

LINC Commission Meeting

July 26, 2010

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LINC Website Relaunch!

- Improved layout and navigation.
- Easier to find news about important LINC initiatives and partners.
- New LINC videos can be shared with more options and features.

The screenshot displays the LINC website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, Contact Us, Site Search, and Site Map. The main header features the LINC logo and the text 'Local Investment Commission'. A prominent banner for 'Health Care Reform' is visible, along with a video player for 'New Health Clinic to South Kansas City'. Below this, there are sections for 'Videos', 'News Updates', 'Caring Communities', and 'Our Partners'. A sidebar on the right contains social media links for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. The footer includes a detailed navigation menu with categories like 'About LINC', 'Our Work', 'Caring Communities', 'Schools', 'News', 'Data', and 'Payments'. The copyright notice at the bottom reads '©2010 Local Investment Commission. All rights reserved. Privacy Policy | Login | Webmail'.

This screenshot shows a different view of the LINC website. It features a large article titled 'Independence School District makes progress on building' with a sub-headline 'The Independence School District is working hard this summer on building... possible from an \$85 million bond issues voters approved last November. R...'. Below this, there are sections for 'Terry Riley's Back to School' and 'KCMO Paint Program and Emergency Home Repair'. The navigation bar at the top is consistent with the previous screenshot. The footer contains the same copyright information: '©2010 Local Investment Commission. All rights reserved. Privacy Policy | Login | Webmail'.



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Local Investment Commission (LINC) Vision

Our Shared Vision

A caring community that builds on its strengths to provide meaningful opportunities for children, families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency, attain their highest potential, and contribute to the public good.

Our Mission

To provide leadership and influence to engage the Kansas City Community in creating the best service delivery system to support and strengthen children, families and individuals, holding that system accountable, and changing public attitudes towards the system.

Our Guiding Principles

1. **COMPREHENSIVENESS:** Provide ready access to a full array of effective services.
2. **PREVENTION:** Emphasize “front-end” services that enhance development and prevent problems, rather than “back-end” crisis intervention.
3. **OUTCOMES:** Measure system performance by improved outcomes for children and families, not simply by the number and kind of services delivered.
4. **INTENSITY:** Offering services to the needed degree and in the appropriate time.
5. **PARTICIPANT INVOLVEMENT:** Use the needs, concerns, and opinions of individuals who use the service delivery system to drive improvements in the operation of the system.
6. **NEIGHBORHOODS:** Decentralize services to the places where people live, wherever appropriate, and utilize services to strengthen neighborhood capacity.
7. **FLEXIBILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS:** Create a delivery system, including programs and reimbursement mechanisms, that are sufficiently flexible and adaptable to respond to the full spectrum of child, family and individual needs.
8. **COLLABORATION:** Connect public, private and community resources to create an integrated service delivery system.
9. **STRONG FAMILIES:** Work to strengthen families, especially the capacity of parents to support and nurture the development of their children.
10. **RESPECT AND DIGNITY:** Treat families, and the staff who work with them, in a respectful and dignified manner.
11. **INTERDEPENDENCE/MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Balance the need for individuals to be accountable and responsible with the obligation of community to enhance the welfare of all citizens.
12. **CULTURAL COMPETENCY:** Demonstrate the belief that diversity in the historical, cultural, religious and spiritual values of different groups is a source of great strength.
13. **CREATIVITY:** Encourage and allow participants and staff to think and act innovatively, to take risks, and to learn from their experiences and mistakes.
14. **COMPASSION:** Display an unconditional regard and a caring, non-judgmental attitude toward participants that recognizes their strengths and empowers them to meet their own needs.
15. **HONESTY:** Encourage and allow honesty among all people in the system.



