

CENTERS AND PROJECTS

Berkley Child and Family Development Center

The Berkley Child and Family Development Center provides quality care and education for young children and serves as a research training site for UMKC students. The center is administered through the School of Education and is part of the academic unit. It is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children and licensed by the state of Missouri. Enrollment is open to the University population and the community for children ages 3 months to 6 years old. The center is accessible to children with special needs. To inquire about enrollment or a tour of the facility call (816) 235-2600.

Community Counseling and Assessment Services (CCAS)

UMKC Community Counseling and Assessment Services (CCAS) is committed to providing a variety of affordable counseling and assessment services to the Greater Kansas City Community. Staff are comprised of graduate student counselors and assessment specialists who are supervised by faculty members licensed as professional counselors or psychologists. Our counselors combine education, research, and a sincere passion for their work to help clients meet their goals and potential. CCAS's service fees are determined using a sliding scale fee structure based on income and the number of dependents. For information or appointments call (816) 235-2725 or email umkccasservices@umkc.edu

Kansas City Regional Professional Development Center (KCRPDC)

The Kansas City Regional Professional Development Center (KCPDC) is one of nine regional professional development centers in Missouri, partially funded by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and serving schools, districts and educators in the Kansas City region. The mission of the KCPDC is to build the capacity of educators to maximize student performance through high quality professional development. Programs sponsored by the KCRPDC include, but are not limited to:

- **Migrant Education and English Language Learning (MELL).** The Missouri Migrant Education and English Language Learning program (MELL) is designed to use existing resources to better serve all English Language Learning (ELL) and migrant students in the state of Missouri. The MELL program works to prevent duplicate services and allows most funds to swiftly reach any and all Missouri school districts with children of need.
- **Missouri School-Wide Positive Behavior Support.** Missouri School-wide Positive Behavior Support is a partnership among the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), The University of Missouri-Columbia (MU) Center for School-wide Positive Behavior Support and the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, University of Oregon and Connecticut. The program facilitates teachers and administrators in implementing a behavior culture and climate to increase learning.
- **Special Education Consultants.** The KCRPDC provides technical assistance and instructional support to special education teachers and administrators. Services include supporting effective practices, compliance, post-secondary transition planning, and MAP-A.
- **Professional Learning Communities.** The Missouri Professional Learning Communities Project (PLC) evolved from the Missouri Accelerated Schools Project which had served as a school reform initiative for many years. PLC consultants work with building leadership teams during a multi-year process to implement school-wide reform.
- **Curriculum, Instructional and Assessment Support.** Consultants at the KCPDC are available to assist teachers and administrators in reviewing, designing and implementing effective curriculum, instructional strategies and assessments.

Urban Education Research Center

The Urban Education Research Center (UERC) is the research arm of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Education. Its mission is to create reliable, usable knowledge about education in urban areas with the goal of promoting excellent schooling and improving the lives, opportunities, and communities of urban residents in the Greater Kansas City community and the nation. The center accomplishes this mission through collaborative, data rich approaches including technical assistance and consultation, and rigorous research using a range of methodological tools. The UERC works collaboratively within the School of Education, across the university, and in conjunction with local partners and communities. Collaborators and partners include education leaders, educators, researchers, community leaders, advocacy groups, and service organizations throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area.