



**Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood**  
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**Partner Group:** *Child Care Aware® of Missouri*

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**Date of last meetings:** *Network Council—July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014; Board—July 10<sup>th</sup>.*

**Date of next meetings:** *Network Council—October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015; Board—October 9<sup>th</sup>.*

**Action Items In-progress/Pending:**

- Continuing services and projects in development:
  - DEVELOPMENT: In partnership with Project Construct, proposal pending at Express Scripts for *Ferguson Earliest Impact*, to combine business development/support services from the Virtual Child Care Business Center with Project Construct curriculum training for licensed centers in the Ferguson area.
  - LAUNCHING: In October, FERGUSON EFFEC+ (Emotional Foundations for Early Childhood-Plus) initiative . Emerson Electric, Ameren Corporation Charitable Trust, and Centene Charitable Foundation have committed funds for a two-year project to train and coach up to 160 teachers, touching more than 1,000 children in the Ferguson-impact zone.
  - CONTINUING: Year 3 of *Taking Steps to Healthy Success* obesity prevention beginning now, with activities concluding in June 2106. Related DEVELOPMENT: Seeking support for a significant advocacy effort to better align licensing rules related to nutrition and physical activity with national best practice recommendations (private sector proposals pending).
  - CONTINUING: Margaret A. Cargill Foundation/Save the Children-funded program is beginning activities for Year 2, through June 2016, to train early care and education personnel about, and expand system-level capacity for, supporting young children after a disaster.
  - CONTINUING: Recruiting for T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI scholarship and retention program, with continuing support from DESE.

**Announcements:**

- Army leadership announced in a recent hearing of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform that it plans to transition administration of the Army Fee Assistance program back to Child Care Aware® of America, after a pretty disastrous two years at GSA (50% increase in costs, 11,500-item backlog, failures of privacy protection).
- The Child Care Aware® of America board met on September 25 and 26 in Arlington, VA to finalize its 2016-2018 strategic plan. Next meeting in January 2016.
- Child Care Aware® of America will convene its state network and local member agencies' leadership on October 18-20 and will hold a national research and policy symposium on April 4-6.

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