



ThreadSTL Member Meeting Connect. Align. Learn.

February 20, 2019
UMSL at Grand Center

Agenda

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| 11:30-12:00 | Lunch |
| 11:45 -
11:55 - | Welcome, introductions, & ice breaker
Thread Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Kiley Bednar & Scott Winfrey!• 2019 Member Meeting guest speakers• Programs & Program Matchmaking (brief activity) |
| 12:10-1:00 | Featured Speaker: Nataly Garzon, Joe Monahan, and Shanise Johnson;
Regional Youth Employment Coalition |
| 12:10 -
12:35 -
12:50 - | Presentation
Small group reflection and discussion
Group share-out & Q&A |
| 1:00-1:30 | Closing, evaluation, and open space for continued networking |

Upcoming Events

- March TBD: Thread Steering Committee meeting
- April 17: Thread Member Meeting at UMSL at Grand Center

Our Mission. Thread STL is a peer learning community that builds and sustains the skills and passion of partnership leaders.

Our Vision. We envision strong community partnerships building an equitable, just, and thriving St. Louis region.

Our Guiding Principles. The following principles form the core of what we value and how we behave as an organization. We commit to uphold these values within Thread and ask our members to do the same within their own work.

<p>Authentic Community Voice</p>	<p><i>No decision about us without us.</i></p> <p>We are authentic when we put community at the center, working with, not for or on behalf of, our constituencies. This is rooted in mutual trust and relationships.</p> <p>Therefore,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Within Thread, our community is primarily our members. We actively listen to our members and seek their input to determine our agenda and make key decisions. We create and model structures and processes that build member commitment and leadership. ● We expect Thread members to put their community at the center of their own efforts, authentically listening to constituents.
<p>Equity & Justice</p>	<p><i>“Equity is the only acceptable goal.” – Paul Farmer</i></p> <p>We acknowledge that the divisions in our region are rooted in social and economic injustice and structural racism.</p> <p>Therefore,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Within Thread, we commit to promoting equity and justice within our structure, processes, and programs, seeking guidance from experts when it is needed and supporting our members through their own efforts to uphold this principle. ● We expect Thread members to be deliberate about pursuing their understanding of, acknowledging, and actively addressing inequity within their own work.
<p>Strengths & Assets</p>	<p><i>Everyone has something to offer.</i></p> <p>We know that our members have many strengths and assets from which to build and are a source of learning and inspiration.</p> <p>Therefore,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Within Thread, we seek to build on the strengths and assets of our members and create ways for them to share their best practices and celebrate their successes. ● We expect Thread members to acknowledge and build upon the strengths and assets of their partners and constituencies, recognizing that everyone has something valuable to contribute.
<p>Continuous Improvement</p>	<p><i>Learning never stops.</i></p> <p>We further our impact when we use data and evidence to engage in continuous reflection, learning, and growth.</p> <p>Therefore,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Within Thread, we seek to foster a culture of learning by providing methods and tools that are grounded in experience and evidence for our members to use to integrate continuous learning. ● We expect Thread members to commit to use data and evidence to aid their own development and honor opportunities for growth, learning, and collaboration.