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
Creve Coeur
1187 Corporate Lake Dr
Saint Louis, MO 63132-1716

Hillsboro
4526 Yeager Rd
Hillsboro, MO 63050-5210

South St. Louis City
3309 S Kingshighway Blvd
Saint Louis, MO 63139-1101

Potosi
301 E Jefferson St, Ste 6
Potosi, MO 63664-2900

Downtown St. Louis
Redevelopment Opportunities for Women (ROW)
1703 Delmar Blvd
Saint Louis, MO 63103-1709

STAFF
153 clinical, professional, and administrative personnel

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
20 members from business, legal, and medical professions on the Governance Board

VOLUNTEERS
154 actively engaged

ANNUAL BUDGET
$10,621,451 for 2021

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 • Drive the Change Golf Tournament • Holiday Gift Drive • Clothing for a Cause
How We Help

DEFINING THE NEED
During fiscal year 2019, 19,485 children in the St. Louis area were reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline.

MAKING AN IMPACT
5,478 children, their families, and community members were served by FamilyForward in 2020.

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®
Home Sweet Home
Lutheran Family and Children’s Services of Missouri
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
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 Ending Violence Against Women Network
St. Louis Family & Community Partnership
St. Louis Regional Financial Empowerment Coalition
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
- Mentoring for young parents
- Comprehensive support for families faced with stressors such as safety, shelter, unemployment, and parenting
- Advocacy and financial sustainability services for women, many of whom have been impacted by domestic violence
- 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
- Highly structured environment utilizing trauma-informed, developmentally sensitive interventions for children ages three to five who have experienced early adversity
- Individualized approach helps family members, teachers, therapists, and other professionals best meet the needs of each child in the program