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

STAFF
156 clinical, professional, and administrative personnel

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

VOLUNTEERS
136 actively engaged

ANNUAL BUDGET
$12,927,000 for 2022

UNITED WAY
Funding support since 1978

ACCREDITATION
Accredited by the Better Business Bureau, Council on Accreditation, and GuideStar

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING AND SPECIAL EVENTS
The Rocket Ball Gala · Holiday Gift Drive · Clothing for a Cause
How We Help

DEFINING THE NEED
During fiscal year 2021, 16,980 children in the St. Louis area were reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline.

MAKING AN IMPACT
5,329 children, their families, and community members were served by FamilyForward in 2021.

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-informed, developmentally sensitive approach to understanding the impact of a child’s history on current functioning
- Individualized recommendations to support children at home, in school, and with therapeutic interventions
- Assessment, treatment, and parent education services provided by Developmental Trauma Center clinicians, specifically trained in the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT)

THERAPY
- Individual, family, and group counseling provided in-home and in-office
- Trauma-focused counseling using evidence-based practices

COACHING AND EDUCATION
- Classes for parents and caregivers
- Trauma training for professionals

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION
- Foster care case management, as a member of Children’s Permanency Partnership
- Recruitment, training, and licensing for foster and adoptive families

THERAPEUTIC PRESCHOOL
- Individualized, developmentally sensitive, and neurobiologically informed early childhood classroom experiences for children who have experienced early adversity
- Therapeutic, play-based classroom experiences that emphasize connection, sensory integration, and regulation
- Integrated, trauma-informed Occupational Therapy
- Support for the child’s therapeutic web including case management, psychoeducation, coaching, and advocacy

NEED MORE INFORMATION?
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