

LINC Commission Meeting

October 18, 2010



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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, Oct. 18, 2010 | 4 – 6 pm
Kauffman Foundation
4801 Rockhill Rd.
Kansas City, Mo. 64110

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Announcements
- II. Approvals
 - a. **Sept minutes (motion)**
- III. LINC President's Report
- IV. Jackson County GIS mapping project
- V. Health issues - South Kansas City
 - a. New Swope Health Clinic
 - b. Active Living KC
 - c. CLAIM – Swope Geriatric
- VI. LINCWorks Update
- VII. Adjournment



THE LOCAL INVESTMENT COMMISSION – SEPT. 20, 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
Rob Givens
Anita Gorman
Bart Hakan

Dick Hibsichman
Judy Hunt
Rosemary Lowe
Sandy Mayer (for Mike Sanders)
Richard Morris
Mary Kay McPhee
David Ross
Gene Standifer
Bailus Tate

Pamela Webb of the U.S. Census Bureau presented LINC with an award and thanked LINC staff for engaging the community in the 2010 Census.

A motion to approve the July 26, 2010, LINC Commission meeting minutes was passed unanimously.

The September LINC in Review video was shown. The report featured segments on:

- **Marty Blank** of Coalition for Community Schools speaking to the Conference of Missouri School Superintendents.
- Opportunity Knocks door-to-door informational campaign in the Kansas City, Mo. School District
- Children in North Kansas City Caring Communities sites receive eye care from the OneSight Vision Van
- LINC employee health fair, Sept. 10

Gayle A. Hobbs gave the LINC President's Report:

- The annual Lights on Afterschool celebration will be held on Oct. 21. LINC is working with school district staff to define themes to be highlighted during events at LINC school sites.
- Promise Neighborhood awards will be announced tomorrow. There were two applicants from the Kansas City area and four in St. Louis.

LINC and the Kansas City, Mo. School District:

Deputy Director **Candace Cheatem** reported LINC has been working with the KCMSD on Parents As Teachers, early childhood education, and Head Start.

KCMSD superintendent **Dr. John Covington** introduced members of the district's leadership team:

- **Dr. Jefferey McDaniels**, Chief of Staff
- **Dr. Rebecca Lee-Gwin**, Chief Financial Officer
- **R. Chace Ramey, J.D., Ph.D.**, Chief Legal Counsel

- **David Dude**, Chief Technology Officer
- **Dr. MiUndrae Prince**, Associate Superintendent for Educational Accountability and Instructional Support
- **Dr. Mary Esselman**, Asst. Superintendent for Professional Development, Assessment, and Accountability
- **Dr. Anthony Moore**, Asst. Superintendent for Instruction
- **Luis Cordoba**, Executive Director for Student Support and Community Services
- **Eileen Houston-Stewart**, Executive Director of Public Relations

Hobbs reported on the history of LINC's presence at KCMSD schools from 1992 to the present and gave an overview of LINC's current presence and enrollment in the LINC Caring Communities Before & After School program.

LINC Caring Communities staff reported on progress at their schools so far in the 2010-2011 school year. Staff included:

- **Jamie Braden**, Site Coordinator (Attucks Elementary School)
- **Rachel Crouch**, Site Coordinator (Garcia Elementary School)
- **Crusita Fuentes**, Site Coordinator (Garfield Elementary School)
- **Sean Akridge**, Site Supervisor

Welfare to Work

Hobbs reported LINC has received the contract for the region's Missouri Work Assistance Program for Jackson, Clay and Platte Counties. LINC will be responsible for providing case management to area welfare recipients and for helping the state achieve a work participation rate of 50%.

LINCWorks co-chair **Terry Ward** reported LINC faces the challenge of tripling the prior year's performance using a third less money, but has the opportunity to build the new system itself. LINCWorks co-chair **Bart Hakan** reported the effort begins Oct. 1 with new offices on the third floor at 3100 Broadway.

Other business

Hobbs introduced **Greg Bassett**, who has joined LINC as the Director of Information Services. Bassett will work with building management at 3100 Broadway and at other locations to ensure services can be provided in neighborhoods where clients live.

A motion to ratify the LINC Missouri Work Assistance Program was approved unanimously.

Missouri Division of Youth Services

Tim Decker, director of Mo. Division of Youth Services, gave a presentation on the Missouri juvenile justice system, which has seen great success since it was reformed. The current system follows a therapeutic rather than a corrections model and has led to better outcomes for youth. Decker reported DYS is seeking to work with Community Partnerships including LINC to strengthen transitions for youth leaving residential care and entering the community.

The meeting was adjourned.

Active Living KC

Health Initiative in South Kansas City

Background

Active Living KC is a multi-departmental, comprehensive initiative, led by the Kansas City, Mo. Public Works Department, intended to address the lack of infrastructure and programs supporting a vibrant, active, healthy environment for residents.

