

# Kansas

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## Community Profile

### Kansas City, KS

<b>Poverty Rate</b>	41.6%
<b>Median Income Compared to AMI</b>	50.9%
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	3.24x national average

## Project Highlights

- Investor: U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation
- Total Project Cost: \$18.3M
- NMTC: \$14.1M
- Jobs: 51 construction jobs and 192 permanent jobs created and retained
- 1,547 families served monthly
- LEED Silver

## Children's Campus of Kansas City, Inc.

The Children's Campus of Kansas City, Inc. (CCKC) was formed in 2004 with the mission of ensuring that at-risk children from birth to five years of age have access to the resources they need to succeed in school and life. CCKC had secured a \$5 million construction loan and \$9.6 million of philanthropic funds and commitments for grant funding, but had tapped out its other options for additional financing. LISC's New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) financing provided the equity needed to fill the gap and complete the project.

The financing went toward the ground-up construction of the 72,000 sq. ft. community facility. Agencies representing the fields of early childhood education, parenting education, family support, health, education, and research are co-located on the campus and have collectively built a system of services that address the multiple needs of young children and their families.

Three nonprofit founding agencies are housed in the facility: Project Eagle manages the Educare of Kansas City program, with 12 model early education classrooms, and operates an Early Head Start program; the Family Conservancy provides mental health services, parenting education, crisis intervention, assistance to overcome poverty, and professional development services; Juniper Gardens Children's Project (JGCP) works to improve children's developmental experiences and their academic and social achievements through research; and clinicians from Kansas University Medical Center staff a 1,000 sq. ft. health clinic in partnership with the Public Health Department.

The new LEED Silver facility serves as a beacon of hope for the community and plays an important role in re-writing the future of early education. Programs work in collaboration with community partners, rather than in isolation, to change the trajectories for the city's most disadvantaged children. The children receiving services are healthier and on-track in all areas of development, including social-emotional, cognitive, and language and literacy development, making them more likely to enter kindergarten ready for success.

