

Income

Community Goal: Increase the number of financially stable households by 15%.

Investment: \$1,820,000 distributed to 15 agencies.

Outcome 1: Low income households utilize a safety net of services that support their essential needs.

Investment: \$965,000 distributed to 8 strategies.

Number Served: 11,020 individuals

Results:

- 1,589,983 pounds of food distributed to 101 partner agencies
- 7,217 homeless or near homeless individuals accessed shelter or housing support services.

Outcome 2: Low income households utilize support services to stabilize and increase their income.

Investment: \$672,000 distributed to 7 strategies.

Number Served: 11,665 individuals

Results:

- 1,142 free tax returns filed, returning \$1.8 million to low income households
- 2,220 low income residents accessed basic legal representation and education
- 2,570 low income individuals increased their knowledge, reduced debt, maintained a savings account, and increased their credit score.
- 34,429 rides were provided to assist individuals in accessing community services, education, or employment services

Outcome 3: Low income individuals build work-related skills.

Investment: \$48,000 distributed to 1 strategy.

Number Served: 261 individuals

Results:

- 100 English Language Learners made progress in their assigned curriculum.
- 13 students received their citizenship with the assistance of citizenship preparation class and/or tutoring.

Outcome 4: Low income households in the workforce utilize support services to close the gap between their earnings and basic living necessities.

Investment: \$135,000 distributed to 2 strategies.

Results:

- 91 individuals with barriers to employment obtained employment with the support of job preparation and placement services.
- 90 individuals maintained employment for 90 days or longer.

Next Steps

- Continue to build capacity for “Kirkwood Pathways for Academic Career Education and Employment” (KPACE) Project.
 - Step 1- Conduct the “Pipeline to Education and Training” Study.
 - Step 2- Develop career lattices for the Advanced Manufacturing sector.
- Launch KPACE pilot in the fall of 2011.