

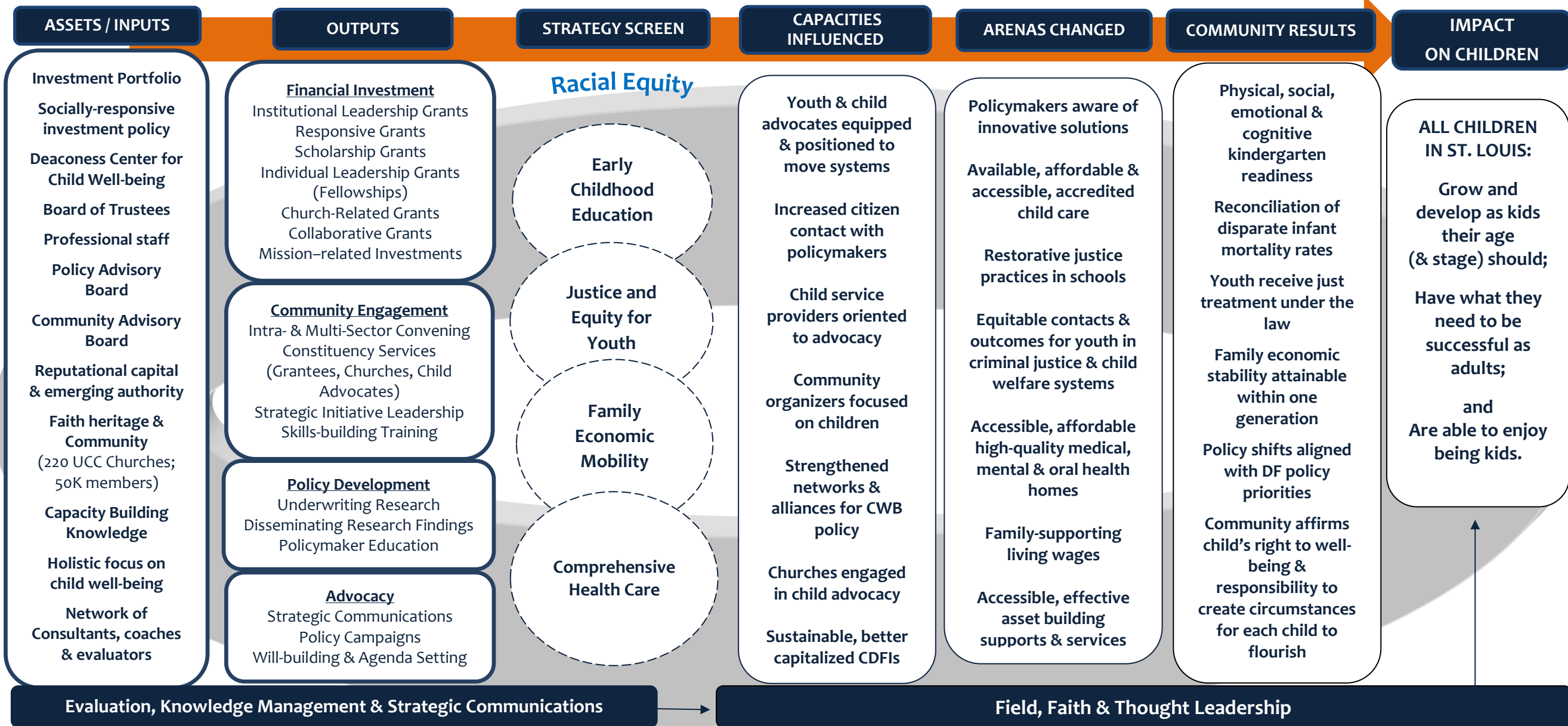
# DEACONESS FOUNDATION JUST FOR KIDS THEORY OF CHANGE

IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR FAITH HERITAGE, THE MISSION OF DEACONESS FOUNDATION IS THE IMPROVED HEALTH OF THE ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY AND ITS PEOPLE.

**VISION:** Deaconess envisions a community that values the health & well-being of all children & gives priority attention to the most vulnerable.

**STRATEGY:** Strengthen the region's capability to achieve positive outcomes for children & youth through collaborative engagement & investment with diverse partners to improve systems & sustain actions that have long-term impact on the health & well-being of children.

**SITUATION:** Significant gaps in community capacity (civic infrastructure, resources & power) inhibit the health & well-being of the 640,000 children in the city of St. Louis, St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson & Franklin Counties in Missouri; Madison, St. Clair & Monroe Counties in Illinois.



**CONDITIONS:** Growth in populations of color. Children as poorest population. Regional fragmentation. Community-level trauma. Racial income inequity. Political/cultural divergence between region & capitols.