



# Fall Newsletter

“Back to School”

*Three Words that don't always bring smiles to the faces of students....*

F.A.C.T. however, made it a great day for all! Many smiling faces were seen at the picnic held at the St. Peters City Center Pavilion on August 11, 2004. Families had hotdogs, chips and soda, mingled with other families and students retrieved their book bags full of new school supplies. A total of 85 book bags were assembled by Jeanie Adams through donations. We would like to thank the following people for making this event a success: The Loyal Order of the Squirrels, The St. Charles County Kiwanis, St. Charles-Target, O'Fallon-Target, St. Joseph Health Center, Union Planters Bank, St. Charles Wal-Mart and Wentzville Wal-Mart. With their donations we were able to make the beginning of the school year a little brighter and easier for these families of St. Charles County. To these students, F.A.C.T. wishes to say “Good luck to all of you and we hope you have a happy and successful 2004-2005 school year”.



## Tax Initiative

*There will be a very important issue on the November 2nd ballot. It is the:*

### **PUTTING KIDS FIRST-PROPOSITION 1 ISSUE**

*This campaign is about protecting our children with our own tax dollars that stay in St. Charles County. One chance to protect the ones who matter most. Your support will:*

- *Increase efforts to prevent child abuse in St. Charles County*
- *Develop stronger programs that fight substance abuse among our youth*
- *Empower kids to become more productive citizens*
- *Make an investment in the health and safety of our kids at a cost less than a dime a day for St. Charles families*

### **SAVING KIDS SAVES MONEY**

Protecting our kids means protecting our future. Let's put our kids and St. Charles County first-support Prop 1! If you are interested in volunteering in this effort please contact Jennifer Brooks at F.A.C.T. (636.949.2425 ext. 13). If you are not currently a registered voter, please contact Jennifer as well to make arrangements to get you registered by October 9th in order to vote in the general election.

*More info available at [www.prop1forkids.org](http://www.prop1forkids.org)*

### F.A.C.T. Staff & Board

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## New Resource!

### INCLUSIVE PARKS AND RECREATION

#### Every-ONE Participating Together

Inclusion is when people of all abilities are able to fully participate together in community life. Accessing all public facilities, events, and recreation programs with ease. Inclusive recreation is children and adults with and without disabilities participating side by side in recreation programs and events. This is happening in your community through the Parks and Recreation Partnership including: Lake St. Louis, St. Charles, St. Peters Wentzville. Each department has hired a Coordinator of Inclusive Recreation. If you are an individual with a disability, family member, caregiver, teacher, friend or interested citizen and would like more information please contact: *Brita Weight, Coordinator of Inclusive Recreation* of St. Charles County @ 636.939.2386 ext. 745. You can also email Brita at [sbweweight@stpetersmo.net](mailto:sbweweight@stpetersmo.net).

*Challenges to inclusion do exist. Through open communication and the willingness to work cooperatively, successful inclusion becomes a reality.*

#### F.A.C.T. Workshop Schedule

##### Evening Workshops

Basic Rights-September 14, 6:30-8:30  
Communication-September 21, 6:30-8:30  
The IEP-September 28, 6:30-8:30

##### Day Workshops

Basic Rights-September 16, 9:00-11:00  
Communication-September 23, 9:00-11:00  
The IEP-September 30, 9:00-11:00

#### Workshop schedule cont.,

##### Monday Evening Workshops

Basic Rights-October 11, 6:30-8:30  
Communication-October 18, 6:30-8:30  
The IEP-October 25, 6:30-8:30

##### Wednesday Evening Workshops

Basic Rights-October 13, 6:30-8:30  
Communication-October 20, 6:30-8:30  
The IEP-October 27, 6:30-8:30

