

2011 – 2012 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

The St. Joseph Youth Alliance & General Membership

The St. Joseph Youth Alliance Community Partnership, hereafter referred to as the Partnership, has been designated by the State of Missouri to serve as a local governance partnership—the decision-making entity that partners with the State of Missouri to plan, develop, finance, and monitor strategies designed to achieve the Core Results of: Parents working, Children and Families Safe, Children and Families Healthy, Children Ready to Enter School, Children Succeeding in School, and Youth Ready to Enter Productive Adulthood. The Partnership, and all of its subcontractors, practices the philosophy of systems reform known as Caring Communities.

The Partnership is comprised of community members who are responsible for making decisions to achieve better results for children and families through advancing community supported strategies and advocating for community change and leadership. Through the philosophy of Caring Communities, the Partnership and its members work together to share accountability for achieving better results and to change the way services are delivered, financed, and governed.

Responsibilities of the Partnership

The Partnership shall be responsible for the following:

- Engage community members in creating a community-wide agenda to link resources and services;
- Target specific community priorities to improve results for children and families by addressing the six Core Results;
- Assure active involvement of diverse community members in the Partnership as well as on the Partnership Board;
- Develop, leverage, and redirect public and private resources to better help families;
- Be accountable for tracking, recording, and reporting annually on progress towards the Core Results addressed in the Partnership's plan;
- Promote best practices and lessons learned with other Community Partnerships, state agencies, and the Family and Community Trust Board;
- Engage and collaborate with local state agencies to find new ways to achieve better results for children and families; and
- Serve as an information clearinghouse.

Responsibilities of the Membership

Members shall be responsible for the following:

- Participate with a broad range of community stakeholders in the development of an on-going, dynamic dialogue about their views on children and family concerns;
- Assist the Partnership in collecting and using data to paint a picture of the condition of children and families in our community;
- Work collaboratively with other stakeholders to identify how each could maximize their efforts to achieve better results for children and families;
- Assist in the mapping of community assets in order to uncover little-known resources, to better understand the scope of needs, and to build effective working relationships;
- Assist in the targeting of benchmarks and the development of strategies;
- Attend Partnership sponsored activities;
- Provide information necessary for the effective measurement and evaluation of strategies; and
- Practice true collaboration of shared risk and shared success; come to the table prepared to both give and receive.

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Acknowledgement for October 25, 2011 through October 23, 2012

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