



Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
January 10, 2017

Partner Group: *Child Care Aware® of Missouri*

Liaison to the Board: *L. Carol Scott, CEO*

Date of last meetings: *Network Council—October 13th, 2015; Board—October 14th.*

Date of next meetings: *Network Council—January 19th, 2016; Board—January 20th.*

Action Items In-progress/Pending:

- Bluestone Process Dynamics will be consulting with us, pro bono, to strengthen some of our internal processes.
- Continuing services and projects in development:
 - NEW: We have our first customer for Business Model Analysis, a service of the Virtual Child Care Business Center. We'll be analyzing revenue, expense, enrollment, and staffing patterns at two small centers owned by one entity and making recommendations for a more sustainable business model.
 - UNDERWAY: Express Scripts and PNC Bank Foundation have 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. The first Learning Collaborative concludes in February, with a second group starting at that time.
 - CONTINUING: **Recruiting for T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI** scholarship and retention program, with continuing support from DESE.
 - CONTINUING: Year 4 of *Taking Steps to Healthy Success* obesity prevention, with activities concluding in June 2017; the Learning Collaborative in Boone County is all family child care business owners. 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.
 - WRAPPING UP: FERGUSON EFFEC+ (*Emotional Foundations for Early Childhood-Plus*) initiative begins its third and final Learning Collaborative this month. Emerson Electric, Ameren Corporation Charitable Trust, and Centene Charitable Foundation committed funds for this two-year project to train and coach up to 120 teachers, touching more than 1,000 children in the Ferguson-impact zone. A report on the first cohort is available now; final outcome data should be available in the summer.

Announcements:

- We have elected new board officers: Ms. Julia Reinbold, formerly of Express Scripts, as board chair; Ms. Jeanne Jarrett of Ameren as Treasurer; and Ms. Diana Vuylsteke of Bryan Cave as Secretary.
- We are seeking new board members with backgrounds in finance, communications/marketing, and fund development

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