Monday, July 26, 2010 | 4 – 6 pm
Kauffman Foundation
4801 Rockhill Rd.
Kansas City, Mo. 64110

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Announcements**
- II. Approvals**
 - a. June minutes (motion)**
- III. LINC President's Report**
- IV. LINC Finances**
 - a. 2010-11 Budget Presentation**
- V. Welfare to Work**
 - a. Missouri Work Assistance Request for Proposal**
- VI. Other**
 - a. Foster Youth – Legislative Black Caucus**
 - b. LINC Website Redesign**
- VII. Adjournment**



THE LOCAL INVESTMENT COMMISSION – JUNE 21, 2010

The Local Investment Commission met at the Kauffman Foundation, 4801 Rockhill Rd., Kansas City, Mo. Chairman **Landon Rowland** presided. Commissioners attending were:

Bert Berkley
Sharon Cheers
Jack Craft
Steve Dunn
Herb Freeman
SuEllen Fried
Tom Gerke
Rob Givens

Anita Gorman
Bart Hakan
Rosemary Lowe
Sandy Mayer (for Mike Sanders)
Richard Morris
Mary Kay McPhee
Margie Peltier
David Ross

A motion to approve the May 17, 2010, LINC Commission meeting minutes was passed unanimously.

LINC President **Gayle A. Hobbs** reported that LINC site coordinators will be reassigned following the closing of several LINC Caring Communities sites in the Kansas City, Mo. School District.

LINCWorks cochair **Terry Ward** reported that the Missouri Dept. of Social Services intends to issue a Request for Proposal to provide case management services for those on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Under the revised system, beginning in October DSS-Family Support Division will perform intake of new cases; case management will be performed by vendors. The change occurs as federal performance requirements are being increased for the states. There are approximately 6,000 TANF participants in Jackson, Clay and Platte counties. LINC intends to apply when the RFP becomes available later this summer.

Commissioner **Jack Craft** encouraged the board to consider expanding efforts to include elected officials and representatives from Clay and Platte counties given an expanded and growing LINC presence there.

Hobbs announced that LINC staff held discussions with our school district partners on potentially applying for or supporting applications for the federal Full Service Community Schools grants. The grants are highly competitive.

LINC staff have also been working with the Kansas City, Mo. School District on a contract for the 2010-11 school year.

LINC's third quarter financial statement was presented to the board and discussed. The 2010-11 budget will be formally presented at the July board meeting.

LINC Commissioner **Herb Freeman** requested more regular information be shared with the board of directors on LINC efforts and initiatives.

A motion was approved for a weekly report to LINC Commissioners and other key stakeholders to keep them better informed.

LINC staff member **Dr. Bridget McCandless** presented another policy brief on health care reform. This month she discussed policy issues related to individuals who were dual eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

The Commission heard a substantive presentation on the LINC Chess initiative from LINC staff member **Lee Bohannon** and also **Dale Lombard**. Parents, tutors and children shared their positive experiences with chess.

The meeting was adjourned.

Federal health care reform became law in March 2010 and will expand coverage to an estimated 32 million Americans, including more than 400,000 Missourians. Many parts of the law will take effect over the next five years. This brochure is intended to answer some frequently asked questions about this law.

How will more Missourians get health insurance coverage?

More Missourians will get coverage because common barriers to getting insurance are addressed in the new law. It is estimated that over the past 3 years, 12.6 million adults were denied coverage due to pre-existing conditions. Coverage denials for pre-existing conditions will not be allowed for children in 2010 and for adults in 2014. Beginning in 2010, there will be a coverage pool for adults with pre-existing conditions to access until Exchanges open in 2014. Also in 2010, young adults will be able to stay on their parents' insurance until age 26. Finally, the law expands existing programs, such as Medicaid, to cover more low-income individuals who have the hardest time getting and paying for coverage.



Frequently Asked Questions About Federal Health Care Reform

As federal health care reform is implemented, it is important for Missourians to understand what to expect. You can stay informed about what the health care law means for affordable and quality coverage in Missouri by visiting covermissouri.org, where you can find fact sheets and sign up to receive bulletins with the latest health coverage news.