Active Living KC has three major components:

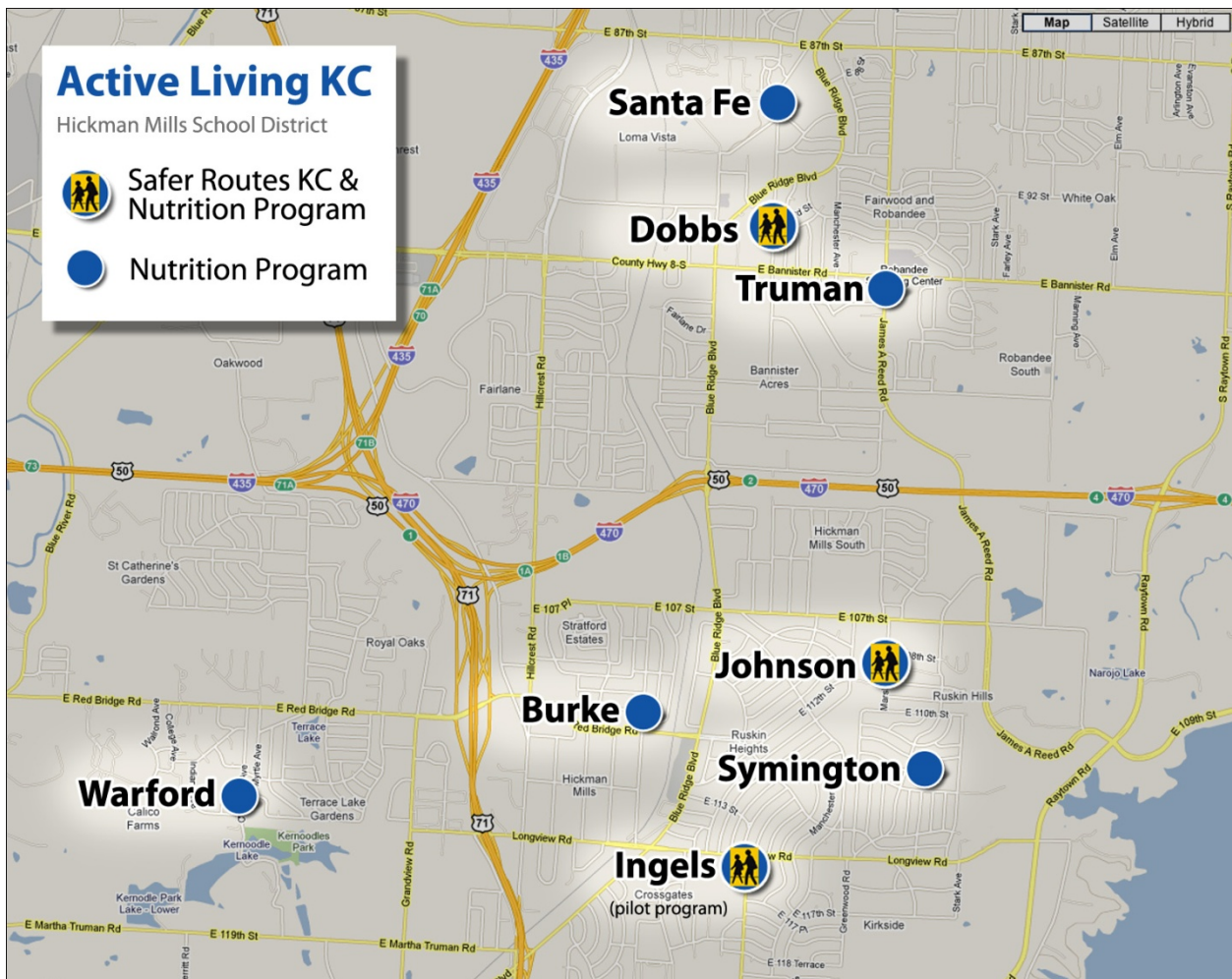
- Promote walking and biking
- Encourage good nutrition
- Review existing city development policies

The initiative received \$244,000 in funding from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City in May 2010 to develop programs around elementary schools in the Hickman Mills School District (**see map**). LINC was listed as a partner in the grant.

Public Works will provide leadership and coordinate project activities of other city departments including Planning, Health, Youth Advocacy, and Parks.

The City of KCMO requested \$780,000 over three years from the health care foundation. The grant received is for 12 months.





What will the grant do?

Safer Routes KC

The main goal for Safer Routes KC enforcement strategies is to correct unsafe behaviors of drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists, and to encourage all road users to obey traffic laws and share the road safely.

The grant will develop bike clubs and walk clubs at all eight elementary schools and provide additional resources – bicycles, helmets, pedometers and reflective bands – at three of those schools: **Ingels** (year one), and **Dobbs** and **Johnson** (in subsequent years).

The effort was recently kicked off with a major media event held in conjunction with International Walk to School Day.

The initiative borrows from national work focusing on 5 Es: engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement and evaluation.

Nutrition

All eight Hickman Mills elementary schools – all are LINC Caring Communities sites – will benefit from an initiative focusing on nutrition. The initiative includes health and wellness workshops, nutrition training for children, healthier food options in school and mapping neighborhood access to healthy foods.



