



**Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood**  
*January 5, 2016*

**Partner Group:** *Child Care Aware® of Missouri*

**Liaison to the Board:** *Carol Scott*

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

**Date of next meetings:** *Network Council—January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016; Board—January 15<sup>th</sup>.*

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

- Continuing services and projects in development:
  - LAUNCHING: In partnership with Project Construct, Express Scripts has provided funding 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. A supplemental funding proposal is pending with PNC.
  - UNDERWAY: FERGUSON EFFEC+ (Emotional Foundations for Early Childhood-Plus) initiative begins its first Learning Collaborative on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Emerson Electric, Ameren Corporation Charitable Trust, and Centene Charitable Foundation have committed funds for a two-year project to train and coach up to 120 teachers, touching more than 1,000 children in the Ferguson-impact zone.
  - CONTINUING: Year 3 of *Taking Steps to Healthy Success* obesity prevention, 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 continuing 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:**

- We have elected Ms. Carol Smith, Vice President of Community Impact at United Way of Greater Kansas City, and Mr. George Lombardi, Director of the MO Department of Corrections, to our board of directors.
- Ms. Jeanne Jarrett, from the Ameren finance department in Columbia, has been elected Secretary of our board of directors.
- Next Child Care Aware® of America board meeting is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

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