University of Missouri - St. Louis

Public Policy Research Center

Overview

Our Mission:
The Public Policy Research Center produces and disseminates methodologically rigorous and unbiased applied analysis and evaluation of public policies and programs and theoretical research on public policy issues.

Our Vision:
The Public Policy Research Center will advance the public research university mission of the University of Missouri-St. Louis by becoming the preeminent applied policy research resource for the civic and public communities of metropolitan St. Louis and the State of Missouri.

PPRC in the University of Missouri-St. Louis:
The mission of the University of Missouri-St. Louis commits its faculty and staff to meeting the knowledge needs of metropolitan St. Louis and partnering with regional communities and institutions.

The Public Policy Research Center contributes to this mission by conducting applied research for the civic, nonprofit, and public sectors of the St. Louis area and the State of Missouri. Specifically, PPRC's role is in Criterion Five: Engagement and Service. By conducting applied research PPRC responds to the needs and expectations of its constituencies. PPRC has developed the capacity to conduct multi-disciplinary research using a variety of qualitative and quantitative methodologies. PPRC applies its expertise in service to faculty who initiate community-based projects as well as directly to community constituencies.

Our Organization:
Structurally, PPRC is organized around three units: Applied Research, Metropolitan Information and Data Analysis Services (MIDAS), and the Public Finance Initiative. Each unit is headed by a director. Other PPRC initiatives include the Point-of-View Photography Project, and Community History Research and Design Services.

Our Core Competencies:

Research:

Applied Research | Asset Mapping

Demographic Analysis

Needs Assessment | Policy Analysis

Program Evaluation

Spatial Analysis | Survey Research

Communications:

Policy Briefs

Research Reports

St. Louis Metromorphosis Book Series

Conferences and Seminars

Point-of-View Photography Project

Subjective Competencies:

Community History

Culture

Early Childhood Education

Education Finance (PreK-12)

Housing

Regional Economy

State and Local Tax Policy

Urban Revitalization

Workforce Development

Read our Strategic Plan