Policy

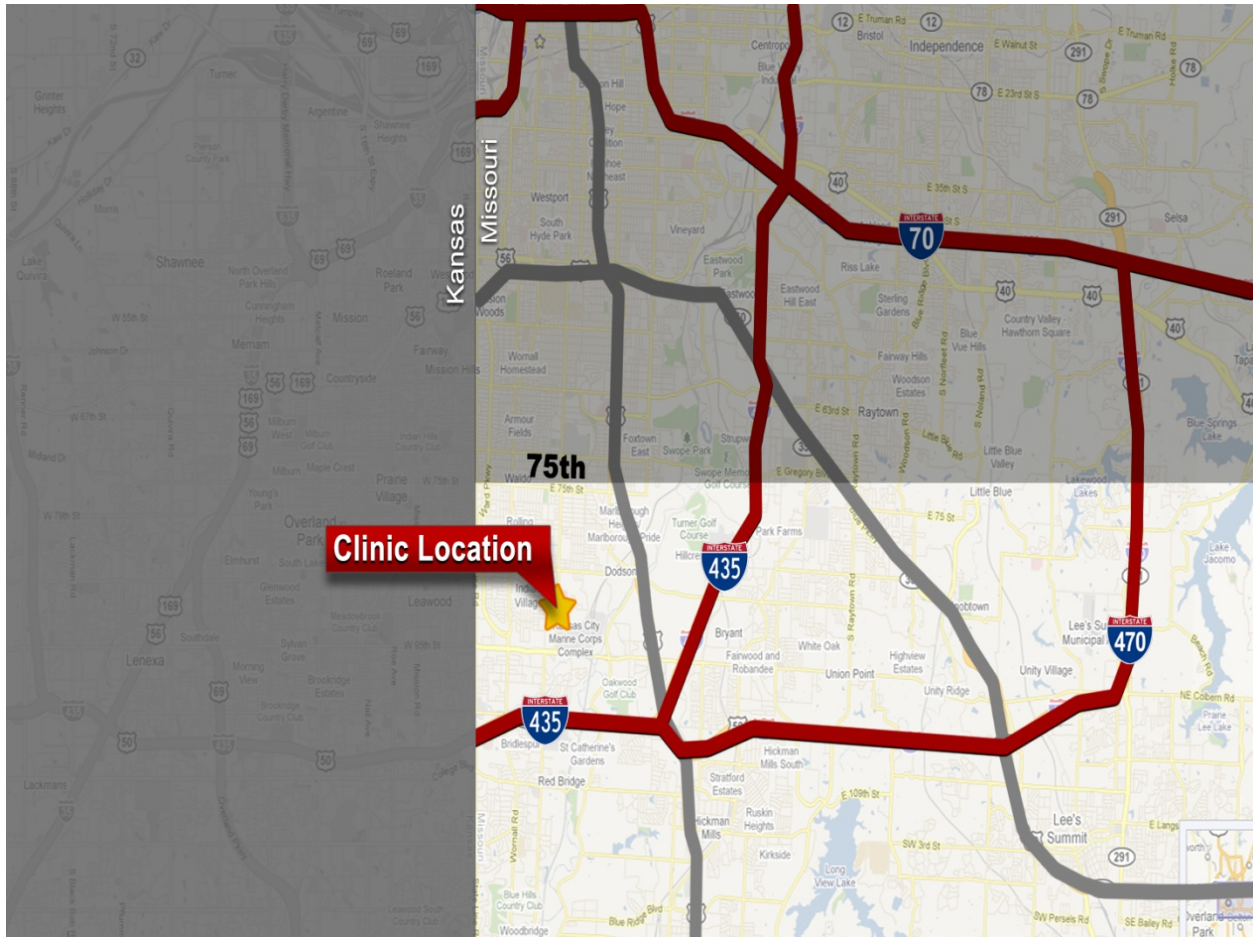
Recommendations

Work done around the Hickman Mills schools and neighborhoods will provide information that can help the city consider planning and city development code options that can promote more active neighborhoods.

Staffing

Active Living KC will be supported by three full-time city positions: nutritionist, safer routes manager and active living manager.

South Kansas City Clinic



Swope Ridge to partner with CLAIM Program

The CLAIM Program (Community Leaders Assisting the Insured of Missouri) provides free unbiased information about Medicare to Missourians.

Swope Ridge with LINC's assistance hopes to develop and train a cadre of volunteers and trainers that can provide this service for all community members, particularly those in the 64130 zip code.

Swope Ridge hopes to establish a "CLAIM Program Center" on the campus of Swope Ridge that community members can come to for assistance and training.



An introductory orientation about this volunteer opportunity will occur on Thursday, October 21, 2010 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Swope Ridge Geriatric Center, 5900 Swope Parkway Kansas City, MO 64130.

The initial 30-hour training to become a CLAIM volunteer will take place over a four-day period: Nov. 3rd, 4th, 9th, and 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00pm also at Swope Ridge Geriatric Center, 5900 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64130.

For more information please contact Nancy Jobe at (816) 721-7318 or njobe@primaris.org.

Additional information can be found at www.missouriclaim.org.

Friday, October 8, 2010

Samuel U. Rodgers center gets \$8.2M federal grant, ends capital campaign

Kansas City Business Journal

[Samuel U. Rodgers Community Health Center](#) received an \$8.2 million grant from health reform Friday, effectively bringing its capital campaign for the new health center to a close, CEO Hilda Fuentes said.

The safety-net hospital [announced the \\$25.5 million construction project in January 2009](#).

Fuentes said construction of the building should be complete by the fall of 2011.

“The facility has deteriorated over time,” she said, “so it’s time to provide our patients with a new facility.”

The 60,700-square-foot building will sit across the street from the hospital’s current location, 825 Euclid Ave. It will be more than 50 percent larger than the hospital’s current 46,000-square-foot facility and serve an additional 7,500 patients, Fuentes said.

The hospital, which serves some of Kansas City’s poorest residents, saw 17,000 patients last year, she said.

Samuel U. Rodgers is one of six Missouri community health centers to receive financing from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Missouri centers will receive a total of \$24 million to address construction, renovation and access needs.

