



YOUTH INITIATIVES





SUPPORTING THE YOUTH

Focusing on the Now

Knoxville's Community Development Corporation (KCDC) provides safe and stable housing for **more than 3,700 children** in Knox County (KCDC housing and voucher housing). Recognizing that a safe home is a critical factor in student success, KCDC has established partnerships with local out-of-school programs to enhance support for youth development and academic achievement.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Embracing the concept of place-based transformation, KCDC and the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) Head Start program have partnered to co-locate Head Start (3-5) and Early Head Centers (birth-2) on PHA family sites.

Current Facilities

- North Ridge Crossing (2000)
- Western Heights (2022)



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

KCDC partners with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley to offer after-school K-5 programming at four on-site learning centers located at resident communities.

Current Facilities

- North Ridge Crossing
- Western Heights
- Montgomery Village
- Five Points



ADDITIONAL YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Two partners, the Baptist Association and the Emerald Youth Foundation, offer K-5 and teen programming adjacent to three KCDC resident communities and serve youth from each of the sites.

Current Facilities

- Western Heights
- Montgomery Village
- Lonsdale Homes

Youth Living in KCDC Housing By the Numbers

630

youth are 5 or under

1,950

youth are under 18



HELPING THE NEXT GENERATION

Youth Development Needs

New Facilities Planned

KCDC is committed to its partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley. Within the coming years plans are to expand current facilities to meet the need of a growing youth population.

Facilities Planned for 2026

- Five Points
- Western Heights

Facilities Planned by 2030

- North Ridge Crossing
- Montgomery Village

Early Learning Key

Two joint facilities **to open ideally before August 2027** that will address community health and education needs, serving as a teaching and research center to expand evidence-based, high-quality, affordable child care and early learning for inner-city Knoxville while also serving health care needs.



Children Served

- Over 75 youth per location daily
- Kindergarten, Preschool, Toddler, Infant



Locations Planned

- First Creek at Austin
- Montgomery Village

Youth Development a Focus

A partnership to combine Fostering Youth to Independence (FYI) housing vouchers with two- and four-year college scholarships to create pathways for foster youth to confidently pursue higher education. KCDC is currently working with developers and educational institutions to embrace the idea.

What's Needed

\$7 Million

per Boys & Girls Club expansion for capital needs

\$5 Million

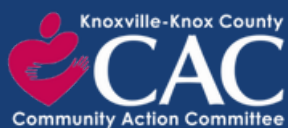
per Early Childhood Learning Center building for capital needs





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