

**FUNDED PROPOSALS IN RELATION TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY BRIEF  
ARE THE CHILDREN WELL?**

Recommendations Addressed by Funded Programs	
Align funding priorities in mental health services and research with what is known regarding both the age of onset of mental health disorders, and increased risks among certain populations.	All funded proposals
Support interventions that impact children at all levels of their environment.	All funded proposals
Increase access to high-quality child care and early childhood education, particularly for low-income families.	University of Missouri Project LAUNCH      Cradle to Career Alliance
Support early childhood educators through training in classroom management, social-emotional learning, and stress reduction techniques.	University of Missouri Project LAUNCH
Support the implementation of whole-school tiered approaches to promote positive school climate and the mental wellness of all students.	University of Missouri School Staff Training and Case Management
Locate comprehensive mental health services within schools, and increase partnerships with additional community resources.	All funded proposals
Funding Opportunities	
Use media campaigns, both universal and those targeted for specific audiences, to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and treatment.	Collaborate with MAPP Behavioral Health Action Team
Support the provision of basic mental health “first aid” training for interested youth.	Collaborate with MAPP Behavioral Health Action Team & Children’s Grove
Support training for pediatricians and other primary care physicians, to improve their competence and comfort in discussing and referring for mental health concerns.	Collaborate with the MAPP Behavioral Health Action Team
Remove structural and financial barriers that discourage clinicians from providing preventive care and mental health screening.	Address in Access to Services Funding
Promote the integration of mental health practitioners with other care providers, through Accountable Care Organizations and other structural innovations.	Collaborate with MAPP Behavioral Health Action Team and Address in Access to Services Funding
Include mental health consultation in all Child Protective Services’ investigations to identify youth in need of care.	Collaborate with the Missouri Departments of Social Services and Mental Health
Fund research for programs that promote wellness, instead of an exclusive focus on treating illness.	Targeted RFP?
Increase screening for parental depression in locations such as pediatric and WIC offices.	Targeted RFP?
Promote “warm and firm” parenting through comprehensive parenting programs or other outreach.	Targeted RFP?
Develop community capacity for respite care for parents of a child with mental illness, and support the inclusion of respite care as a covered service under insurance plans.	Does Boone County have adequate capacity?
Support gatekeeper training to adults who work with youth; expand the scope of such training beyond suicide prevention to encompass a broader focus on wellness.	
Expand guaranteed, paid job-leave to all employed new parents.	
Start school for adolescents later in the day to help them get enough sleep.	
Link community environmental efforts with child mental health and well-being; enhance efforts to rid neighborhoods of toxins, and to improve them with playgrounds, community centers, and other youth-friendly facilities.	

\* *Are the Children Well? A Model and Recommendations for Promoting the Mental Wellness of the Nation’s Young People*, Prepared by David Murphey, et al. (July 2014).