond Housing*