

Ideas to reach the vision of the state?

Economic and Family Security

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Address the cliff effect of public assistance--the stark transition between

Address the living wage issue, where employers pay according to cost of living in local area (cost of affordable housing, food, & medical).

Advocacy and education

Advocacy with legislatures

After school programs (before & after school care)

Ambassadors from local boards

Art is a bridge to overcome obstacles (i.e. child care)

Babysitting service that is 24 hours a day stay funded.

Better communication about resources --out them

Bigger vision for what work is--taking care of children, etc.

Box companies (Wal-Mart, Lowe's, etc.) need to be accountable for paying

Break through peoples pride or generational gap to affording themselves of

Change guidelines for childcare to free up some of their finances for other

Change legislation to support parents getting raises and keeping childcare

Child care is a BIG concern--need it to be affordable; Implement more programs like "operation breakthrough" in KC; USDA will provide free food

Close loopholes

Combination of previous answers

Communicate with outside agencies (non caa)

Community food gardens

Community/education

Consider bartering system

Correlate cost of living with wages in different areas

Create health care reform

Create more fair tax structure

Creation of jobs

Cross cultural lines to take advantage of programs

Develop skills

Economic development/education for local entrepreneurship

Educate and advocate

Educate families about health care

Educate legislators on benefits of living wage

Educate the community about the services provided

Education

Education and awareness

Education by community awareness and talking with Legislators

Education community on current programs and inefficiencies, ex: When offered a raise, people can't take it because they will lose benefits

Education on tax credits

EMAA can offer financial training.

Emphasize tax dollars will pay for childcare & medical care for those who

Employers providing affordable health care

Encourage your personal groups to participate outside of your group

Equitable state & federal tax structure

Establish statewide EIC as well as using Federal EIC

Examine the tax structure

Exercise station in walkable community

Extended school year & day

Facilitating more entrepreneurial opportunities

Fair pay=livable wage: we're seeing cost of living rise with no increase (Corresponding) with affordable housing & with minimum wages; is it really "Livable" for a single mother to work 75 hours a week to pay rent on a 2 BR

Fair tax policy is fundamental

Federal reform

Get communities engaged to use their voice

Give resources to working people who are not making a living wage

Give workshops on Framework of Understanding Poverty, Bridges Out of

Government is employer of last resort

Government involvement in financial educations

Have legislatures attend poverty simulation/summit, dispel myths & beliefs, not making assumption about low-income citizens, community leaders &

Health care, child care providers and raise what the state helps with

Healthcare (consistent & stable) for those unable to work

Healthcare affects employability/stability

Help TA recipients become self-sufficient

How does someone budget their money once they do have money?

Increase charitable giving, to support agencies

Increase childcare assistance (quality childcare)

Increase taxes on alcohol & tobacco

Industry jobs to the community

Enhance financial literacy

IPA--Individual Development Accounts, LiLA's--Life-Long Learning Accounts

Job creation

Jobs with childcare available

Justice in childcare, Head Start under funded

Knowing about resources to help

Legislative away predatory loans- credit cards, payday loans, tax refund, title

Legislator's need to understand what a living wage job is.

Lending is key

Let churches help spread the word

Living wage

Living wages

Look at daycare expense---sliding scale

Low or free daycare for those seeking employment (job search)

Make corporations & government more accountable

Mandate personal finance curriculum in all high schools

Manufacturing jobs gone overseas--more employment training

Matching program for mid-elderly women to provide after- school care for

Meaningful work for all--no matter if it is "McDonald's" . This is a stepping

Media campaign to address solutions to problems

Misconception of which assistance is for--perception that this group is larger

Missouri Building Assets

More affordable living wage jobs

More community action groups

More daycare providers who accept state pay

More job readiness, life skills, and partnerships

More job training and retraining

Most social assistance programs are set up to "keep you poor"--figure out a graduated system to encourage "weaning"

Moving from "social service" model to a "mentoring" model

Need to raise awareness of need for "living wages"

New job opportunities and skilled labor forces

Non-penalizing laws

Offer free transportation to & from work, provided transportation in rural areas, build relationships with those outside your economic status,

