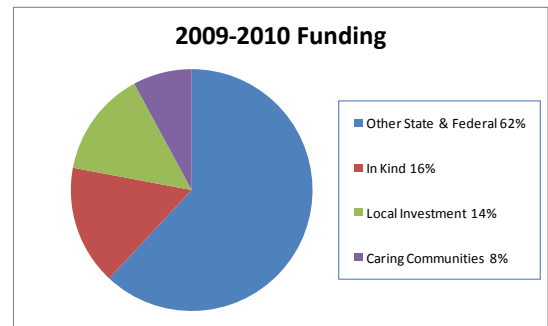
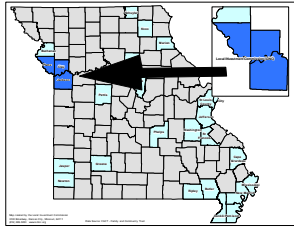


Local Investment Commission

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FY10 Result Achievement: Healthy Children and Families

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Community Profile:

LINC is the State of Missouri's Community Partnership serving Kansas City, Mo. and Jackson, Clay and Platte counties.

LINC's efforts are directed by a 36-member citizen commission created in November 1992. Advice and support to the commission is provided by a professional cabinet. More than 2,000 volunteers – professionals, community leaders and citizens – are involved with LINC. LINC regularly reviews the make-up of its various committees, initiatives, working groups and citizens to make sure citizens are leading the groups and making decisions.

In 2006 LINC began looking at a crisis in health care in the area of Kansas City South of 75th St. served by the Center and Hickman Mills School Districts.

This area of the City has not historically been seen as an area of need. But the period of 2000 to 2010 brought dramatic changes to this region.

Basic demographic data for the two school districts is depicted in **Table 1**. While the Assessment Area has not traditionally been considered to be within Kansas City's urban core, it is clear that much of the area's population virtually mirrors the population of Kansas City's most impoverished and needy communities. Multiple measures indicate that residents of the two school districts are economically disadvantaged relative to residents of Jackson County and the Kansas City Metropolitan Area overall. These indicators include the percentage of school children receiving free or reduced lunch,

percentage of families receiving food stamps, median household income, etc.

Table 1. Key Demographic Indicators for Assessment Area, 2007

	Population	% HH on Food Stamps	% Free or Reduced Lunch	% Pop. <100 % FPL	% Popl <200% FPL
Center School District	25,580	8.1	62.4	14.0	29.5
Hickman Mills School District	47,470	11.4	74.5	16.6	37.9
Jackson County	655,115				32.7
Kansas City Metropolitan	1,962,412	7.2	41.8	10.5	25.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007; Missouri Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2007; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2009; Missouri Dept. of Economic Development, July 2009; Mid-America Regional Council, 2009

One important measure of poverty in children is the number of children receiving benefits under the Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRLP). The percentages of children in the two school districts receiving benefits under the FRLP are comparable to that of the Kansas City, Missouri School District (79.9%) and much higher than the average for the Kansas City metro area (41.8%).

Based on guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), *to adequately serve this population would require that residents of this area would have access to at minimum:*

- 37.5 Primary Care Practitioners (ratio of 2,000:1)
- 25 Dental Care Practitioners (ratio of 3,000:1)
- 7.5 Mental Health Practitioners (ratio of 10,000:1)

The above conservatively assumes a total population of approximately 75,000 within the Assessment Area (over 72,000 within the two school districts alone). *Given that a significant percentage of the population is uninsured, and/or Medicaid eligible, or presumed underinsured, providers accepting both the uninsured and Medicaid eligible are critical to adequately serve the needs of the population.*

Examining the *need* versus the *available* providers of basic healthcare services located within the Assessment Area, it was determined that the need for services exceeds the available providers of basic primary care services:

Table 2. Lack of Accessible Providers in Assessment Area

	Est. Minimum Need	Available Providers	Deficit
Primary Care Providers	37.5	15* (out of 73 total)	22.5
Mental Health Providers	7.5	N/A (out of 84 total)	N/A
Dental Care	25	4**	21
Safety Net Providers		0	

* Accepting Medicaid

** Estimated

Source: The Dochterman Group, LLC Feasibility Assessment: South Kansas City Clinic, Aug. 1, 2008

Out of a total of 73 primary care providers identified as practicing within the Assessment Area, only five (5) practices, with a total of 15 practitioners, were identified as accepting patients

with Medicaid. Seven of these providers are housed in a single location near the southwest edge of the Assessment Area near the St. Joseph Medical Center campus at I-435 and State Line Road.

One general acute care hospital is located within the Assessment Area (St. Joseph's Health Center at I-435 and State Line Road).

73 total mental health providers were identified in the Assessment Area, most of them located along the western corridor of ZIP code 64114. It is unknown how many of those providers accept Medicaid.

Major Collaborative Accomplishment:

In recognition of this need, LINC and the Kansas City, Mo. Health Department came together with the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City and Swope Health Services to respond in a meaningful way to a critical need.

The Health Department came to LINC seeking its partnership to take next steps to respond to the need in this area of Kansas City. LINC completed a feasibility study with support from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City. LINC presented an RFP to the community which resulted in Swope being selected as the health service delivery partner. In the fall of 2009, LINC pursued additional funding from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City. Upon receipt of the award, work began in earnest to locate a site and begin the steps to open a clinic South of 75th St in Kansas city.

In October 2010, a new clinic will be open at 8821 Troost. The design is for this to be a federally qualified health center serving this community as a sustainable part of the safety net within three years of opening.

Key Partners:

- Kansas City, Mo. Health Department
- Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
- Swope Health Services
- Mo HealthNet