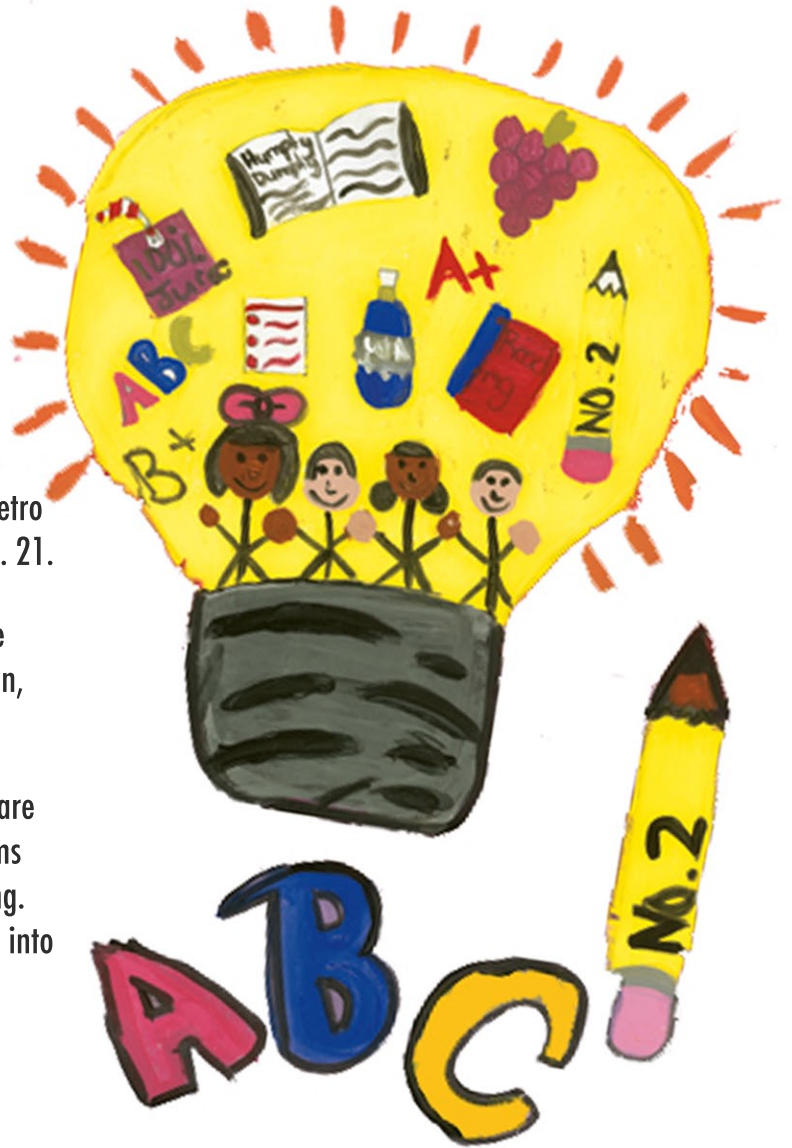
No centers in Kansas received financing.

The [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) awarded \$727 million to 143 community health centers nationwide.

LINC Celebrates

Lights On Afterschool

Thursday Oct. 21



LINC Caring Communities sites around the Kansas City metro area will celebrate Lights On Afterschool on Thursday Oct. 21.

The event is celebrated nationwide to call attention to the importance of afterschool programs for America's children, families and communities.

In America today, 1 in 4 youth – 15.1 million children – are alone and unsupervised after school. Afterschool programs keep kids safe, help working families and inspire learning. They provide opportunities to help young people develop into successful adults.



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Lights On Afterschool!

Lights On Afterschool is a nationwide event on Thursday, October 21st that recognizes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities. **Lights On Afterschool** is a project of the Afterschool Alliance.

Across the nation, **Lights On Afterschool** events give youth a chance to showcase the skills they learn and talents they develop at their after-school programs and to send the message that millions more kids need quality afterschool programs.



For more information: www.afterschoolalliance.org or www.kclinc.org/lightson

LINC and Lights On

Lights On Afterschool is an important part of LINC's school year where we celebrate and commemorate the great things going on in our afterschool programs. You are invited to find an event near you and join in!

Fort Osage School District

Thurs., Oct. 21 5-7pm

Fort Osage Coordinators 816.650.7525

Fort Osage will have a district-wide event at Fire Prairie Middle School. There will be fun activities and entertainment for the whole family and free food will be served. Fort Discovery and Fort Osage Food Service are partners in this event.

North Kansas City School District

Topping Thurs., Oct. 21 5-7pm

Sheila Marshall 816.413.6695

Topping Elementary will hold a health fair with information on local resources, face painting, and refreshments. All are welcome!

Grandview School District

Belvidere Thurs., Oct. 21 4:30-6pm

Bennie Avery 816.316.5368

Belvidere presents Spot Lighting Belvidere After-school Program. Families are invited to participate with their students during program activities, decorate light bulbs, and release balloons.

Butcher-Greene Thurs., Oct. 21 4:30-6pm

Danisha Clarkson 816.316.5379

Parents are invited to participate with their children in organized activities such as games, decorating cookies, arts, and crafts. Light snacks will be served.

Conn West Thurs., Oct. 21 4:30-6pm

Lisa Stephenson 816.316.5279

Join Conn West Caring Communities at a Celebration Carnival. There will be face painting, caramel apple slices, light bulb art, and more for families to enjoy.

Martin City K-8 Thurs., Oct. 21 4:30-6pm

Janet Miles 816.316.5795

Martin City Caring Communities will host a Lights On Celebration of Children. There will be singing, dancing, poetry, food, and fun. Light snacks will be served.

Meadowmere Thurs., Oct. 21 4:30-6pm

Leslie Puryear 816.316.5569

Meadowmere's "This Is How We Do It" invites parents to engage in hands-on activities that demonstrate what the LINC program offers, guided by their students. Refreshments will be made by LINC students.

Independence School District

Benton **Thurs., Oct. 21** **6:30-8pm**
Nina Falls **816.678.8902**

Family games and togetherness are the theme for Benton's Lights On celebration. Families will have quality time to have some fun and enjoy some free snacks while learning about Lights On Afterschool.

