

MISSOURI COALITION OF CHILDREN'S AGENCIES 2012 ADVOCACY AGENDA

Our purpose is to work together to support at-risk youth and youth in foster care. As we work collaboratively to maintain a strong, statewide system of care, we have identified the following as high priority legislative areas for 2012.

1. Maintain a strong system of Social Responsibility Tax Credits. Tax credits such as the Youth Opportunities Program, Neighborhood Assistance Program, Residential Treatment, Maternity Home, Children in Crisis and other similar tax credits enable us to help youth gain skills that lead to stronger education and employment outcomes.
2. Support resources that keep kids and families safe. Maintenance of accreditation for the Missouri Children's Division is one example of enhancing oversight and safety for at-risk youth and families.
3. Strive to reimburse providers for the reasonable cost of care. We will work to provide accurate cost data leading to thoughtful analysis and opportunities to support additional opportunities maximize state and federal resources allocated to at-risk youth.
4. Support older youth transitions to adulthood. We hope to provide an easier and more transparent mechanism for older youth in foster care to access supports in this vital transition period.
5. Reducing barriers to education for foster youth in foster care and enhancing their ability to graduate by expediting credit transfers across districts.

Our Mission

Missouri Coalition of Children's Agencies is a statewide Network that supports members to provide innovative and effective services to children and families through leadership, advocacy and training.

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