



WELCOME



1st Annual
**CONNECTIONS
SUMMIT**



**April 20, 2024
9:30AM -1:00PM**

PROVIDING FAMILIES WITH
RESOURCES, LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES AND NETWORKING.



SESSION 1 - 10:00 AM - 10:40 AM

SESSION 2 - 11:00 AM - 12:40 AM

SESSION 3 - 12:00 AM - 1:40 AM

SUPPORTING OUR MELL FAMILIES	<p>"From Language to Literacy: Supporting Multilingual Readers at Home</p> <p>Join us for an engaging session focused on empowering you, as a parent of a bilingual/multilingual child, to support your child's literacy journey with confidence! Gain an understanding of the literacy needs of multilingual learners, and learn simple yet effective techniques to encourage reading and writing in multiple languages at home.</p> <p>Discovering Immigrant Service Providers in St. Louis: A Guide for Families</p> <p>This session will highlight non-profit organizations in the St. Louis area dedicated to supporting immigrant families with a range of essential services. From healthcare and legal assistance to English language classes and food assistance, these organizations provide invaluable resources to help immigrant families thrive. Learn about the diverse services available and how you can access support for your family's needs in the community."</p>	119
HANCOCK PAT	<p>Do you ask yourself, how can I best advocate for my child? Join us as we share and discuss resources and strategies to answer this questions for you! Our children deserve to be supported, assisted, and provided with the best opportunities in developing as possible.</p>	121
AMEREN	<p>During this session, attendees will learn about Ameren's programs and resources. Families in need of energy assistance can also apply on-the-spot during this session and receive help/guidance if needed.</p>	122

PAT (LINDBERGH AND MEHLVILLE)	<p>Are you a busy caregiver who wants to make the most of small moments? Join us as we discuss tools and tricks for creating brain-building moments within everyday life! Your child's brain grows the fastest from birth through age 5! Helping them learn now gets them ready for school, friends, and life.-Mehlville Parents as Teachers in partnership with Vroom.</p>	<p>123</p>
ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIBRARY	<p>"All About the Library" - St. Louis County Library will provide an overview of free library resources supporting education, health, and community needs.</p>	<p>124</p>
BARRON SWIM	<p>Drowning is the leading cause of death globally for children and young people aged 1 through 24. It is the single leading cause for children 1 through 4 years of age and children with autism. Education is key! Learn tips about swim and bathroom safety!</p>	<p>125</p>
TRANSITIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	<p>In this session, attendees will learn post-secondary for options for youth with disabilities.</p>	<p>126</p>
PREVENT-ED	<p>"Substance Use and Suicide" - Most individuals with a substance use disorder also experience other co-occurring mental health disorders, many of which can be linked to suicidal behaviors. This session will examine the connection between substance use and suicide by looking at what statistics tell us about the risks and how to address concerns with affected individuals."</p>	<p>130</p>
AMEREN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION	<p>In this session, attendees will be provided with Information and resources to help understand behaviors and experiences related to suicide, deepen knowledge of the recovery process, learn new ways to be supportive and be inspired by new self-care strategies</p>	<p>132</p>