Offer tax credit to employees with onsite childcare

Outreach to vulnerable kids

OVERALL---Educate legislators by grass roots understanding making it personal so it becomes relevant. Elect officials who are not afraid to stand up for what they believe in, supporting grass root efforts with policy more

Participation in CAP program for TA needs to be made mandatory in order to receive TA/not just cut 25% as a punishment. That does not get people to

Pass an Earned Income Tax Credit plan for Missouri to supplement federal

Pass the Tax Justice for a healthy Missouri plan

People should have family-friendly employment

Prevention from continued cycle has to be advocated

Promoting A+ schools

Provide tax credits for businesses that offer childcare to employees
Raise taxes

Raising awareness--community collaboration--education more job and ethic

Redistribute money from gambling to actually go into communities

Re-evaluation of how disability is determined

Re-examine child support default payments

Reform child care subsidy guidelines

Requirement for school systems to develop a Life Skills early in Jr.

Restructuring of basic needs

Restructuring of emergency funds to include more for non-working

Safety: Community police, Neighborhood Watch, Police need to be more sensitive to families they are dealing with

Service fairs---to educate, inform

Services need to be provided for soft skills and labor training

Share as much as possible job education

Show communities/businesses to see "BIG" picture

Small business support

State-paid daycare should be more flexible allowing for part-time

Take action

Tax free child care costs

Tax plan Justice for helping Missouri plan

Tax reform

Tell our children (as a parent) educate on poverty/social issues

There needs to be a uniform period of transition time between assistance &

Transitional services over a course of time

Transportation

Transportation access to get to resources

Transportation for job and childcare and job training

Transportation is a huge issue.

Try to identify/magnify "sentinel events" that will nudge an individual in

Understanding difference between social classes

Unemployment benefit issues--automated but not always accessible

Utilize "home school" counselors, Parents As Teachers to get the word out

We can educate our neighbors, legislators, etc.

We need to be advocates for them until they can become their own

What is "fair pay"?--what it takes to achieve security, basic needs are met

When educating legislators, give handouts (1 page) that explain benefits of having fair wages, as well as what happens when you don't have them

Wide promotion of Poverty Simulation

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Work force/having to quit work because can't afford child care.

What can be done in 10 years?

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*increase in minimum wage (return to family-sustaining wage concept)

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Accountability of pharmaceutical companies & the ridiculous charge for

Address labor laws, address temporary help issues at businesses, inequality in pay for women, engage Chamber of Commerce, change focus from employer to employee emphasis, being active, peaceful

Adequately fund metro

Advocate for a living wage

Advocate for realistic cost of living increases

Ask/require companies in community to give back to community-- communities should require companies to provide salary/healthcare in order

Awareness

Bring all agencies back to the table

Businesses to sponsor the campaign for public education

Cap agencies have one application for all programs they administer

Car donation programs

Centralized applications at agency so that they aren't going to different

Change laws to help more with child care

Change legislature--Try to reach "our legislature" with HARD COLD FACTS

Community Action Agencies

Community support

Community/education

Comprehensive social services, not just hand out food, etc

Consumers need be involved in the progress

Create awareness on income tax credit for employees

Create incentives

Create jobs

Create living wage jobs

Cross training staff members from agencies services across agencies

Develop a group of business owners or ex-owners to assist those who have

Develop new attitude about urban sprawl to keep control of businesses moving farther and farther out and making it harder for people to commute

Diversity training-educate the public

Donation/educating the community

Educate our legislators

Educate people through Framework of Understanding Poverty, Bridges Out

Education

Education on buying locally, not national chains

Education referrals

Education/ training, and commitment to teach better ways of life.