Fairmount **Thurs., Oct. 21** **5:30-7pm**
Jennifer Stone **816.521.5408**

Lights On for Family Fun and Safety will be about how keeping the lights on afterschool is an important part of safety. Learn ideas for keeping families, homes, and neighborhoods safe. Snacks will be served.

Korte **Thurs., Oct. 21** **4-6pm**
Nancy Hillebrand **816.521.5433**

Korte's theme is Stomping Out Bullying Together with a Lights On Carnival. There will be a presentation for parents by bullying prevention Specialist Gary Hillebrand and age-appropriate activities for students. Preferred Family Healthcare is a partner for this event.

Nowlin **Thurs., Oct. 21** **5-6:30pm**
Christina Esteban **816.521.5382**

Students will have an opportunity to share what they are working on afterschool at Nowlin Caring Communities' Lights On Afterschool event. Parents will also have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about LINC.

Santa Fe Trail **Weds., Oct. 27** **6-8pm**
Calvin Wainright **816.803.7250**

Santa Fe Trail Caring Communities will host a Lights On Fall Festival with event partners the PTA and Kids' Safari. We will have food, fun, and activities for families.

Sugar Creek **Thurs., Oct. 21** **5-6:30pm**
Marqus Rose **816.521.5463**

"Family Health and Fitness" is Sugar Creek's event. Family activities will introduce parents and students to fitness they can enjoy at home. Free health screenings will be offered. Healthy snacks will be served.

Three Trails **Thurs., Oct. 21** **4:15-5:30pm**
Norma Miller **816.582.5526**

Three Trails Parent Pride! Parents can learn tips for student success, participate in a parade around the neighborhood, and enjoy free refreshments.

Van Horn **Thurs., Oct. 21** **4-6:30pm**
Lindsay Browne **816.521.5362**

Let's Lick Hunger, an Ice Cream Social and Food Drive, will be at Van Horn High School. Friends and family are invited to eat ice cream as the group collects food for the Van Horn Food Pantry in partnership with the Van Horn International Thespian Society. Raffle tickets will be given out for each item donated.

Hickman Mills School District

District Celebration **Fri., Oct. 22** **4pm**
Trent DeVreugd **816.889.5050**

Hickman Mills will have a district-wide event at Ruskin High School with the theme "We Are The World." At 4pm there will be a Head to Heart Cancer Walk, followed by a Pregame tailgate from 5-6pm. Prior to kickoff there will be a balloon release on the field. Halftime entertainment will be performed by students from the LINC Before and After School Programs.

Burke **Week of Oct. 18** **3:30-6pm**
Casey Conklin **816.316.8334**

To prepare for the district-wide event our students are making art projects reflecting why Lights On Afterschool is important. The art and stories will be displayed in our lobby during the week of Oct. 18th. As guests arrive they will be greeted by student docents who will offer them snacks and a tour of the displays.

Dobbs **Tues., Oct. 19** **4-6pm**
Tasha House **816.529.2398**

At Dobbs' Lights On Fall Festival participants can visit booths for a hands-on walk through of programs. Booths include Chess, 4H Gardening, First Tee Golf, LINC Site Council, and more!

Warford **Tues., Oct. 19** **6:15 - 7:30pm**
Lee Kupka **816.316.8160**

Parents can see the great work their students do and get to know the staff at Warford's celebration in the gym. Participants can earn tickets for completing games and answering trivia questions. Tickets can be redeemed for a yummy snack. Don't miss a performance by the Warford Flag Team.



Kansas City, Mo School District

Afrikan Centered Education

Thurs., Oct. 21 5:30-6:30pm

Janis Bankston 816.418.1091

At Lights On Around the World, ACE students in the LINC Afterschool program will bring awareness of different cultures with song, dance, poetry, and African drumming.

Attucks Thurs., Oct. 21 2:30-6pm

Jamie Braden 816.418.3923

Lights On for Health will have information about different health issues in the community. Resources will be available to help parents enjoy life with their children. Healthy snacks will be served.

Banneker Thurs., Oct. 21 4-6pm

Terry Nooner 816.418.1862

Banneker Caring Communities will host an evening of singing, dancing, poetry, food, and fun for its Lights On Afterschool event. A meal will be served.

Border Star Thurs., Oct. 21 4-6pm

Ebonie Hawthorne (816) 418-5174

Border Star celebrates Lights On this year with Mad Science with two splash-tastic shows, one each at 4pm and 5pm. Booths will also be set up with demonstrations of dry ice, Tesla coil, indoor fireworks, and mini explosions. The fun lasts from 4-6pm on Thursday, Oct. 21st. Refreshments will be served.

Carver Thurs., Oct. 21 3-5pm

Darryl Bush 816.418.4965

At Character Counts at Carver, parents will have the opportunity to gather information and resources that help them enhance their children's self-worth and self-esteem. Carver has partnered with Lincoln University Extension for this event. There will be student skits and light snacks will be served. SAC meeting is from 6-7pm.

Foreign Language Academy

Fri., Oct. 22 6-8pm

Sat., Oct. 23 10a-2p

Alex Petersen & Rochelle Owens 816.418.6018

Parents and children of FLA Caring Communities are invited to try their luck at games at the Lights On Kermesse (French Carnival). On Saturday, there will be samples of authentic French cuisine.

Garcia Thurs., Oct. 21 4-6pm

Rachel Crouch & Rita Slatton 816.418.8745

Garcia Caring Communities will host a community resource fair, student talent show, and free dinner for families who attend their event. The resource fair begins at 4 pm, followed by the talent show at 5 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm.

Garfield Thurs., Oct. 21 4:30-5:45pm

Crusita Fuentes 816-418-3600

Join Garfield for an evening of information and entertainment with student performances and a special staff performance on electric guitar. Information about Lights On Afterschool and health awareness will also be available. Cookies and punch will be served.

