

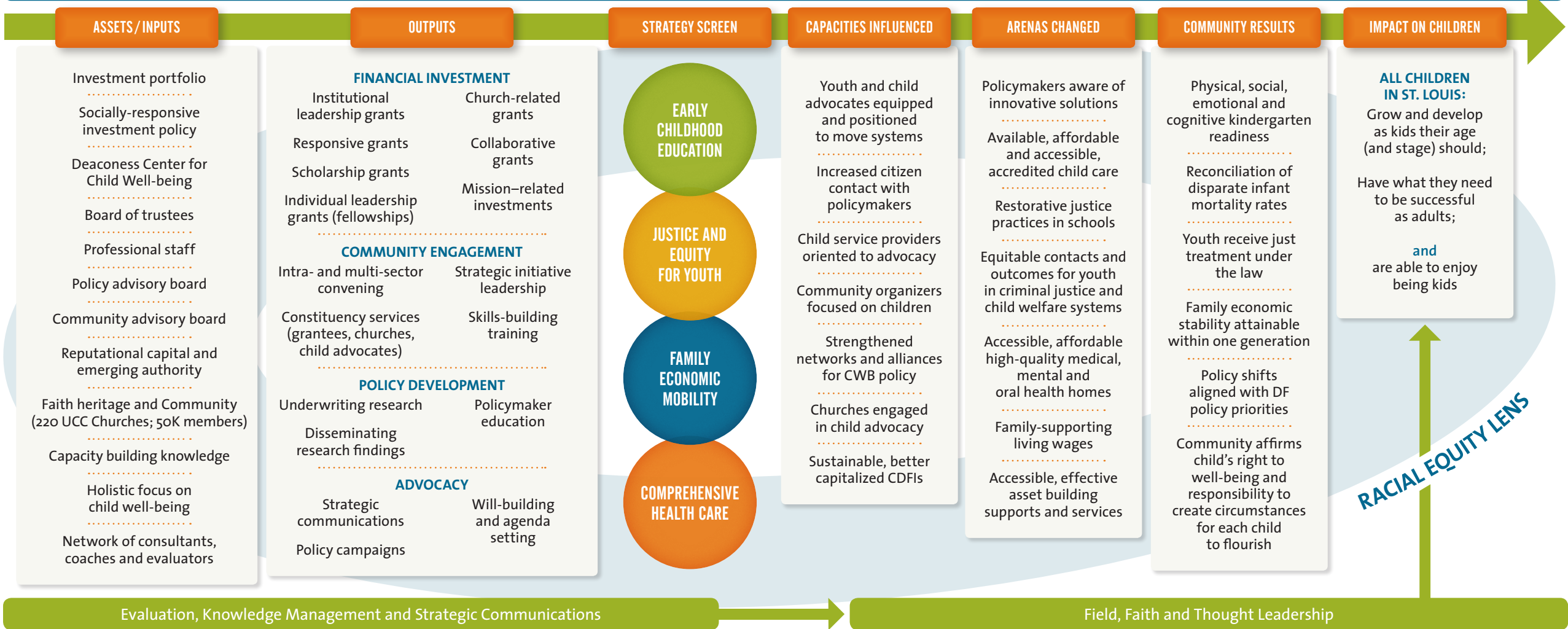
DEACONESS FOUNDATION JUST FOR KIDS THEORY OF CHANGE

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 and well-being of all children and gives priority attention to the most vulnerable.

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

SITUATION: Significant gaps in community capacity (civic infrastructure, resources and power) inhibit the health and well-being of the 640,000 children in the city of St. Louis; St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and 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 and capitols.