Cover Missouri is a project of the Missouri Foundation for Health to develop, publish and promote policy recommendations to ensure quality, affordable health coverage for every Missourian.

www.covermissouri.org
[www.twitter.com/covermissouri](https://twitter.com/covermissouri)

How will health care reform affect rural communities?

In rural communities, the lack of access to health care providers is a significant barrier to receiving care. Health care reform addresses access problems by creating programs to increase the number of health professionals practicing in these underserved areas. In the short-term, rural doctors, pharmacies, and hospitals will see their Medicare payments increase by up to 10%. Increasing Medicare payment rates should attract more providers to the areas where they are most needed. In the long-term, the law creates a program to help rural health care workers repay their student loans which creates an incentive to work in rural settings.

What does health care reform mean for businesses?

Health care reform is intended to make it easier and more affordable for businesses to offer insurance to employees. Currently, small businesses pay 18% more for their insurance than large businesses. Through health insurance Exchanges, businesses with fewer than 100 employees will be able to comparison shop for a private insurance plan that offers quality and affordable coverage. Tax credits will be offered to businesses with fewer than 25 employees to help with the cost of purchasing insurance for employees. In Missouri, nearly 136,000 small businesses could be eligible for these credits.

What does health care reform mean for me and my family?

If you currently get your insurance through a large employer, your coverage only changes if your employer chooses to change it. You can keep the coverage you have and still see the same doctor. If you work for a small employer, this law offers opportunities to access higher quality and more affordable coverage.

For most of those without insurance, coverage will now be easier to get. Currently, many people work in places that do not offer health insurance, others cannot afford the health insurance offered by their employer, or they have medical conditions that make them "uninsurable."

The passage of health care reform provides individuals and families with more options for getting health insurance. First, coverage can no longer be denied to people with pre-existing conditions and premium rates cannot be based on gender or occupation. Second, the cost of insurance should become more affordable for low- and middle-income families. They will be eligible for subsidies to help pay for the cost of insurance premiums.

2010

- People can no longer be dropped from insurance if they become sick.
- Children cannot be denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition.

- There will no longer be lifetime caps on coverage (a maximum amount that can be spent on an individual).
- New plans must cover preventive services with no co-pays.

Will I have to buy health insurance?

Beginning in 2014, most people will be expected to carry insurance or pay a fine (with exceptions for those with financial hardship and certain religious beliefs). Individuals and families will be able to choose from a variety of basic plans offered in a newly established Exchange or health insurance marketplace. All of the plans will cover preventive care without co-pays and will not have set limits on lifetime or annual spending. Low- and middle-income individuals who are not offered insurance through their work can receive subsidies to help pay for insurance premiums.

How will health care reform affect older adults?

Older adults will be helped by expanded Medicare benefits. All preventive care costs, like mammograms and check-ups, will be covered at no cost to participants. Also, Medicare prescription drug benefits will be changed to cover more of the cost of medications, which means lower out-of-pocket costs for Medicare participants. Retired employees over 55, who do not yet qualify for Medicare, may be eligible for a program that allows their employer to continue offering insurance to them until Exchanges open in 2014. This means people may be able to retire early without worrying about losing health insurance.

2011

- Small businesses that provide insurance to employees may be eligible for tax credits.
- Young adults may remain on their parents' insurance up to age 26.
- A temporary insurance pool will open for uninsured individuals with pre-existing conditions.

How will health care reform affect the cost of my health insurance?

The most significant way the cost of insurance is addressed in the law is through the creation of a Missouri health insurance Exchange. An Exchange is a marketplace where individuals and small businesses will be able to compare insurance plans and purchase affordable coverage that meets a basic standard. An Exchange should be open in Missouri by 2014. More than 150,000 small businesses in Missouri may be eligible to take advantage of the cost savings resulting from competition between insurance plans.

Another approach to controlling the costs of health insurance includes new regulations on the health insurance industry. Insurance companies will be required to use 85% of premiums on health care services or give consumers a rebate.

