

East Side Aligned: Advancing Child Well-Being During Out-of-School Time

Historically, the field of out-of-school time programs has been decentralized and disorganized, with different programs—and the public and private groups that fund them—operating in isolation from one another. This has resulted in a lack of access to high-quality programs, particularly for the young people who need them most.

Out-of-school time leaders within the Greater East St. Louis area have been working together to create a different narrative for our community. Led by the Greater East St. Louis Youth Coordinating Council, partners are building a coordinated out-of-school time system to increase access to high-quality programs for our children and youth. This work has garnered the attention from local and national funders.

Join leaders of the East Side Aligned movement as they share the success and lessons learned of their efforts from three unique perspectives – organizational leadership, funders, and youth development professionals. Three learning sessions will be held at the Deaconess Center for Child Well-Being. A light breakfast will be provided. Please register at the links below:

Session 1: A Conversation with Executive Directors

Tuesday, July 31st

8:30-10:30am

Co-Hosted by Ready by 21 St. Louis and Vision for Children at Risk

This learning session will focus on the role executive leadership in service organizations play in coalitions and systems change efforts. Co-hosted by Ready by 21 St. Louis and Vision for Children at Risk for executive directors, senior leaders, and board members of service organizations interested or participating in coalitions throughout the St. Louis region.

Session 2: A Conversation with Funders and Policymakers

Tuesday, August 28th

8:30-10:30am

Co-Hosted by GSK Corporation and Vision for Children at Risk

This session will focus on the role funders and policymakers play in systems change through investing in multi-organization partnerships. Co-hosted by the GSK Corporation and Vision for Children at Risk for local and national funders and policymakers.

Session 3: A Conversation with Youth Development Professionals

Tuesday, September 25th

8:30-10:30am

Co-Hosted by Vision for Children at Risk

This learning session will focus on program quality improvement efforts and coordination of activities across organizations with opportunities for developing regional strategies in preparation for National Lights on Afterschool Day. Co-hosted by Missouri Afterschool Network, Illinois Afterschool Network, and Vision for Children at Risk for youth program directors and coordinators from throughout the St. Louis region.