



safer, healthier relationships for children and families

# **Our Organization**

## **VISION**

FamilyForward leads the community in providing innovative solutions for advancing safer, healthier relationships for children and families.

#### **MISSION**

FamilyForward moves vulnerable children in the direction of hope by delivering comprehensive therapeutic and educational services to support biological, foster, and adoptive families.

#### **FOUNDED**

FamilyForward is the result of a 2017 merger between two of St. Louis' most accomplished and leading-edge non-profit organizations, Children's Home Society of Missouri and Family Resource Center. With long and proud histories of helping children and families, the agencies united from positions of strength to better serve the community. FamilyForward is transforming the way we understand the effects of childhood trauma.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE**

St. Louis City and St. Louis, Jefferson, St. Charles, and Washington Counties

#### **SITES**

Developmental Trauma Center 11358 Van Cleve Ave Saint Louis, MO 63114-1131

Early Childhood Center 2780 N Lindbergh Blvd Saint Louis, MO 63114-1131 Creve Coeur 1167 Corporate Lake Dr Saint Louis, MO 63132-1716

Hillsboro Potosi

4626 Yeager Rd 301 E Jefferson St, Ste 6 Hillsboro, MO 63050-5210 Potosi, MO 63664-2900

#### **STAFF**

139 clinical, professional, and administrative personnel

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

24 members from business, legal, and medical professions on the Board of Directors

### **VOLUNTEERS**

188 actively engaged

#### **ANNUAL BUDGET**

\$14.160.094 for 2024

#### **UNITED WAY**

Funding support since 1978

# **ACCREDITATION**

Accredited by the Better Business Bureau, Council on Accreditation, and Candid

## **ANNUAL FUNDRAISING AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

The Rocket Ball Gala • Holiday Gift Drive • Clothing for a Cause • Better Together: A Day of Giving





























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# How We Help

#### **DEFINING THE NEED**

On average, over 18,000 children in the St. Louis area reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline

#### **MAKING AN IMPACT**

4,986 children, their families, and community members were served by FamilyForward in 2023.

#### **METHODS**

The agency's overarching philosophy is based in the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics™ (NMT), developed by Dr. Bruce Perry. NMT is a trauma-informed, developmentally sensitive approach to understanding the impact of a child's history on current functioning. Guided by NMT, FamilyForward's comprehensive services support the child, family, and broader community.

#### **COLLABORATIONS**

Brown School of Social Work at Washington University Children's Permanency Partnership, LLC Children's Services Coalition Epworth Children & Family Services Generate Health Good Shepherd Children and Family Services Healthy Families America® Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division Neurosequential Network Occupational Therapy Program at Maryville University PS Kids, LLC Saint Louis University College for Public Health and Social Justice St. Louis City Continuum of Care St. Louis Family & Community Partnership

University of Missouri Health System School of Medicine, Center for Excellence in Child Well-Being Vision for Children at Risk

Youth In Need

# Services for Children and Families

# TRAUMA ASSESSMENT AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION

Trauma assessment and psychological evaluations with individualized recommendations to support children at home, in school, and with therapeutic interventions

# **THERAPY**

Individual, family, and group counseling using evidence-based practices

#### **CAREGIVER EDUCATION**

Comprehensive, high-quality training and education opportunities for professionals, educators, and caregivers

#### **FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION**

As a Children's Permanency Partnership member, FamilyForward provides foster care and adoption case management, recruitment, training, and licensing services for foster and adoptive families

#### THERAPEUTIC PRESCHOOL

Highly structured environment utilizing developmentally sensitive interventions for children experiencing emotional and behavioral difficulties

# **HOME VISITING SERVICES**

Mentoring, parent coaching and education, and therapy services for young and pregnant parents and families

#### **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Integrated occupational therapy to address sensory and motor skill deficits



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