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Saint Louis Partners services are family-centered and culturally competent. Care coordination is provided by foster care professionals dedicated first and foremost to children's and family's safety and well-being.

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#### Saint Louis Partners offers a broad range of coordinated services and supports to help children and families.

Through a contract with the state of Missouri, our four social service agencies make up the consortium known as Saint Louis Partners. This group has come together to promote the welfare of children and families in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, Jefferson County and Franklin County through case management, foster care and adoption. Together, Saint Louis Partners uses the power of many professionals to help more children and families in the community.

#### case management

- Provide services to children and families in the foster care system
- Serve children ages birth to 21 years
- Link families to community resources to assist in reunifying the family
- Connect children to medical, mental health and educational services
- Ensure safety and stability for children
- Strive to connect children to lifelong, permanent homes

### support

- Monthly stipend to assist with caring for children
- Subsidized child care services at approved center
- Health care insurance through Medicaid for foster children
- Training, support and advocacy

## Becoming a Foster or Adoptive Parent

Saint Louis Partners recruits, trains, and licenses foster and adoptive homes for children in foster care. Foster and adoptive families are always needed for sibling groups, older children, children of minority heritage and children with special needs. Foster parenting is a challenge and an opportunity that is worth the effort.

- You must be 21 years or older.
- adoption/foster requires: • You must have a safe house or apartment with adequate space for a family.
  - You can be married or single.
  - You must be in good mental and physical health.
- You must be financially stable.
- You may have children of your own or be child-free.
- You must be of good moral character.
- You must attend training.
- You must submit physicals, backaround checks, and references.

# Other Ways To Help: Wish List Items

Your group or individual donation is greatly appreciated, and helps children and families.

- Household & hygiene items for teens & families
- New infant & toddler car seats & booster seats •
- New games, toys and books for all ages
- Twin, double & gueen bed sheet sets & blankets
- Cribs (meeting safety standards); toddler beds/bedding
- Gift cards for stores such as Wal-Mart or Target

The power of many.

#### Our **saintlouispartners** Mission:

To provide the highest quality comprensive care for children and families:

- by keeping at-risk children safe
- respecting cultural differences
- connecting children to family
- and ensuring confidentiality ---Our goal is the safety, stability and
- permanency of children in foster care.

"Team work makes the dream work." Anonymous saintlouispartners %

Saint Louis Partners is a collaborative group, working to serve children in foster care.

#### **Bringing Families Together**

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