

South Kansas City health clinic location announced

A new south Kansas City health clinic, planned to open later this summer, will be located at 89th St. and Troost Ave.

The site, just east of **Center High School**, was among 30 reviewed by a selection committee made up of representatives from **LINC, Kansas City Mo. Health Department** and **Swope Health Services**.

Swope Health Services will be the health care provider. The **City of Kansas City, Mo.** and the **Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City** are major funders. LINC will be the project manager and help with community outreach.

The need for a health care clinic was identified in an earlier assessment of health care needs south of 75th St. The area has a significant number of low-income families, few primary care providers and poor health indicators.

“The selection committee put a great deal of effort into assuring all options were considered,” said **Cathy Jolly**, City Councilwoman and co-chair of the **Kansas City Health Commission**. “We know there are many areas of need.”

The partners are committed to working on development of a second clinic.

National conference to feature local community schools efforts

The Kansas City area and LINC partners will be highlighted at the **Coalition for Community Schools** 2010 national forum April 7-9 in Philadelphia.

Three **Central High School** debaters will challenge a student team from Philadelphia in a moderated debate at the **National Constitution Center**. The debaters will make the case for community schools – the idea that schools should be the center of neighborhoods and open for extended hours.

The benefits of a partnership between a school district and a city will be highlighted in a session with Independence Mayor **Don Reimal** and Independence School Supt. **Jim Hinson**.

Over 1,000 persons are expected to attend the forum. Many of the plenary sessions will be streamed live at www.ustream.tv/communityschool.

The **Palestine Neighborhood Resource Center** will use a \$150,000 grant from the **City of Kansas City, Mo.** for building rehabilitation and expansion of services to area residents.

The city's **Housing Committee** awarded the Community Development Block Grant program funding to **Palestine Neighborhood Development Corp.** The center houses the **Palestine Caring Communities** initiative.

Third district Councilwomen **Sharon Sanders-Brooks** and **Melba Curls** were instrumental in securing the grant.

The grant will pay for green rehabilitation of the building, making it more energy efficient and lowering utility costs. In addition, the grant will allow the resource center to acquire a vacant property which will be converted into a community learning center.

Palestine programs such as **RISE UP**, which offers an after-school academic enrichment program for the 33 youth enrolled, will have room to grow. The new learning center will serve as the RISE UP drop-in center assisting students who have fallen behind academically from **Central High School** and other schools.

Adult literacy and workforce development will also be offered at the new center, which will house the **Full Employment Council's** Share Network Access Point (SNAP) along with literacy training for the ex-offender population in partnership with the **Missouri Department of Corrections-Office of Probation and Parole.**

LINC is partnering with the **Herndon Career Center** and **Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce** for one of the area's largest job fairs for high school seniors. The event is scheduled for April 9, 2010, at the **Business and Technology Center**, 1775 Universal Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

The purpose of the job fair is to help seniors find summer and full-time jobs and explore job and career options. Students will come to the event with resume in hand. More than 60 employers are expected to attend.

Participating districts are **Center, Independence, Grandview, Hickman Mills, Kansas City (Mo.), Lee's Summit** and **Raytown.** Students are planning the event.

Interested employers may contact LINC staff member **Brenda Mitchelson** at (816) 410-8402 or email jobfair@kclinc.org for further details.

City grant to improve Palestine facilities, services

LINC to sponsor job fair for high school seniors



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Nursing home staff get tips on MO HealthNet enrollment

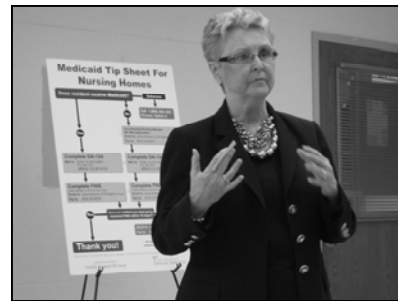
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Key staff from area nursing homes learned about helping residents enroll in MO HealthNet at a March 18 networking meeting organized by the **Missouri Department of Social Services-Family Support Division**.

MO HealthNet is the state's Medicaid health insurance program for low-income families and children. At the meeting FSD staff clarified the steps nursing homes should follow when they have residents who may be eligible for assistance.

About 90 people from 47 nursing homes attended the event at **Swope Ridge Geriatric Center**.



Marge Randle of the Family Support Division leads a discussion of the MO HealthNet vendor application process.

The **LINC Health & Aging Committee** provided support by developing a tip sheet and website where necessary forms can be downloaded by nursing home staff. **Margie Peltier** and **Cathy Davis** are the committee co-chairs. **Marge Randle** is the Family Support Division Kansas City regional administrator.

Free screenings at April 24 Independence health fair

The public is invited to an Independence Community Health Resource Fair on Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the **Salvation Army**, 14700 E. Truman Rd.

Healthy living tips will be offered along with free health screenings including blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol and vision. Families can get assistance completing applications for health-care coverage through Medicaid and MO HealthNet.

The health fair is sponsored by the **Independence Health Department** in conjunction with LINC and other community organizations.

For more information call (816) 252-3200.

K.C. Beehive helps file taxes for free

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This tax season, LINC empowered over 140 people to file their taxes for free using the **Kansas City Beehive**.

The **MyFreeTaxes.com** van travelled across the Kansas City area providing tax filing services. Tax expert **Clifton Roy** and LINC AmeriCorps Volunteer **Thomas Del Greco** answered questions and walked individuals through the process. Local partners **United Way of Greater Kansas City**, **KC C.A.S.H.** and LINC provided volunteers and locations.

The van visited many LINC sites including **Milton Moore**, **Pinkerton**, **Gladstone**, **Martin City** and **Cler-Mont** schools.

Attorneys General **Chris Koster** of Missouri and **Steve Six** of Kansas joined with the **Federal Trade Commission** and local community organizations to launch a major community campaign against foreclosure-rescue scams.

Partners raise alert on foreclosure rescue scams

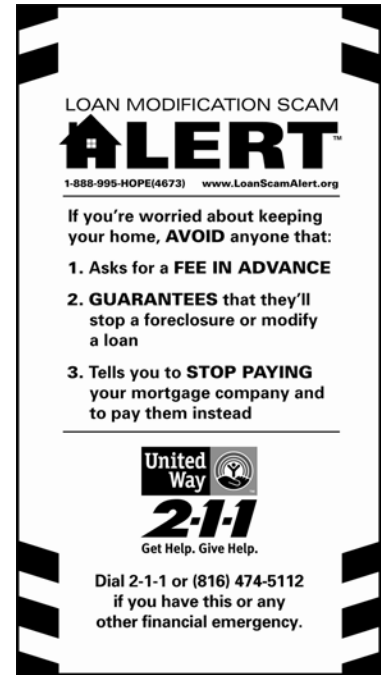
Both states are seeing significant increases in foreclosure rescue scams as the number and location of foreclosures grow beyond sub-prime mortgages in the wake of the economic downturn.

The campaign – consisting of print and online advertising – encourages consumers to contact the United Way 2-1-1 line which is operated 24/7 and can help homeowners facing financial distress.

Funding for the outreach campaign came through a contribution from a Kansas City area financial institution.

LINC was a lead partner in organizing the campaign along with **NeighborWorks America, Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, Mid-America Regional Council and United Way of Greater Kansas City.**

For more information, call (816) 410-8350.



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