

# **umkc Institute for Human Development**



Located within the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the Institute for Human Development (UMKC IHD) is an applied research and training center for human services and has been in existence for over 30 years. It exemplifies the University's goal of a campus without borders by helping people, agencies and the community reach their fullest potential. The UMKC IHD and its approximately 50 faculty and staff work with a variety of university and community constituents to build the capacity of their programs and organizations. UMKC IHD conducts work in four core areas that include:

- **APPLIED RESEARCH** that develops, implements and evaluates new ideas and promising practices that support healthy, inclusive communities.
- **INTERDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITY TRAINING** that infuses best practices into the curriculum of graduate and undergraduate students in a wide range of professional disciplines, including psychology, social work, nursing, medicine, dentistry and education.
- **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS** that assist individuals, community organizations and state agencies to build the capacity of their programs through needs assessment, community training, technical assistance, resource development and program evaluation.
- **INFORMATION DISSEMINATION** that provides a vital link between the institute, the university and the community. This activity includes dissemination of products and the establishment of information resource centers.

UMKC IHD serves as the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities for the state of Missouri.