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Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties

TURNOUT SPARKED BY VOLUNTARY ANTI-RACISM TRAINING

Council Backs Groundbreaking Partnerships



The June meeting of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties Coordinating Council turned out to be a marathon - over five hours of council discussion, including public comment. In the end, two nationally recognized Learning Community partnerships earned strong council support to continue their work to close the opportunity gap.

"The status quo is no more. We must take the time to become more aware of the issues, educate ourselves with truths, and activate by taking strategic action steps."

Dr. Bradley Ekwerekwu
Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties



Closing the Opportunity Gap

Buffett Early Childhood Institute

A series of anti-racism webinars, requested by teachers, led to a spirited dialogue when some connected the voluntary training to critical race theory. Professional development training is part of the Superintendents' Early Childhood Plan.

Sam Meisels, founding executive director of the Buffett Early Childhood Institute, assured council members that PD for All shares practical methods for educating young children.



BECI Frequently Asked Questions

Meisels also expressed gratitude for the many public comments which showed deep concerns for children and their educational experiences. BECI has guided the Superintendent's Early Childhood Plan since 2015. It is a comprehensive initiative focused on early learning from birth to grade three.

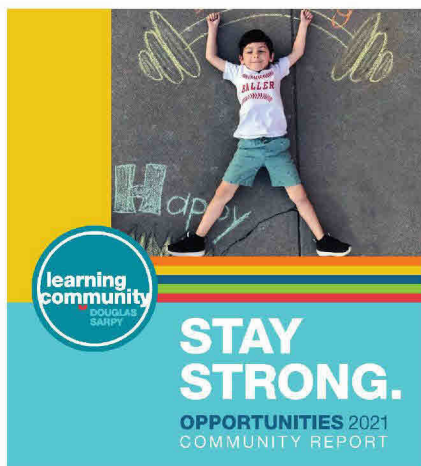
OneWorld Community Health Centers

The partnership with OneWorld Community Health Centers goes back to the 2012 opening of the Learning Community Center of South Omaha.

Since then, children and families have consistently demonstrated strong outcomes.

The collaborative relationship with OneWorld led to the Learning Community two-generation model, a blend of educational and economic opportunities for children and families. The Learning Community is a member of Ascend at the Aspen Institute, a national hub for breakthrough ideas to move children and families forward together.





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IMPORTANT DATES

COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, Aug. 5, 6 p.m.

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