Hartman Thurs., Oct. 21 4:30-5:30pm

Abdul Westbrook 816.418.1799

Parents are invited to participate in a rally and balloon release in the parking lot, followed by time to visit activity groups to learn about the LINC Afterschool Program. The Gems and Gents group will perform a step routine. Refreshments will be served.

Holliday Montessori

Tues., Oct. 19 5:30-7:30pm

Shaniece Garlington 816.418.1986

Parents and members of the community are invited to take a stroll down memory lane during "Back to the Future." Join as music and dance are performed, there will be lots of toe-tappin' hand-clappin' fun!

J.A. Rogers Thurs., Oct. 21 4-6pm

Terry Washington 816.418.4759

Rogers will showcase students through song, dance, skits, and poetry at their event, "Kids in Motion at Rogers." A chili dog supper will be served.

James Thurs., Oct. 21 5-7pm

Raul Lopez 816.418.2533

James Caring Communities has teamed up with Mattie Rhodes to present a Lights On Afterschool Children's Art Competition. More than 100 pieces of student artwork will be displayed. There will also be educational games, face painting, food, and more.

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King **Thurs., Oct. 21** **4-8pm**
Steve Bradford **816.418.2483**
 "Families, Fun and Fitness Forever" is the theme for King Caring Community's Lights On Celebration. Families can participate in sports activities, watch a movie, or find their niche in the games room. Pizza will be served. There will be a short presentation on the value of nutritional foods vs. fun foods, as well as a talent and fashion show and a mini-chess tournament.

Longfellow **Thurs., Oct. 21** **3-6pm**
Freddie Cheirs **816.418.5347**
 Longfellow Elementary invites parents to participate in a night devoted to preparedness. Information will be available about being ready for fire, weather, and other emergencies. Dinner will be provided.

Phillips **Thurs., Oct. 21** **4:30-5:30pm**
Hope Huff **816.418.3756**
 Families are invited to see their children fully engaged in expressing their thoughts and feelings about the afterschool program. Dinner will be served to all who attend.

Pitcher **Thurs., Oct. 21** **1-2pm**
Richard Fisher **816.418.4554**
 Pitcher Caring Communities will host "Pitcher Lights On Showtime". There will be a pep rally, performances by the afterschool program, community resources, and refreshments.

Satchel Paige **Thurs., Oct. 21** **4-5pm**
Shaun Hayes & Jason Ervin **816.418.5050**
 Join Satchel Paige for a Lights On Afterschool balloon release. Balloons will have messages asking recipients to contact the LINC program so that students can track where the balloons land. Snacks will be served.

Troost **Thurs., Oct. 21** **4-6pm**
Anita Robinson **816.418.1734**
 Character Really Counts at Troost is the theme for this year's Lights On Afterschool celebration. Students will display their talents in visual arts, singing and dancing, and poetry. Kendrick Wilson will make a special presentation on the Character Counts program. A carnival and balloon release are part of the festivities. Food will be served.

Weeks **Thurs., Oct.21** **4-6pm**
Gloria Pendergrass **816.418.2581**
 Weeks Elementary will hold an Educational Fair for our Lights On event. Families will enjoy a book fair, door prizes, educational games, food, and fun.

Wheatley **Thurs., Oct. 21** **4-6pm**
Kelley Harden **816.418.4857**
 Wheatley Elementary will have a family carnival for Lights On Afterschool. Parents are invited to participate with their children in fun carnival-themed games and stations. Light snacks will be served.

Charter and Community Sites

Lee A. Tolbert Academy
Thurs., Oct. 21 **3:30-6pm**
Delores Gardner **816.569.5253**
 The Lee A. Tolbert Academy will host a Bingo Night for Lights On. Popcorn and childcare will be provided.

Wayne Miner **Thurs., Oct. 21** **6-8pm**
Rafael Hines **816.410.8434**
 Students, parents, and the local community will showcase their talents at "Dancing with the Afterschool Stars" to support and create public awareness about afterschool care and keeping the lights on. There will be food, fun, prizes and more.

Southeast Caring Communities
Thurs., Oct. 21 **4:30 pm**
Dona Stephenson **816.444.9300**
 Southeast Caring Communities invites all of our neighbors to join us at Afrikan Centered Education for their community Lights On Around the World. Southeast will host a meet and greet for all neighbors beginning at 4:30 pm, refreshments will be served. The students in the LINC Afterschool program will offer entertainment beginning at 5:30 pm. The event will highlight awareness of different cultures with song, dance,

Center School District
Fri., Oct. 29 **5-8:30pm**
Andrea O'Neal **816.349.3695**
 Center and Boone Caring Communities will host Center Family Lights On! at Center High School. The community is invited to tailgate with food, games, and fun. There will be a balloon release at halftime.





Missouri After 3PM

In 2009, Missouri parents/guardians were asked about their children's regular participation in various after school care arrangements, with a special focus on afterschool program participation and satisfaction. The *America After 3PM* survey identified the supply of and demand for afterschool programs, as well as the major barriers to program enrollment.

After School Care Arrangements

- **32% (318,282)** of Missouri's K-12 children are responsible for taking care of themselves after school. These children spend an average of **9** hours per week unsupervised after school.
- **12% (120,867)** of Missouri's K-12 children participate in afterschool programs. On average, afterschool participants spend **7** hours per week in afterschool programs. Participation averages **3** days per week.
- **71%** of Missouri K-12 children spend some portion of the hours after school in the care of a parent or guardian.
- Other care arrangements include traditional child care centers (**12%**), sibling care (**16%**) and non-parental adult care, such as a grandparent or neighbor (**33%**).