How will health care reform affect the federal deficit?

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates the \$940 billion direct costs of health care reform will not only be covered by the money created from the law, but will also reduce the federal deficit by \$124 billion in the first 10 years. Also, investment in preventive care and management of chronic conditions is projected to create more savings through 2020 and beyond. This means the cost of health care reform that is written in the law is estimated to pay for itself and lower the national debt. However, the rules created for how the law is put into action could raise or lower the cost.

What is my employer's responsibility?

Employer responsibilities will vary based on the size of the business. Large businesses with over 200 employees will be expected to automatically enroll employees if they offer health insurance. Businesses with more than 50 employees will be expected to offer coverage or possibly face fines. Businesses with fewer than 50 employees will not be held to these requirements, and those with fewer than 25 employees may receive tax credits if they choose to offer coverage.

2014

- Insurance Exchanges open and subsidies for buying coverage will be available based on income.

- Insurance companies must provide a rebate to enrollees if they spend less than 85% of premiums on health services.
- Rural doctors, pharmacies, and hospitals will see Medicare payments increase by up to 10%.

- Most Americans will be required to have health insurance or pay a penalty of \$95 per individual or \$285 per family (this penalty increases over time).

- Businesses with more than 50 employees would pay a fine if workers receive subsidized coverage through an Exchange.



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Health Reform Timeline

Sen. Brown Introduces Bill Aimed at Facilitating Community-Based Approach to Education

Bill Encourages Shared, Comprehensive Approach to Education

July 15, 2010

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Bernie Sanders (I-VT) introduced legislation today that would help states meet the challenges influencing student achievement by promoting a shared, comprehensive approach to education. The DIPLOMA Act would help states and school districts steadily close the achievement gap by building integrated, collaborative systems to support children by making schools the centers of community.

"All members of the community should make the education of our children a priority," Brown said. "By making schools the center of Ohio's communities, we can assure that students academic, emotional, and social needs are met- increasing achievement and equipping future generations with the skills for the 21st century workforce."

Research demonstrates that children are more likely to succeed in schools when their comprehensive needs - nutrition, health, a safe and stable home - are met. A recent study from the Education Testing Service outlined 16 factors influencing achievement; more than half of which occur outside the classroom. The DIPLOMA Act responds to research by arming local leaders to identify and address the barriers students face so they can meet rigorous standards in the classroom and reach their full potential.

"Through the DIPLOMA Act more local partnerships will blossom to address the challenges standing between the community's children and their success," said Robert Reifsnyder, President and CEO of United Way of Greater Cincinnati. "Our United Way has been a major partner in the Cincinnati Community Learning Centers Initiative that coordinates existing services and captures other funding sources to better meet those challenges. We applaud Senator Brown's leadership in recognizing that helping our young people succeed requires paying attention to the many aspects of their lives that influence learning."

Specifically, through the DIPLOMA Act:

States would receive funds to:

- develop an overarching strategic plan to enhance education and other child/youth outcomes based on a comprehensive results framework
- provide training, technical assistance, and professional development
- administer competitive grants to local consortia, and holding them accountable for results

Local consortia, consisting of at least one school district and one external partner organization, with priority given to consortia comprised of a broad array of stakeholders--

school districts, community based organizations, local government, service providers, students, parents, and others who have demonstrated records of effectiveness - would compete for funds to:

- conduct an assessment of community assets and needs, and develop a strategic plan to enhance education and other child/youth outcomes based on a comprehensive results framework
- coordinate and integrate existing funding streams into a continuum of research-based services to meet the goals of the results framework
- provide children and youth with an array of opportunities to meet community identified needs and strengthen achievement, from tutoring and dropout prevention programs to health services and increased numbers of specialized instructional support personnel; and measure and report results

