

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

**Region: St Louis County 1**

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

Resources for adolescent pregnancy  
Set people up for success  
Foster Care- children need, a safe place to go and not be re-victimized by system  
Child development education-help students know what is involved in parenthood.  
Keeping teen moms in school to graduate  
Decrease to barriers to success

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

Adolescent pregnancy  
Infant mortality-complex risk factors  
Life course issues: economic, social support, connecting with other moms and families, teach Life Skills  
Foster Care system-temporary childcare crisis childcare  
Parenting education  
Concrete Care  
Not just about impoverished communities “people in Kirkwood know how to cover child abuse and neglect up” Hard for me with college degree red tape make it easier sit for 3 hours at a health clinic.

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

Senator Blunt assistance-give more support, help teen moms see their future (beside morning sickness), there is a future there is hope.  
Support groups in school, college, when you get a job  
Need “respite care” like for elder care caregivers, normalize “temporary foster care/respite care call it mother morning out. Funding for Mothers to Mothers. Parent education support-teens  
City of Toronto-lots of parks, lead to decreased isolation for parents, safe parks, community centers

**Region: St Louis County 2**

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

The right thing to do economically and also from a health perspective.  
Can only imagine what our world would be like if we didn't have people protecting children – there is a cycle. Need to empower people in communities to take ownership of improving their communities

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

Drugs-heroin; Domestic violence; Addiction; Chronic neglect; No access to services and transportation  
No medical home or previous involvement with medical care  
No medical care not high priority for general population  
No health prevention; Better collaboration @ ERS  
Insurance no guarantee access; Lack of providers accepting state insurance  
Psychiatric providers are very limited, limited mental health providers  
Homelessness, section 8 list 8 years long; Childhood trauma; Lack of services  
No effective gateway of resources  
No dentists and oral surgeons

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

Limited treatment beds for substance abuse  
Examine reimbursement rates for providers and Medicaid expansion  
Meeting moms where they are in that short window of opportunity capitalize on this moment  
Screening @ prenatal visits  
Less folks in preventions  
Use of 211 of IIS (Immunization Information System) add as a positive service  
Need to focus on the parent  
Housing transportation  
Access to resources  
Family planning birth control basics  
Education evidence based life skills  
Less crime if we give families what they need evidence based practice  
Restructure TANNF and social services

**Region: St Louis County 3**

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

Health and safety sets the stage for child's life-adulthood traumatic event cause them to be behind in academics  
Parents as Teachers wonderful resource, having that parent support. Family community resources are really important.  
First year a young adult comes out of foster care is very important connects with mentors for when they leave. Aging out at 21yo put out on the streets.

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

Need medical case management help avoid health dollars wasted, to help manage other health issues.  
Why/when going to doctor/medical care steps to keeping up health care.  
Pregnant moms lose their health coverage 6 wks after the birth.  
Takes all day to go to social service office  
Barnes Jewish/Children's saving babies without asking for money

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

Medicaid Transformation– go to Jeff City to testify; need expert testimony from professionals, starts with government coming together. Medicaid Transformation Hearing in Jeff City to discuss other options to Medicaid expansion Tues Oct 29 1pm Hearing Room 3 Wed Oct 30 8 am Hearing Room 3  
Early childhood education and Parents as Teachers need push for funding