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Senator Jeff Smith Announces Assistance Coming to Organizations That Help St. Louis Children and Families

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Jeff Smith, D-St. Louis, announced that the <u>Missouri Foundation for</u>

<u>Health</u> will provide funding to two groups in St. Louis to help cover their ongoing costs.

The <u>Family Resource Center</u> will receive a basic support grant that can be used for salaries and equipment necessary to provide preventative or direct health service programs. The Family Resource Center provides therapeutic, educational and support services to victims of abuse and neglect. The organization will receive \$160,000.

<u>Women's Support and Community Services</u>, a.k.a. Safe Connections, will receive \$121,695. The group works to increase awareness of violence against women among college students through campuswide efforts, interactive group settings and other methods.

"These are both great organizations that provide much-needed services to our community," Sen. Smith said. "I thank the Missouri Foundation for Health Board of Directors for their commitment to bettering the lives of so many Missourians."

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