The DIPLOMA Act is endorsed by: American Association of School Administrators (AASA); American Federation of Teachers (AFT); American School Counselor Association (ASCA); Coalition for Community Schools (CCS); Communities in Schools; Council for Exceptional Children; First Focus; National Assembly on School-Based Health Care; National Association of School Psychologists (NASP); National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP); National Education Association (NEA); Public Education Network (PEN); Parent-Teacher Association (PTA); School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA); United Way and Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). Click here to see what others are saying about the DIPLOMA Act

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NEW FEDERAL LEGISLATION LIFTS WORK OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

(Washington, DC) – The [Coalition for Community Schools](http://www.coalitionforcommunityschools.org) applauds Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) on their introduction of the Developing Innovative Partnerships and Learning Opportunities that Motivate Achievement (DIPLOMA) Act. The legislation authorizes grants to incentivize partnerships between schools, parents, business leaders, higher education institutions, and community-based organizations in order to ensure the success of our nation’s youth.

DIPLOMA reflects the best principles of successful community schools across the nation. It offers a comprehensive results framework, recognizing the multiple factors -- both academic and non-academic -- that affect student success. It strengthens Federal language in ARRA and Title I by encouraging the use of results-focused partnerships to drive the work of schools and their partners – such that they are prepared for college, careers, and citizenship.

Martin Blank, Director of the Coalition for Community Schools and President of the Institute for Educational Leadership, notes that “Our communities have a major role to play in the education of our children, and the DIPLOMA Act affirms that role and responsibility. DIPLOMA offers a clear partnership framework and the incentives for schools and communities to work together to help students succeed. This legislation will bring to scale effective community schools strategies in diverse places including Cincinnati, Tulsa, Kansas City, New York City, Portland (OR), and South King County WA.”

Blank also says, “DIPLOMA provides a vehicle for strengthening the parent, family, and community engagement that U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan called for at the 2010 NAACP National Convention.” Duncan stated, “Community leaders and parents must demand and support this change. Turning around a struggling school is hard, hard work. The work must be shaped at the local level with all of the stakeholders at the table.” This is just what community schools do and what the DIPLOMA Act promotes.

The Coalition and its partners recognize that there is an inextricable link between strong schools and strong communities. We are committed to working with Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), and other members of Congress to ensure the implementation of DIPLOMA.

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The Coalition for Community Schools is alliance of national, state and local organizations in education K-16, youth development, community planning and development, family support, health and human services, higher education institutions, government and philanthropy as well as national, state and local community school networks. The Coalition advocates for community schools as the vehicle for strengthening schools, families and communities so that together they can improve student learning. It is a program of the Institute for Educational Leadership.

For more information on community schools please visit: www.communityschools.org.

Students, teachers set for return to classrooms

Hickman Mills students and Grandview 6th and 9th graders will lead our metropolitan schools into the new academic year as their first bell rings on Thursday, August 12. All Hickman Mills classes convene on the 12th. In Grandview, 6th and 9th grade students report the morning of August 12th for a half-day of transition to their new surroundings before their classmates arrive on Friday.

Center, North Kansas City, Fort Osage, and Independence school districts all start classes during the third week of August. The Kansas City Missouri School District welcomes learners back on Monday, August 30th.

New teachers in Hickman Mills will be the first educators in school halls, with their orientation on July 29 being the earliest start in our local districts.

District	New Staff Orientation	Teachers' Professional Development	First Day of School
Center	Friday, August 06, 2010	Tuesday, August 10, 2010	Monday, August 16, 2010
Fort Osage		Monday, August 9, 2010	Wednesday, August 18, 2010
Grandview	Tuesday, August 03, 2010	Tuesday, August 10, 2010	Thursday, August 12, 2010
Hickman	Thursday, July 29, 2010	Thursday, August 05, 2010	Thursday, August 12, 2010
Independence		Wednesday, August 11, 2010	Wednesday, August 18, 2010
North Kansas City	Monday, August 02, 2010	Tuesday, August 10, 2010	Monday, August 16, 2010
Kansas City	Tuesday, August 17, 2010	Monday, August 23, 2010	Monday, August 30, 2010

Hickman Mills Three Trails Day

Hickman Mills families will celebrate the promise of the new academic year with the annual Back to School Parade and Rally on Saturday, August 7, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The parade will begin at Dobbs Elementary and travel to Hickman Mills Junior High (formerly Hickman Mills High School), 9010 Old Santa Fe Road. The parade is followed by the Three Trails Day celebration from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Junior High.