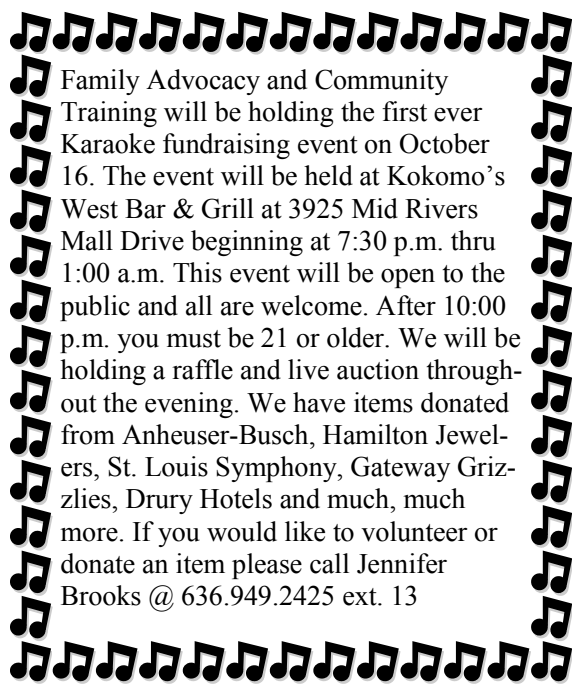
#### Support Groups by F.A.C.T.

Please call 636.949.2425 ext. 10 to RSVP

**FOCUS:** A variety of interest- 7:00-8:30  
4th Thursday of the month at F.A.C.T.

**FOCUS:** ADD/ADHD-7:00-8:30

1st Thursday of the month at St. Joseph's  
Health Center



Family Advocacy and Community Training will be holding the first ever Karaoke fundraising event on October 16. The event will be held at Kokomo's West Bar & Grill at 3925 Mid Rivers Mall Drive beginning at 7:30 p.m. thru 1:00 a.m. This event will be open to the public and all are welcome. After 10:00 p.m. you must be 21 or older. We will be holding a raffle and live auction throughout the evening. We have items donated from Anheuser-Busch, Hamilton Jewelers, St. Louis Symphony, Gateway Grizzlies, Drury Hotels and much, much more. If you would like to volunteer or donate an item please call Jennifer Brooks @ 636.949.2425 ext. 13

**10th Annual F.A.C.T. Dinner Dance**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**DATE: April 16, 2005**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M.**

**PLACE: STEGTON REGENCY**

BE SURE AND FREQUENTLY  
CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE FOR  
CALENDAR AND UPCOMING  
INFORMATION!

WWW.FACTMO.ORG



### Current Staff

Here is a list of current F.A.C.T. staff and how to reach them:

<p>Denise Gould Executive Director 636.949.2425 ext. 12</p>	<p>Vicky Teson Advocate Specialist 636.949.2425 ext. 19</p>	<p>Charlotte Allen Parent Partner 636.949.2425 ext. 17</p>
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To enhance the opportunities  
and quality of life for  
children and youth with  
disabilities.



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## Executive Director's Corner

Here it is—September again. A new school year has begun; brand new school supplies, crayons and notebooks. It is time for a new pair of shoes and some new clothes for a fresh new beginning. These are things that we like to think of when it is time for kids to go to school. They spend a great deal of time and energy in their efforts to be well educated. But what about “our” kids—the ones who are different? The beginning of the school year can provoke many different emotions. One of which is being overwhelmed with another year of trying to obtain the right services and/or accommodations for our kids to be successful or not knowing quite how to do that or where to turn can be frightening. It is an enormous challenge to protect the rights of our children with disabilities—mental, emotional, and/or physical to make sure **NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND**. The agency not only provides workshops to help you better understand special education policies and procedures but also provides advocates that can help you learn to negotiate more successful programs and services tailored to meet your child's needs. We have listed the workshops in the newsletter for your convenience or you can check out our calendar at [www.factmo.org](http://www.factmo.org). I hope this school year is a success for each and every one of you and be sure to use your new color crayons to create something wonderful.

*Denise Gould*