

## 2011 Poverty Summit Afternoon Breakout Sessions

During the afternoon breakout sessions attendees will have the opportunity to attend presentations on two of the five pillars. Each presentation will be focused on the vision and repeated. You will receive information on both rural and urban community collaborations to help low-income families.

**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

### Food

*Vision: Hunger is eliminated. People have affordable, adequate, nutritious, local food.*

**Pastor David Scott- L-LIFE Food Bank  
John Hornbeck- Kansas City Downtown Council**

Pastor David Scott will share the process of how partnerships were formed to address the immediate need of a food shelter in their community. The Lebanon-Laclede Interagency on Food and Enrichment (L-LIFE, Inc.) began in 2010 with a gathering of over thirty community service organizations whose goals were to supply food, on a large scale, to people in need. To date, L-LIFE, Inc. serves over 2,000 people per month, entirely with volunteers from the community.

Responding to hunger and homelessness in Downtown Kansas City has been a challenge. John Hornbeck with the Kansas City Downtown Council along with Episcopal Community Services and reStart are working to launch a new 'best practices' model of human services in their community. The partnership of this group garnered the development of The Community Kitchen. Just a short walk from the city's major homeless shelters, the location of the new kitchen is one of its best features.

### Education

*Vision: Quality education supports lifelong learning for all members of the community.*

**Sister Vickie Perkins-Cristo Rey School  
John Joines- ESC Bright Futures Project**

During this session participants will learn about collaborations in both a rural and urban setting.

Cristo Rey Kansas City strives to break the cycle of poverty through education and work experience. The Cristo Rey high school provides a Catholic, college prep education enhanced by an innovative corporate work study program to culturally diverse students with economic need. Sister Perkins will discuss how, through this approach, students are successfully mentored to prepare them to be successful in college and in life.

Joplin schools had a huge problem with high school dropout rates, with 54% of the student population living in poverty. A grass roots, community based program was created with a common goal of helping the children and strengthening the families. John Joines, President of Economic Security Corporation in Joplin, along with community members and the Joplin School District developed Bright Futures. This program is about cultural change and building a community where education is important and valued. Participants in this session will learn about the coordination and resource development to get this important project started in their community.

## Housing & Energy

*Vision: People have affordable energy-efficient, safe housing which supports family stability.  
Energy sustainability is supported by economically viable green technology and conservation efforts.*

**Darin Preis-CMCA Transitional Housing Project**  
**Regina Greer- Operation Weather Survival**

“Central Missouri Community Action’s (CMCA) community assessment showed what some of us already knew”, stated Daring Pries, President of CMCA. Homeless teens were on the streets of Columbia and the problem was getting worse. To address this issue, CMCA is building a transitional housing project for the homeless youth, in partnership with the Rainbow House, a local nonprofit focused on this issue. When the location was identified, neighbor’s roared, the local high school parents association reeled, and funding sources ran. This is the story of how CMCA made it work anyway.

Do you know how the homebound are faring when Missouri weather extremes happen? Regina Greer, Director of 2-1-1 Missouri, is part of a coalition of public and private organizations that coordinate resources and educate the public to prevent illness and death caused by extreme hot or cold weather. Participants in this session will learn how this coalition formed and the actions they are taking to make St. Louis residents safe during extreme weather conditions.

## Health

*Vision: People have accessible, adequate, affordable, quality, local health care.  
Prevention is the norm and the community is healthier and more productive.*

**Brian Colby-Healthcare Alliance**  
**Tony Anderson- Department of Agriculture**

Brian Colby, Director of Outreach and Policy for the Missouri Health Advocacy Alliance (MHAA), a long time champion of this cause, will discuss The Affordable Care Act and its impact on low-income Missourians, setting out the elements in the new law that will impact low-income Missourians from the increases in Medicaid eligibility to tax credits for working families.. MHAA works in partnership with national, state and local consumer organizations, policymakers, and foundations, providing leadership and support to change the health care system so it serves everyone – especially vulnerable members of society. Participants will learn about the Affordable Care Act’s significant impact on how medical care for those in poverty is financed and potential for better coordination of care and improved access.

Tony Anderson, Business Manager with the Missouri Department of Agriculture, knows firsthand the benefits of gardening. Tony also knows the benefits of creating community gardens. Missourians, especially low-income individuals, should have access to quality and affordable freshly grown food. This is not always the case for low-income families and that is why community gardens are gaining popularity in low-income communities. Participants will learn how they can access the resources available to start a community garden.

## Economic & Family Security

*Vision: Individuals earn fair wages within a Missouri economy that achieves economic security for everyone.  
For those unable to work, economic security is achieved via a mix of financial, personal, and social supports.  
The common good is supported statewide resulting in stable families and individuals as well as safe, diverse communities.*

**Tom Kruckmeyer-Missouri Budget Project**  
**Lisa Zimmerman- Community Advancement Services**

Tom Kruckmeyer, Director of Fiscal Policy and Chief Economist with the Missouri Budget Project, has brought unreserved expertise to the Missourians to End Poverty Coalition since 2009. During this session Tom will discuss family and economic security issues studied by the Missourians to End Poverty over the last two years. This will include conversation on quality jobs, quality childcare, tax relief for working families and asset development and protection.

How aware are you of asset development? Lisa Zimmerman, Executive Vice President of Community Advancement Services, will allow participants to explore the far reaching effects of asset development in poverty reduction. Learn ways to motivate your organization and/or community to build community assets by creating opportunities for low income households to become self sufficient.