



Our Mission

The Missouri Prevention Partners provide leadership to reduce child abuse and neglect by strengthening families and communities.

Our Vision

Missouri places families and children first so they thrive at home and in their community.

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Membership

A Call to Action

- Increase public awareness
- Promote effective prevention programming
- Increase prevention funding
- Advocate for children

Missouri Prevention Partners serves as Missouri's Strengthening Families Protective Factors Leadership Team.

- ACT Missouri
- Child Care Aware of Missouri
- Children's Trust Fund (CTF)
- Department of Corrections (DOC)
- Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE)
- Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS)
- Department of Mental Health (DMH)
- Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Department of Social Services (DSS): Children's Division (CD), State Technical Assistance Team (STAT)
- Family and Community Trust (FACT)/Missouri Kids Count
- Kansas City Child Abuse Roundtable Coalition
- Missouri After School Network
- Missouri Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MO-AAP)
- Missouri Coalition of Children's Agencies (MCCA)
- Missouri Community Action Network (CAN)
- Missouri Head Start – State Collaboration Office
- Missouri Juvenile Justice Association (MJJA)
- Missouri KidsFirst/Prevent Child Abuse Missouri (PCAM)
- Office of Child Advocate (OCA)
- ParentLink
- St. Louis Area Council on Child Abuse & Neglect
- St. Louis Family Community Partnership

Working Together to Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect



Missouri's Future

The consequences of child abuse and neglect are far-reaching and very long lasting. Child abuse and neglect severely impacts the health and safety of communities and jeopardizes Missouri's ability to grow and prosper into the 21st Century.

Child Abuse & Neglect **Costs Missourians:**

- Millions of dollars each year in educational supports, mental health treatment, medical expenses, legal costs and services.
- Billions of dollars over time in lost productivity, lack of readiness to work, mental illness, chronic disease treatment, increased violence, criminal behavior, unemployment and substance abuse.

Child Abuse & Neglect **Costs Children:**

- Ability to learn and be successful in school.
- Impaired physical, mental and emotional development.
- Shorter life expectancy with dramatic increases in long term serious and chronic health issues.
- Poor emotional health and a dramatically increased likelihood of developing psychiatric disorders.
- Severe behavioral consequences such a drug involvement, delinquent activity, teen pregnancy, abusive behavior even at a very young age.

We Believe...

- Every child should be safe, nurtured and supported in their family; every family should be safe, nurtured and supported in their community.
- Diverse family structures, values and cultures shall be honored and respected.
- Children and families benefit most from long-term commitment and investment in outcome-oriented and evidenced-based prevention strategies.
- Every caregiver, family and community should have access to resources to strengthen families.
- All systems at all levels should be accountable to the families, children and communities they serve.
- Everyone should take responsibility and be engaged in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
- Every child and family benefits from collaborative approaches and coordinated services that incorporate partnerships among public and private agencies.
- All families have strengths and benefit from strength-based practices.
- Diverse cultural representation and participation is highly valued and actively sought in all Missouri Prevention Partners efforts and activities.



Prevention Pays...
\$1 spent on prevention
saves \$7-18.

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