Notes: The maximum amount of time in after school care arrangements is limited to 15 hours per week, which reflects the after school hours of 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Care arrangements add up to greater than 100% due to multiple regular care arrangements for many children.

Satisfaction with and Support for Afterschool Programs

- **84%** of Missouri parents are satisfied with the afterschool program their child attends.
- Missouri parents cited convenient location (**78%**), affordability (**67%**) and ability to provide a safe haven (**61%**) as their top three reasons for selecting an afterschool program.
- **89%** of adults surveyed in Missouri agree that there should be "some type of organized activity or place for children and teens to go after school every day that provides opportunities to learn" and **83%** support public funding for afterschool programs.

Need or Demand for Afterschool

- **32% (283,634)** of all Missouri children not in afterschool would be likely to participate if an afterschool program were available in the community, regardless of their current care arrangement.
- Parents of non-participants believe that their children would benefit most from afterschool programs in the following ways: by having fun, improving their workforce skills and social skills, taking advantage of opportunities for community service and learning, receiving academic enrichment and staying safe and out of trouble.





Missouri After 3PM

Barriers to Enrolling in Afterschool Programs

- After lack of need, the predominant obstacles to enrollment include cost, preference for alternative activities and transportation.

Contextual Information about Afterschool Programs

- In Missouri, the public schools are the largest provider of afterschool programs. Religious organizations, YMCAs, the city or town and Boys & Girls Clubs round out the top five providers of afterschool programs in the state.
- On average, Missouri families spend **\$41** per week for afterschool programs.

National Comparison and Trends – 2004 to 2009

| | 2009 | | 2004 | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Missouri % | National % | Missouri % | National % |
| Percentage of Kids in Afterschool Programs | 12 | 15 | 12 | 11 |
| Percentage of Kids in Self Care | 32 | 26 | 32 | 25 |
| Percentage of Kids in Sibling Care | 16 | 14 | 13 | 11 |
| Percentage of Parents Extremely/Somewhat Satisfied with Afterschool Program | 84 | 89 | 91 | 91 |
| Percentage of Kids Who Would Participate if an Afterschool Program were Available | 32 | 38 | 29 | 30 |

About America After 3PM

In Missouri, 666 households were surveyed for this study. Among those households, 43 percent qualified for free or reduced price lunch, 2 percent were Hispanic and 12 percent were African-American. According to U.S. Department of Education data from 2005-2006, the total school enrollment in Missouri is 1,007,223, which is the foundation for all statewide projections in Missouri After 3PM.

America After 3PM was sponsored by the JCPenney Afterschool Fund. Between March and May 2009, 29,754 parents/guardians responded to survey questions about their after school child care arrangements during the 2008-2009 school year. RTi, a market research firm, conducted the survey and analyzed the data for the Afterschool Alliance. Additional information from America After 3PM is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.





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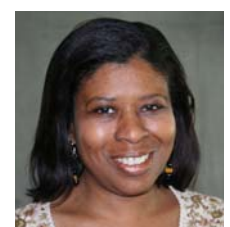
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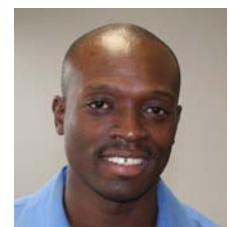
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Poverty is on the rise in the suburbs of America, census data show

By DARRYL LEVINGS
The Kansas City Star

Kansas Citians find themselves tested by the recession in dozens of ways, but none more severely than those pushed into poverty.

Here is another test:

- (1) True or false? Measured strictly by the poverty rate, the Kansas City metro area has fared better in the recession than most.
- (2) If the U.S. poverty rate last year reached 14.3 percent and the top 100 metro areas averaged 13.3 percent, what is the number for Kansas City?
- (3) If a train leaving St. Louis at 9 a.m. arrived at Wichita at 9 p.m., how much would the poverty rate have changed?
- (4) What is interesting about Omaha? Try to explain.
- (5) More Americans slipped below the poverty line in our: (a) core cities, (b) their suburbs.

Answers:

1. True: The increase among this metro area's impoverished — 1.1 percentage points — was slightly less than the national rise of 1.3 points since 2007. The differences seem small, but each tenth of a point represents thousands of struggling families.
2. It is 11.4 percent here.
3. Not a bit. The rate is 12.6 percent in both cities.
4. Omaha is the only one of the nation's largest 100 metropolitan areas to show no change in the poverty rate in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009.
5. (b) Over the last two years, suburban cities found they held an additional 1.8 million newly poor, compared with 1.4 million for the urban centers.

The last answer was the perhaps the primary finding of the Brookings Institution in two new studies. Based on the Census Bureau's 2009 American Community Survey, it looked at the 100 metro areas and found that the suburbs now are home to one-third of all the nation's poor.

All the numbers are based on the official poverty line, set for 2009 at \$22,050 for a family of four or \$10,830 for a single person. The threshold numbers are for income before tax deductions and don't count food stamps and tax credits or take into account highly inflationary trends in medicine.

Many people not counted clearly could be considered poor. Median household income is roughly 400 percent of the poverty level, said Frank Lenk, research services director at the Mid-America Regional Council.

In the past 10 years, 5.5 million people joined the ranks of the poor — more than two-thirds in the suburbs. Although the core cities have higher poverty rates — about 19.5 percent compared with 10.4 percent in the suburbs — the gap has steadily slimmed.

“Millions of Americans at all income levels moved to the suburbs looking for better schools, better jobs, affordable housing, and a sense of security, but in recent years, as incomes have fallen, people had a harder and harder time making ends meet,” said Scott Allard, a University of Chicago professor and co-author of one of the reports.

