



St. Patrick Center
Building Permanent, Positive, Change.

OUR mission

St. Patrick Center provides opportunities for self-sufficiency and dignity to persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Individuals achieve permanent, positive changes in their lives through affordable housing, sound mental health, employment and financial stability.

PROJECT PROTECT A St. Patrick Center Housing Program

Parents are meant to protect their children. However, when parents abuse substances and children are mistreated at home, others must come alongside to help families stabilize.

Project Protect is a regional partnership that includes St. Patrick Center; Family Court of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, City of St. Louis; Missouri Children's Division; Family Resource Center; Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club; Community Wellness; and Queen of Peace Center. University of Missouri – St. Louis evaluates collaboration and participant success.

The annual objectives of Project Protect include the following: 75 parents will complete substance-abuse treatment; 75 parents will improve their parenting skills; 100 families will obtain and retain permanent housing; 100 families will move toward financial stability; 150 children/youth will exhibit indicators of family stability; and 150 children will benefit from increased parental involvement.

Project Protect provides a comprehensive continuum of care for homeless and impoverished families with children in out-of-home placements or at risk of being removed from homes due to parental substance abuse. In addition, it applies the evidence-based practice Intensive Case Management (ICM). Each family is assigned to an ICM team consisting of a Family Stability Counselor, a Substance Abuse Counselor and a Financial Stability Counselor.

These multidisciplinary teams address substance abuse and other barriers faced by participants and their children. Requirements include parent-education classes, addiction treatment, recovery meetings, and case plans identifying recovery and family-stabilizing goals.

Project Protect enhances the safety and well-being of children by enabling them to be reared by their parents in stable, nurturing home environments, away from the influences of substance abuse. Project evaluation guides future efforts to help homeless and impoverished families affected by parental substance abuse.

In Fiscal Year 2011, Project Protect provided family and financial stability and housing services for 200 families with 343 children affected by parental substance abuse.

Other St. Patrick Center Housing Programs: Independent Living Skills/ABE & GED/Fast Track GED; Neighborhood Support; Rosati Apartments & Rosati Assertive Community Treatment (ACT); Rosati Group Home; Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).

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