

Boys & Girls Town of Missouri, Edgewood Children's Center unveil new name

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The **Boys & Girls Town of Missouri** and **Edgewood Children's Center** unveiled their **newly merged agency's** name Wednesday.

The new organization will be called Great Circle, the agencies said.

Great Circle said it aspires to include a family of agencies, beginning with Boys & Girls Town and Edgewood, and will be headquartered in St. Louis. Great Circle will be one of the largest children's non-profit agencies in Missouri, employing more than 700 workers with a projected budget of \$31.8 million.

Great Circle will serve about 7,800 children and family members annually from four regional campuses. The St. Louis region, operating from Edgewood's campus in Webster Groves, will combine Boys & Girls Town and Edgewood programs under the name of Edgewood Children's Center. Campuses in Columbia, Springfield and St. James will continue operations as Boys & Girls Town of Missouri.

Boys & Girls Town of Missouri and Edgewood Children's Center merged in **October 2009** to save money through streamlined services and to meet the increasing demand for services to children and families statewide.

Vince Hillyer, president of Boys & Girls Town of Missouri, serves as chief executive of Great Circle, which provides residential treatment homes for children, foster care case management, special education services, residential autism care and family reunification services.

