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## Program Areas

The Institute has identified seven program (priority need) areas through which it organizes all activities and visions, allowing for the Institute to effectively identify and serve needs across the entire lifespan. For a detailed description of the program areas, click on read more after the list of projects.

### 1. Health & Wellness Promotion

Projects include:  
[Addressing Suicide Prevention](#)  
[Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Access to Health Care](#)  
[Kansas City Healthy Start](#)  
[Safety First: Kansas City Collaborative to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities](#)  
[StartRight Teen Mentors of Mothers \(MOMS\) Program](#)

For a detailed description of the program area and a brief introduction to each project...

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### 2. Early Childhood & Youth

Projects include:  
[Cross-Site Evaluation for the AIA Demonstration Program](#)  
[Early Childhood Comprehensive System Implementation Phase](#)  
[Jump Into Foods and Fitness](#)  
[Kansas City Summer Transportation Institute](#)  
[Kansas Quality Rating System](#)  
[Missouri Integrated Model](#)  
[Missouri Quality Rating System and School Readiness Study](#)  
[Team for Infants Endangered by Substance Abuse \(TIES\)](#)

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### 3. Individual Advocacy and Family Supports

Projects include:  
[AmeriCorps Community Support Navigators](#)  
[Head Start Strengthening Families and Fatherhood: Children of Fathers in the Criminal Justice System](#)  
[Kansas City Access Recreation](#)  
[MicroBoards](#)  
[Missouri Developmental Disability Resource Center](#)  
[Missouri Family to Family Health Information Center](#)  
[Missouri Partnership for Integrated Community Services](#)  
[OurSpace](#)  
[Sharing Our Strengths](#)  
[Vision con Esperanza 360° / Visions with Hope 360° Implementation](#)  
[Youth LEAD](#)

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### 4. Adult Community Living

Projects include:  
[Adult Continuing Education for Persons with Developmental Disabilities \(ACED\)](#)  
[People First of Missouri Technical Assistance](#)  
[Transformation Grant](#)

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Youth experience team building activities at a challenge course as part of the Kansas City Summer Transportation Institute.

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## 5. Aging and Developmental Disabilities

Project includes:

[Interdisciplinary Training Center on Aging and Developmental Disabilities \(ITC\)](#)

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## 6. Interdisciplinary Personnel Preparation

Projects include:

[College of Direct Support](#)

[Interdisciplinary Collaborations](#)

[Leadership Certificate in Disability Studies](#)

[Gateway Program: Service-Learning](#)

[TIPS for Kids \(LEND\)](#)

[Undergraduate Certificate in Disability Studies](#)

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## 7. Program, Organization, & Community Capacity Building

Projects include:

[Alianzas \(Alliances\)](#)

[AmeriCorps Disability Technical Assistance Grant](#)

[Money Follows the Person](#)

[Safe Family Coalition](#)

[Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life](#)

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