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.

Center for Economic Education
The UMKC Center for Economic Education is one of a network of centers across the state and nation that promotes economic and financial education in schools. The Center is affiliated with the Missouri Council on Economic Education, which in turn is a part of the National Council for Economic Education. The UMKC Center for Economic Education’s mission is to serve the economic education needs of teachers and their students. The Center achieves its mission through development and delivery of undergraduate/pre-service teacher training, in-service teacher training, student and community programs, and web-based resources and programs.

Charter School Center
As part of UMKC’s vision of active engagement with its city and its mission to collaborate on urban issues and education, the UMKC Charter School Center was created to:

• Establish and assist in the development of high quality urban schools that will retain and attract families with school-age children within the Kansas City, Missouri School District.
• Sponsor charter schools which address safe and orderly climates, high attendance, increased parent involvement, high academic achievement, and effective governance practices to ensure this is the norm for all students regardless of economic standing, race, culture, or gender.
• In exchange for greater autonomy, the charter schools sponsored by UMKC are accountable for student achievement, fiscal responsibility, and legal compliance.
• Provide schools of choice for parents and students which could encourage more effective practices and collaboration throughout the Kansas City Missouri School District.

Continuing and Professional Education
Through Continuing and Professional Education (CPE), hundreds of courses are offered to pre-K educators and administrators; mental health providers and other community members throughout the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan area and beyond. Credit and non-credit courses are offered throughout the year at various locations and at various times. Continuing and Professional Education also has numerous online offerings to fit any schedule. For course topics and additional information, visit our Web site at umkc.edu/education/ce (http://education.umkc.edu/CE) or call (816) 235-1188.

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.

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 KCPDC 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
This 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.