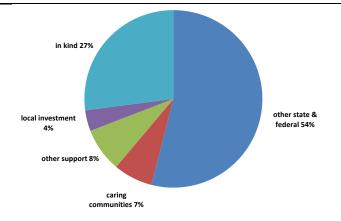
# **Local Investment Commission Established: 1995**





# FY14 Result Achievement: Partnering with Kansas City public schools to provide a summer school program

## **December 2014**

#### **COMMUNITY PROFILE**

The Local Investment Commission (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 citizen commission created in the early 1990s and are supported by more than 2,100 volunteers – professionals, community leaders and citizens.

LINC has had a direct presence in Kansas City Public Schools since 1994, when the first LINC Caring Communities site in the district was established to provide child, family and neighborhood supportive services at Chick Elementary School.

LINC's partnership with the district expanded significantly in 1999, when LINC began operating before and after school programs at district elementary schools. Today that effort comprises all 25 KCPS elementary schools, and has expanded into four additional school districts – Hickman Mills, Center, Grandview and North Kansas City.

In addition to supporting learning during the regular school year, LINC has offered before and after school activities to support KCPS-run summer school programs, as well as operated all-day summer camps for children not in summer school.

In 2014, for the first time, LINC operated a summer school program in KCPS. LINC was one of several community organizations that partnered with KCPS to provide summer school.

LINC was recruited by KCPS to implement their plan of partnering with community agencies to de-

liver summer school as a way of expanding capacity and engaging families in a new way.

The 2014 LINC summer school program was offered at eight school sites, from June 4 to July 18, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. – an 11-hour day.

LINC designed the program as a "school and enrichment experience" featuring seven school time hours provided by a certified teacher. The morning focused on building reading and math skills while the afternoon programming included academic enrichment and youth development activities such as field trips, arts, sports and fitness, character education, swimming and robotics.

At the beginning and end of the school day LINC provided before and after school care to support those families participating.

Enrollment: 1,484

Average daily attendance: 1,162

• Classroom attendance hours: 265,273

• Certificated teachers employed: 128

• Other program staff employed: 196

In addition to the eight summer school programs, LINC also provided before and after summer school programs at two elementary schools, Gladstone and Satchel Paige, where KCPS directly operated a summer school program.

The program was made available to families at no cost.

#### **Academics Results**

A major outcome achieved was improvement in

reading and mathematics for over 550 students tested in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Strong academic research points to "summer learning loss" for low-income students.

A different outcome was achieved as a result of LINC efforts.

The success of the 2014 LINC summer in the Kansas City Public Schools has resulted in a significantly expanded effort in the 2015 summer. LINC expects to serve double or triple the number of students this summer.

## **Other LINC Summer Programs**

In addition to the programs offered in KCPS, LINC

2014 LINC Summer Programs			
District	Location (Elem. School)	Before & After Summer School	All Day Program
Center	Boone	June 2-July 1	
Fort Osage	Blue Hills		July 7-31
Grandview	Butcher-Greene	June 5-July 2	
	Meadowmere		July 7-18
Hickman Mills	Truman		July 7-31
	Burke	June 5-July 2	
	Ingels		
	Santa Fe		
	Symington		
Kansas City	Gladstone	June 4-July 3	
	Paige		
	ACCPA		
	Attucks		
	Border Star		June 4- July 18
	Garfield		
	Holliday		
	Melcher		
	Pitcher		
	Trailwoods		
N. Kansas City	Topping	June 6-27	June 30- July 25
Charter	Tolbert	June 2-July 3	,

also provided summer programs at other partnering school districts including Center, Fort Osage, Grandview, Hickman Mills, North Kansas City, and at Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy charter school.

LINC programs included before and after summer school, and all-day summer camps extending learning and enrichment opportunities for children after the end of the summer school session.

#### **Summer Book Distribution**

LINC also promoted the importance of summer reading by distributing over 28,000 high-quality books to every elementary school student in the seven LINC partner school districts.

This effort gave students a book for their personal library and connected them to other summer reading opportunities through public libraries and other efforts

#### **Key Partners:**

- Kansas City Public Schools
- Center School District
- Fort Osage School District
- Grandview School District
- Hickman Mills School District
- North Kansas City School District
- Independence School District
- Lee A. Tolbert Community Academy
- University of Missouri-Extension
- First Book
- Kansas City Public Library
- Mid-Continent Public Library