



2020-2021 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

The St. Joseph Youth Alliance & General Membership

The St. Joseph Youth Alliance has been designated by the State of Missouri to serve as a local governance partnership--the decision-making entity that partners with the State of Missouri to plan, develop, finance, and monitor strategies to improve the lives of children and families. The Alliance is comprised of community members who are responsible for making decisions to achieve better results for children and families by supporting collaborative strategies and advocating for community change. The Youth Alliance membership works together to share accountability for achieving better results and to change the way services are delivered, financed and governed.

By joining the St. Joseph Youth Alliance, you are helping to find new and better ways to work together. It is important to have a place where people can find each other, share ideas, and discover common ground. Youth Alliance membership provides the vehicle to do just that.

Responsibilities of the Youth Alliance

- Target specific community priorities to improve results for children and families by bringing the local decision-making process into the hands of community members;
- Assure active involvement of diverse community members;
- Develop, leverage, and redirect public and private resources to better help families;
- Be accountable for tracking, recording, and reporting annually on progress;
- Promote best practices and lessons learned with other community organizations, state agencies, and the Family and Community Trust;
- Engage and collaborate with individuals, organizations, and state agencies to find new ways to achieve better results for children and families;
- Listen to the Membership--their values, their experiences, and their ideas; and
- Serve as an information clearinghouse.

Responsibilities of the Membership

- Work collaboratively with other stakeholders to develop strategies that maximize efforts to achieve better results for children and families;
- Share information, expertise, space, and other resources for the benefit of children, families, and the community;
- Practice true collaboration of shared risks, responsibilities, and rewards;
- Attend Youth Alliance sponsored activities;
- Come to the planning table for the greater good of children and families;
- Provide information necessary for the effective measurement and evaluation of strategies; and
- Celebrate every success, large and small.