Before they headed out on their summer break, students at Truman Elementary in Hickman Mills enjoyed Career Day. Students prepared resumés and even dressed up for mock interviews.

KCMSD, Riley unite for Back to School Rally

Kansas City Councilman Terry Riley will join forces with the Kansas City, Missouri School District (KCMSD) and longtime partner Children's Mercy Family Health Partners to host his annual Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, July 31 at Manual Career Technical Center.

In recent years, the councilman, in partnership with Children's Mercy Family Health Partners, and the District hosted separate back-to-school fairs in order to bring needed supplies and services to local families. This year, the trio is combining its collective resources.

Also new this year, LINC's display will be housed in the "KCMSD Way" tent (illustration). The Back to School Rally is a wonderful opportunity for LINC staff to greet families new to the District and to renew friendships from the previous academic year.

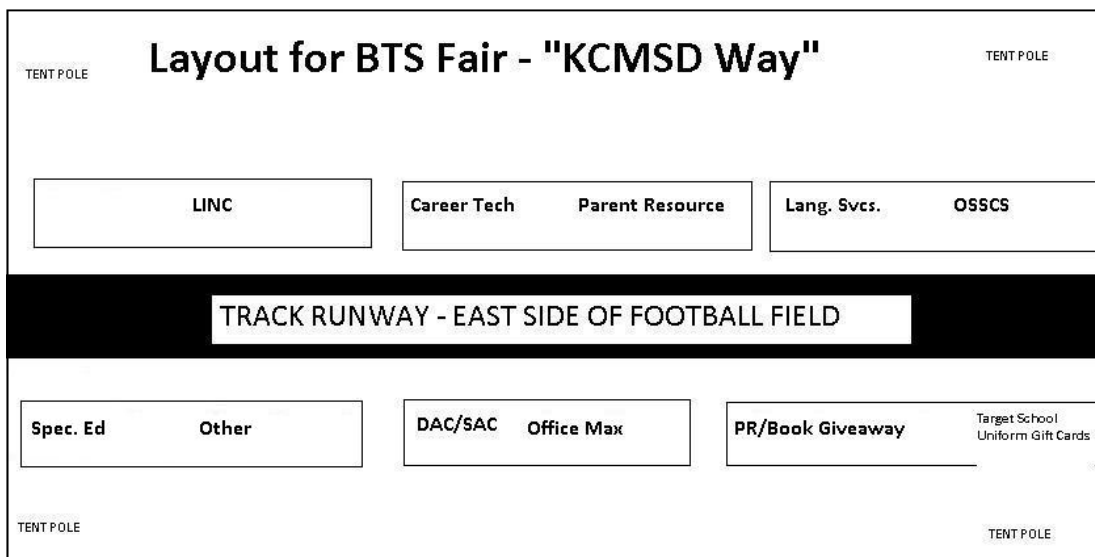
Students will receive backpacks, school supplies, school uniforms, immunizations, health services, and books. Families may register to receive supplies on the day of the event. The District estimates 5,000 students will participate in the Rally.

The Rally will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the football field at Manual Career Technical Center, 1215 E. Truman Road, Kansas City, MO 64106. Parking will be provided behind Manual Tech; entrance to the parking lot is via 18th Street.

The Rally is supported by the Carter Broadcast Group, OfficeMax, Target, and KCWE Channel 29.



At last year's Rally families enjoyed entertainment and snacks as they waited in line for school supplies.



This year LINC's display will be included in the District's new "KCMSD Way" tent.