Education/educate community

EITC-consider additional revisions to income tax system

Evaluation of entrepreneurship

Evaluation of entrepreneurship opportunities at regional level

Extended programs to continue benefits while participants train in a

Farm to school--subsidies for farmers

Financial classes

Fix "gaps" in health insurance coverage: ex. Affecting "Head Start" employees & the ability to attract new employees & retain employees. (Off in summer months & uninsured during that time--problems with state

Funding for Head Start

Funding source

Get businesses to invest in communities

Getting involved by attending city council meetings, chamber meetings

Go to Capitol by the thousands

Health Savings Accounts: not insurance, but it definitely helps; partner with local childcare center; need to encourage employers to use/implement

Help with transition from assistance to work

IDAOMBA programs

Incentives for local owned businesses to continue to have the services and

Increase health/Medicare benefits

Increase more before/after school programs

Increase self sufficiency program availability

Inform: T.V. access (PBS), newspapers, churches/food banks, schools,

Information fairs in various communities

Invest in development accounts

Involve churches financial, parenting education, also daycare center

Kids need to be taught financial education, life skills, etc.

Lead discussions of taxation for the common good

Legislative education

Life skills

Local college investments

Make it difficult for major corporations to outsource employment & keep

Make legislative changes that support equalizing taxes

Many displaced workers need to be retrained

Matching programs for assistance

Middle school financial literacy-youth can educate parents

Mobilize the CAAs-take action

More affordable child care for everyone no matter their economic background

More discussions in communities about helping to change culture

Network as a whole to create a tax credit

Networking

One-on-one mentoring (modeled after Circle of Support)

Partner with churches in community to assist each other

Partnerships

People need to be rewarded for successes and not have benefits taken

Promote discussions of urban sprawl- let's build smart instead of out

Promote state to attract new employers

Provide basic needs support as foundation for getting out of poverty (active

Provide education & experience for people in poverty to "think" like middle

Public education for tax base support

Push for Earned Income Tax Credit

Push for health care even though unemployed

Raise minimum wage

Raise the minimum wage and/or raise the income levels before benefits are

Reaching out to legislatures

Reform campaign finance to decrease power of special interests

Remove stereotypes

Resources lists

Restore Medicaid that's been cut, i.e. dental, prosthetics

SEITC

Services to those trying to make it

Statewide EIC

Storehouse notion

Summer childcare programs

Support programs

Supports for micro enterprise development--classes promoting opportunities

System to supplement healthcare costs

Talk to legislators

Tapered increases in expenses as individual join the workforce- Columbia Housing Authority examples (IDA, Earned Income Disallowance)

Transition from one skill set to a new industrial model to meet current

Transition services

Transitional benefits & eligibility

Transportation across one state to access

Transportation needs & systems expanded especially in rural areas

Universal intake (funding sources come together)

Utilize extension programs

We need to get jobs back in our area. Boeing, Chrysler etc. closing down.
Create jobs and our people that are working can stimulate the economy.

Working on legislation at your state and local level

Year round available child care

What can you do to make this a reality?

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Address pay day loans in our community- advocacy @ grass roots level

Advocacy and education

Advocacy with legislatures

Ambassadors from local boards

Anticipated rapid refund loan- predatory

Basic computer skills classes open to all who need it

Become more involved, solicit legislators and engage the media

Catalyst

Change guidelines for childcare to free up some of their finances for other

Change the perception of poverty in the community

Community food gardens

Community support agriculture--shareholder in farm products

Community/education

Consider bartering system

Continued education

Create businesses & jobs based on community needs--making garden tools

Credit union for low income people

Don't allow individuals to pay for utilities at pay day loan price

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Encourage micro-credit movement (see Muhammad Yurius) (Bangladesh)

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Give workshops on Framework of Understanding Poverty, Bridges Out of

Help TA recipients become self-sufficient

Increase charitable giving, to support agencies

Increase support & awareness in community: need support from business community to increase funding for these programs (Branson area)

Institute/carry out programs through churches and synagogues

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Organize discussion groups

Our local (St. Louis) Financial Coalition that's meeting now

Outreach to vulnerable kids

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People educate people who are not self sufficient

Recruit members to join group to assist those with business plan

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Service fairs---to educate, inform

Set up retreats to train people

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Talk about taxes and reform

Task force (local), but with action & accountability

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Teach budgeting, working toward goals- VALUES social service agencies,

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Transitional education for people who need GED or HS diploma who have been under educated for a pro longed time

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