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

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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
- Grid - bit.ly/STLCollaborationsGridView

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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.
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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

- **Easy Asks & Gives**: Organizations share tools and ideas.
- **Single Program**: Organizations produce a single, one-off program (e.g., workshop, conference).
- **Program Series**: Organizations produce a series of programs (e.g., trainings, webinars).
- **Joint Project**: Organizations collaborate on a series of projects over an extended period of time to achieve shared outcomes.
- **Structural Alliance**: Organizations coordinate work, services, and staff across organizations over an extended period of time to achieve shared outcomes.

*Graphic adapted from Navigating the P5G 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.
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

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
**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

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, 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,
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

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

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
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

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

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

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
Greater East St. Louis Early Learning Partnership

Website: 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

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
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


**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, 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/

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/](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

**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://stichwcoalition.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: Ciearra Walker, Project Coordinator (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
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 clients 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 Luckett 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/NL8OCo–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, 314–615–0505); Amanda Holmes, CHIP Coordinator, City of St. Louis Department of Health (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

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
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 Luckett 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
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

Contact Info: Betsy Cohen, Executive Director (ecohen@worldtradecenter-stl.com, 314-615-8107)

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
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

Contact Info: info@communitybuildersstl.org, 314-730-5449

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


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
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


VIOLENCE PREVENTION
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

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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

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
St. Louis Alliance for Reentry

**Website:** [http://www.stlreentry.org](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

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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