

Vision for Children at Risk

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Award Amount, Year One: \$300,000

Award Year: 2006

Organizational Description:

Vision for Children at Risk coordinates, convenes, and facilitates the St. Louis Metropolitan Children's Agenda, a partnership that addresses critical needs of children and youth in the St. Louis region. Since 1993, the Children's Agenda has engaged 300 social service agencies and community organizations in launching programs and policies impacting children. The purpose of the Children's Agenda is "to encourage regional collaboration among agencies and to provide a framework for launching strategic initiatives benefiting children."

Name of CEY Initiative Project:

St. Louis Children's Agenda Capacity Building

Project Description:

Vision for Children at Risk will build the capacity of faith and community-based organizations to provide enhanced social services to address child abuse and neglect. This project includes: 1) training and technical assistance around the four capacity building areas (community engagement, leadership development, organizational development, and program development) that will cover topics such as development of a communication plan, development of the executive committee, marketing, staff training, and strategic planning; 2) quarterly workshops around an evidence-based curriculum; 3) quarterly symposia around collaborative and integrated social services; 4) twice-monthly meetings with management from all partner organizations to review capacity building activities, monitor progress, and identify needs for further training and technical assistance; and 5) upgrading technology systems for partnership members.

Partners: Kids Hope United – Hudelson Region; St. Louis Family and Community Partnership