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First Steps Coordinating Council Meeting Milestones Matter and State Parent Advisory Council

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Milestones Matter Background

- ▶ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Learn the Signs. Act Early." Program encourages parents and providers to learn the signs of healthy development, monitor every child's early development, and take action when there is a concern.
- ▶ The program offers free checklists and other tools to make developmental monitoring practical and easy.
- ▶ The Missouri WIC Developmental Milestones Program is a partnership between the University of Missouri and the Missouri Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) based on the CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." public health campaign.

Milestones Matter in Child Care

- ▶ A partnership between the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Maternal Child Health Workforce Development Center, the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Social Services and many others.
- ▶ To embed developmental monitoring of young children into child care using the “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” materials.
- ▶ Age appropriate checklists completed by child care providers/teachers in partnership with parents.

Milestones Matter Timeline

- ▶ Testing in four sites, three in mid-Missouri and one in St. Louis from April through June 2019.
- ▶ June through August 2019 will be used to embed what we learn from the test into materials and processes and to recruit pilot sites.
- ▶ A kick-off event will be held in August 2019 to begin the pilot phase.
- ▶ Approximately 12 pilot sites will be chosen from across the state to start implementation in September 2019 and run through May 2020.
- ▶ Data analysis will begin in June 2020. This will also include planning for statewide rollout.

Resources and Questions?

- ▶ <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>
- ▶ <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/localagency/relatedlinks/wicdevelopmentalmilestonesprogram/>



Statewide Parent Advisory Council

Engaging and Empowering Missouri Families

History:

- ▶ The Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Steering Committee prioritized family leadership for many years.
- ▶ ECCS hosted events for family leaders annually from 2011 through 2016.
- ▶ In 2016 the event, “The Show Me Leadership Summit,” was done differently than the others.
 - ▶ Parent nominations were requested from agencies across the state who value parent leadership.
 - ▶ Attendees had to have experience in their own communities working with agencies that provide services to at-risk families with young children and have demonstrated leadership capabilities.
 - ▶ Forty family leaders from across the state attended.
 - ▶ Commitment cards were completed.
 - ▶ Eighteen attendees showed interest in becoming members of a statewide Parent Advisory Council (PAC).
 - ▶ By the end of 2016 there were 12 official members of the statewide PAC.

PAC History Continued:



- The Children’s Trust Fund sponsored the first in-person PAC meeting in March 2017 in conjunction with their Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Conference.
- The meeting was facilitated by the Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Service (FRIENDS) National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention.
- The Children’s Trust Fund and Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health) sponsored the PAC’s second in-person meeting in October 2017 where they finalized a purpose statement and received “Facilitative Leadership” training.
- The PAC logo was finalized by email voting on January 9, 2018.

PAC Partner Agencies



- Department of Health and Senior Services
- The Missouri Children's Trust Fund
- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Social Services
- The Head Start State Collaboration Office
- Lutheran Family and Children's Services
- The Missouri Head Start Association

Current PAC Activities



- ▶ Child Advocacy Day
- ▶ Missouri Head Start Association Family Leadership Conference
- ▶ Recruitment Committee
- ▶ Ongoing Communication - calls every other month, two in-person meetings per year, listserve developed
- ▶ Children's Trust Fund Conference in April 2019
- ▶ Spring 2019 in-person meeting - Strategic Planning training provided by FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention
- ▶ Video sponsored by the MO Head Start State Collaboration Office
- ▶ PAC member on Milestones Matter team
- ▶ PAC member working on family engagement with Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting organizations in the Bootheel

PAC Website



Early Childhood Mental Health

About For Parents For Providers Community

Missouri Parent Advisory Council

About Missouri Parent Advisory Council

The Missouri Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a group of family leaders from across the state. These leaders have experience in their own communities working with agencies that provide services to at-risk families with young children and have demonstrated leadership. They have each received training in Strengthening Families™ and the Protective Factors Framework through Strong Parents, Stable Children: Building Protective Factors to Strengthen Families training and facilitative leadership training. They are working in their communities to bring issues facing families in their communities to a higher level to improve access to services and family engagement within programs.

Purpose Statement

Engaging and Empowering Missouri Families

PAC Members

Coming Soon

Upcoming Training Opportunities

- [Spring 2018 PAC Flyer](#)
- [Head Start Conference Flyer](#)

Parent Engagement Tools

For Parents

- Parent's Section
- Parent Resources

For Providers

- Provider's Section
- Provider Resources

- <https://dmh.mo.gov/healthykids/pac/>
- Member Pictures and Biographies
- PAC Application

PAC Funding



- ▶ The Children's Trust Fund
- ▶ Department of Mental Health - Project LAUNCH
- ▶ Department of Health and Senior Services - Maternal Child Health Block Grant

Questions?

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