DR. PAUL YOUNG	Human Brain Awareness: "Potential and Pitfalls" Presentation will include descriptions (using real human brain material) of the conscious and subconscious human brain structures and their development, functions, potentials and pitfalls	134
ANNIE'S HOPE	Children's Grief and How to Support: Children of all ages grieve; it just looks different based on their developmental age. This presentation will discuss how children grieve, the common grief behaviors of children, and how we can help support them. Annie's Hope is a St. Louis non-profit that provides comprehensive grief support services for children, teens, and families grieving a death.	135
CRISIS AID INTERNATIONAL	Lauren Peffley is both an advocate and the Community Education Coordinator for Crisis Aid International, and she is thrilled to share more information with the Hancock Place community on Digital Safety for the Whole Family! This presentation will include background on Crisis Aid's work with children and families who have experienced high risk online activity, and why this information is so important for all families to know. It will also cover risks to be aware of, apps to look out for, online safety tips and action steps, as well as a variety of resources for parents to take home. Crisis Aid advocates will be available to answer questions and provide support to families who may have concerns about any of these topics.	136
ST. LOUIS CRISIS NURSERY	Depression and Anxiety in Adults and Children: What does it look like? -Breaking down the Escalation Cycle -Coping Skills to Practice	137
CENTERPOINTE HOSPITAL	CenterPointe Hospital will be providing Suicide Prevention trainings through their partnership with The Jason Foundation. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young person nationally and statewide. Community members will learn about the prevalence of suicide ideation, how to identify individuals at risk, and what to do if someone confides in you about wanting to end their life.	138

<p>PREFERRED FAMILY</p>	<p>In this session, attendees will learn the trends/dangers of vaping with attention given to both THC and nicotine.</p>	<p>141</p>
<p>COLLEGE/CAREE R ADVISORS</p>	<p>What's Next? Come join the conversation about the many pathways to a successful future- learn about the opportunities available in education, employment, and enlistment.</p>	<p>145</p>
<p>CENTURY CREDIT UNION</p>	<p>If you want to learn how to establish, build, maintain and/or improve your credit, this is the presentation for you!</p>	<p>146</p>
<p>IRON WORKERS UNION 396</p>	<p>Learn about becoming an iron worker in Union 396. Do you enjoy being outside, working with your hands, and want to earn great income with benefits? This could be the career for you!</p>	<p>147</p>
<p>REGIONS BANK</p>	<p>In this session, attendees will learn to how to set up a successful financial future by learning how to track your spending and income, and identify and organize your financial goals.</p>	<p>148</p>
<p>THRIVENT FINANCIAL</p>	<p>Thrivent will be providing "Financial Foundations: Investing for Retirement" in which attendees will learn four smart retirement planning moves, tactical changes they can make that set up their retirement foundation. Attendees will also learn how to help future-proof their tax bracket and pick up an answer to that nagging question about Social Security.</p>	<p>150</p>

VENDORS



AFFTON FOOD PANTRY
AFFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PAT
AGING AHEAD
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION
AMEREN
AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION
ARCHWELL HEALTH
BABY MASSAGE
CENTERPOINTE HOSPITAL
CENTURY CREDIT UNION
COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
CRISIS AID INTERNATIONAL
FEED MY PEOPLE
FIRST MISSOURI CREDIT UNION
HANCOCK PLACE PAT
INTERNAL FAMILY MEDICINE
JUBILEE CHURCH
LEMAY FIRE DEPARTMENT
LIBRARY
LIFTING UP ST. LOUIS
MIDWEST BANK
MEHLVILLE PAT
PCHAS
PLACES FOR PEOPLE
PREVENT ED
REGIONS BANK
SAM'S CLUB
SCOUTS
ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
ST. LOUIS CRISIS NURSERY
THE PAVILLION
TUTOR DOCTOR
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY - EARLY RECOGNITION CENTER





COLLEGES – GYMNASIUM

HANNIBAL-LAGRANGE

JEFFERSON COLLEGE

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ST. LOUIS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY

UMSL BRIDGE PROGRAM



JOBS/CAREERS–CAFETERIA

EXCEL CENTER ST. LOUIS

FIRST MISSOURI CREDIT UNION

GRANITE GURU

IBEW LOCAL ONE

MID AMERICA CARPENTERS REGIONAL

COUNCIL

MIDWEST POOL MANAGEMENT

OLIVE GARDEN

REINHOLD ELECTRIC

SAM'S CLUB

ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE

ST. LOUIS COUNTY WORKFORCE

DEVELOPMENT

US ARMY



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Connections Summit Website



Childcare Permission Form



Attendee Satisfaction Survey



*Thank
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