

*A Summit to Support the Health & Safety of Missouri's Babies*  
*Regional Discussion Feedback Form*

**Region: St Louis City 1**

**1) Why we have a commitment to the health & safety of children:**

Work a lot with pregnant teens at risk  
Work in prevention with kids and teens- interested in catching risks in early childhood (screening)  
Injury/abuse in emergency room-want to prevent injuries thru education/awareness  
Important to go into homes in their space-more applicable received increase information @ hospital but...  
Address stigma of asking for help or "you should know" what to do break down barriers, developed a sense of empathy

**2) Key issues or concerns for infants and children in your region**

Housing/homelessness increase concern  
Limited support  
Limited exposure to parenting  
Trauma – CAN-factor  
Education services-segway to address concrete needs  
Neighborhood safety/DV services  
Transportation increases isolation – taking on liability transporting  
Continual phone services  
Basic Maslow concrete needs  
Parental support and emotional not just concrete need  
Fragmentation of services, no single point of entry  
Health and Mental Health basic need

**3) What one thing might be done to improve the health and safety of infants and children in your region?**

How could this need be addressed: Support for parents, developing social-emotional support for kids  
Resources like Project Launch, how to help families reach/access to basic needs. What do they perceive their needs are first as a place to start? Education to debunk myths of parenting and childcare.  
Community of support-place goes to access care-go where they are: barber shops, beauty shops, in places they trust. Outreach centers for parent education build network group for parent support. Recruit members of similar experiences/ethnic background to service families. Identify trusted people in the community to help provide information people we work with can hear

**Region: St Louis City 2**

**1) Why we have a commitment to the health & safety of children:**

Personal – have children, family members who are children – work live in city.  
Interested in learning about factors of infant mortality and what agencies are doing.  
Interested in teen pregnancy-prevention efforts, services/education to prevent teen pregnancy.  
Programs for younger children and their parents-need to know about resources available, prevent children from repeating parents mistakes  
Economic impacts related to issues  
Background working with at risk groups  
Ideas for prevention/resources  
Personal experience – want to help new moms and babies

**2) Key issues or concerns for infants and children in your region**

Poverty, lack of resources, especially for low income parents receiving services, lack of knowledge, lack of access, how to access resource and changing resources.

Lack of education, quality education for children-lack of engagement and advocacy in community link to community, communities are divided, don't share and communicate especially resources, sense of fear within communities safety, violence concerns. Having hope for future, especially teen parents.

Lack of mentor's especially young African-American males

Lack of affordable housing, utilities and how to get assistance

**3) What one thing might be done to improve the health and safety of infants and children in your region?**

Education in schools in STL City public schools, programs to teach parents about resources in community  
Community Health Educators-outreach efforts to link to community members integrated into schools have relatable mentors.

From birth having someone working with new moms at hospitals to inform about resources for babies.

Bring partners together to communicate and share efforts to align goals and have larger systematic change-work together, collaborate.

Inform legislators about needs of community/agencies

Provide employment opportunities that rebuild communities