

# MISSOURI

## Missouri Centers for Connection

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Missouri Coalition for Children began in 1976 as the Missouri Child Care Association, which brought organizations across Missouri together to advocate for children in foster care and the residential treatment organizations that served them. Providers from throughout Missouri sought to improve support and engagement with their public sector partners and pursue strategies and approaches that better served the changing needs of children in foster care and their families. Missouri Coalition for Children has evolved into a statewide association of child and family-serving organizations dedicated to strengthening and supporting Missouri's children, families and communities.

### At a Glance

- Year founded: 2025
- Year joined NFSN: 2025
- Network type: Non-profit Coordinated
- Network staff: 2 FTE
- Funding sources:
  - Private Foundations
  - Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)
  - Early Head Start
  - Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV)
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - Title IV-B, including Promoting Safe and Stable Families
  - Title IV-B, Kinship Navigator

### Network Functions

- Convening and Connecting Members
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Working together on systems change/policy/advocacy
- Marketing/public awareness activities

### Highlights

- Missouri Coalition for Children successfully secured foundation funding to launch 3-5 Family Connection Centers in strategic areas of the State. Centers are onboarding Community Navigators to lead the centers activities and conducting community engagement activities to raise awareness and solicit feedback from parents and youth.
- The Youth Congress, comprised of youth currently or formerly in the custody of the state, continues to grow in the number of participants and have expanded advocacy efforts through providing comments/testimony to state legislators and members of Congress, participating in Network trainings/conferences to share policy priorities and organizing an annual retreat.



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## Network Mission Statement:

We envision a Missouri where all children and families reach their potential in safe, healthy communities.

## Members

- Number of Members: 55
  - 5 Community-based FRCs
  - 50 Non-FRC Family Support Programs
- Funding sources:
  - Private Foundations



## Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources Concrete Support
- Family Development Services
- Education Activities
- Behavioral/mental health services
  - Day Treatment
  - Crisis intervention
  - Residential Services