“As a result, Americans who never imagined becoming poor are now asking for assistance, and many are not getting the help they need.”

The Brookings data did not offer a median, but only 26 of the other 99 cities have a lower poverty rate than Kansas City.

This area actually experienced a slight improvement between 2007 and 2008, the rate dropping to 10.1 percent from 10.3 percent. As a result, the one-year percentage point jump was 1.3.

In the Midwest region, the lower-poverty cities were Minneapolis, 9.9 percent; Des Moines, 10.1; and Omaha, 10.7.

To our south, it is a different story: Oklahoma City’s poverty rate was 15.2 percent; Little Rock, 14.7; Tulsa (the only Midwestern city to see a drop of 0.7 percent) 13.5.

If one area could be said to be riding out the recession, according to the poverty indicator, it would be New England, which had lower rates in general and saw even some decreases. Boston; Hartford, Conn.; and Albany, N.Y., are under 10 percent.

It is no surprise that many of the worst-hit are Sun Belt cities that suffered collapses of their housing markets.

In Tucson, for example, nearly 1 in 5 people (19.3 percent) are listed below the poverty line now.

“Like many Midwestern cities, we did not have the big run-up in housing prices,” Lenk said. “We have been able to retain manufacturing jobs much better than many metro areas.”

With many predicting a slow “jobless recovery” and the rate of unemployment stuck a little under 10 percent, some analysts predict the U.S. poverty rate will go up for at least two more years.

As bad as it is on average in most population centers, most fare better than many of America’s more rural areas.

An earlier study based on Census Bureau findings showed the overall nonmetropolitan poverty rate at 16.6 percent in 2009, up from 15.1 percent in one year.

That added up to 8.1 million rural poor, according to the Department of Agriculture.

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For schools, ‘Waiting for “Superman”’ movie holds convenient untruths

By ARTHUR A. BENSON II
Special to The Star

Waiting For Superman? Don't.

The current movie, “Waiting For 'Superman,' ” comes with strong advance billing. It sprang from the same producing hand as Al Gore’s “An Inconvenient Truth” and benefited from advance plugs by Oprah Winfrey and appearances by Bill Gates in the movie and on promotional stumps around the nation.

As a little-disguised paean for charter schools, it amounts to little more than propaganda. No viewer could gather that around the country, as here in Kansas City, charter schools mostly fail in comparison to their public school neighbors. Here, of the 18 charter schools, all but three perform more poorly than their comparable Kansas City School District schools. And those three that perform well locally, do not exceed the achievements of Kansas City’s highest performing schools.

Kansas City has the added hurdle of providing meaningful educational opportunities to children who are non-English speakers, to those with severe behavioral or emotional problems, and to kids who will not wear uniforms, or even belts for their pants, actions that can result in expulsion from charter schools.

Charters have subtle means for selecting or de-selecting students to fit their school’s model. The Kansas City School District keeps its doors open to non-English speakers and all those kids sent back from the charter schools. In spite of those hurdles, Kansas City district schools across the board out-perform charter schools. That is not saying much. We have until recently failed 80 percent of our kids, but most charters fail more.

In the movie, teachers unions are portrayed as villains, but, in truth, even if an inconvenient one, teachers and especially the American Federation of Teachers have been leaders in adopting experimental pay-for-performance models around the nation and here. For decades the American Federation of Teachers has advocated educational reforms that most school administrations have been too timid to try.

The schools in Finland are lavishly praised in this movie but without mention that they are all highly unionized. In Kansas City as elsewhere, the union knows that its future and the jobs of its members are tied to the success of public schools. Our American Federation of Teachers union has joined with Superintendent John Covington to assure that meaningful evaluations determine the future of teachers; that teachers be rewarded for high performance; and that schools have the



flexibility to match the needs of kids to the abilities of teachers. Our teachers are full partners with Dr. Covington in the radical transformation of teaching and learning that is occurring now in our public schools.

Diane Ravitch was an early advocate for charter schools in the administration of President George H.W. Bush. In her book earlier this year, “The Death and Life of the Great American School System,” she renounced charter schools as a failed experiment and called for reinvigoration of public schools by more good, old-fashioned teaching and less reliance on high stakes standardized tests.

“Waiting for 'Superman' ” may succeed as entertainment, but it fails as a documentary. The real world is far more nuanced and challenging. And our real children deserve better than they are getting from either public or charter schools. It is just that, for most, the public schools are making up that ground more quickly, even if they lack the novelty of charters.

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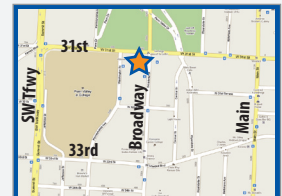
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The LINCWORKS main office is located on the 3rd floor mezzanine level. Take the elevator to the 3rd floor, turn left and take the stairs down.



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Halloween Safety Tips

Don't let the excitement of Halloween allow you to forget the safety rules.

Costume Safety

- Choose a costume made of flame retardant material.
- Costumes should be short enough so that you don't trip and fall.
- Choose a costume made of bright material or add reflective tape.
- Masks should allow you to see well and not hinder visibility.
- Make sure face paint is nontoxic and hypoallergenic.
- Knives, swords and other props should be made of a flexible material.

Trick-or-Treating Safety

- Children should be well supervised by an adult when trick-or-treating.
- Carry a flashlight or other reflective device.
- Stick to well lit streets and houses of familiar neighborhoods only.
- Avoid taking shortcuts across backyards or alleys.
- Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- Don't approach animals you are unfamiliar with.

