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REACH FOUNDATION AWARDS \$1.2 MILLION FOR CLINICAL SERVICES AND CARE COORDINATION

MERRIAM, KANSAS – The REACH Healthcare Foundation announced 2014 program grants totaling \$1,249,859 to 15 organizations to support health services for uninsured and medically underserved people in the Foundation’s service area. Funded programs include school-based mental health services in two schools in Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas; use of technology to provide mental health counseling; and grants to support care coordination to help individuals navigate health care systems and access needed services.

“One of the foundation’s priorities in this grant cycle was supporting new health care access points either by expanding locations, staff or service hours, or by using tele-health technologies to help people obtain the health services they need,” said William Moore, Vice President of Program, Policy & Evaluation. “Other programs focused on funding direct services, care coordinators and health navigators as ways to eliminate barriers that block access to health care. The organizations selected for funding brought forward the most innovative approaches to reducing those barriers.”

Moore said the proposals received were some of the most strategic since the Foundation’s inception a decade ago, indicating significant advancement in the knowledge and capacity of the region’s safety net health providers.

<u>Grant Recipient</u>	<u>Funding Area</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cass County Health Foundation	Oral Health	\$96,966
The Children’s Place	Mental Health	99,590
DeLaSalle Education Center	Mental Health	78,251
El Centro, Inc.	Safety Net Services	38,500
Jewish Vocational Services	Safety Net Services	38,500
Kansas City CARE Clinic	Safety Net Services	100,000
KidsTLC	Mental Health	100,000
KU Center for Telemedicine & Telehealth	Mental Health	100,000
Mattie Rhodes Center	Mental Health	99,766
Niles Home for Children	Mental Health	100,000
PACES	Mental Health	100,000
reStart Inc.	Safety Net Services	38,500
Swope Health Services	Mental Health	100,000
Synergy Services, Inc.	Safety Net Services	89,520
KU School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine	Safety Net Services	70,266
Total Grants Awarded		<u>\$1,249,859</u>

Organizations interested in applying for a grant to the REACH Foundation can find information and eligibility criteria on the web site at www.reachhealth.org/grants/.

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