

These organizations have helped shape the RWL initiative, ensuring its relevance for individuals, organizations, and communities across our region. They continue to work alongside us and many others to promote and expand the movement, so that all students can access RWL experiences.

Education intermediaries are collaborators focused specifically on providing services to districts, parents, and students. Many of them have specialized expertise, capacity, and flexibility to offer programming that meets a variety of needs.

EDUCATION INTERMEDIARIES

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COMMUNITY COLLABORATORS

- [AlignED](#)
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USING THIS DOCUMENT

Mission & Audience | A brief description of what they do and who they serve. More information can be found on their websites.

Key Contacts | These names have been provided by the intermediaries as the person(s) to contact about partnering with your district.

Menu of RWL Support | These align with the RWL Employer Engagement Menu. Each intermediary has identified the specific areas where they can provide support to school districts.

Workplace Tours	Hosted Classrooms	Internships
Career Presentations	Curriculum Support	Apprenticeships
Informational Interviews	Industry Taskforce	Client-Connected Projects (CCPs)
Job Shadows	Guest Instruction	
Educator Externships	Project Review	
Professional Development	Career Mentoring	

EDUCATION INTERMEDIARIES



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MISSION

The mission of KC Scholars is to increase postsecondary education attainment in the greater Kansas City area.

KC Scholars provides the opportunity for college for those who likely would not have otherwise attended or completed.

Who they serve: All public, charter, and private schools and home-schooled

Low- and modest-income high school students

Service area: Wyandotte and Johnson counties in KS, and Cass, Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties in MO.

RWL SUPPORT

- Career Presentations ✓
- Informational Interviews ✓
- Job Shadows ✓
- Educator Externships ✓
- Professional Development ✓
- Internships ✓
- Career Mentoring ✓



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MISSION

KCSIC is mission-driven to create social impact and economic opportunity for young people through real-world experience fueled by youth voice.

Who They Serve:
All Districts

Service area:
Kansas and Missouri

RWL SUPPORT

- Career Presentations ✓
- CCPs ✓
- Internships ✓
- Career Mentoring ✓
- Professional Development ✓

EDUCATION INTERMEDIARIES



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MISSION

The KC STEM Alliance is a collaborative network of educators, business partners, and affiliates that inspires interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math careers to generate a robust force of related professionals for our community.

Who they serve: All Districts

Service area: Kansas and Missouri

RWL SUPPORT

- Career Presentations ✓
- CCPs ✓
- Educator Externships ✓
- Professional Development ✓
- Curriculum Support ✓
- Project Review ✓
- Industry Taskforce ✓



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MISSION

The Learning Collaborative is a community of educators, museums and library professionals working to ensure that all young people grow up with the sense of self, purpose, connection, and agency they need to succeed.

We bring museums and schools together to co-create the kind of learning experiences that will help young people engage with the past and present of their communities, so they can develop and thrive as citizens and participants in their community.

Who they serve: All Districts

Service area: Kansas and Missouri

RWL SUPPORT

- Career Presentations ✓
- CCPs ✓
- Educator Externships ✓
- Professional Development ✓
- Curriculum Support ✓
- Industry Taskforce ✓

EDUCATION INTERMEDIARIES



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MISSION

PREP-KC focuses on helping students attending the bistate Kansas City region's urban school districts succeed in college and the workplace.

Who: Six urban school districts: Center, Grandview, Hickman Mills, Independence, Kansas City Public Schools (MO), and Kansas City Kansas Public Schools (KS).

Charter Schools: Allen Village, Crossroads, Guadalupe Centers, and Hogan Prep Charter Schools.

Service Area: All Districts can use PREP-KC's Connector online platform to connect with industry professionals.

RWL SUPPORT

- Workplace Tours ✓
- Career Presentations ✓
- Informational Interviews ✓
- CCPs ✓
- Educator Externships ✓
- Professional Development ✓
- Internships ✓
- Hosted Classrooms ✓
- Curriculum Support ✓
- Project Review ✓
- Career Mentoring ✓



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MISSION

Northland CAPS is the premier provider of professional, innovative educational experiences for students in the Northland region of Kansas City. With classes housed in several business locations throughout Clay and Platte counties, high school juniors and seniors are provided a fully immersive educational experience in high-demand and high-skill careers.

Who they serve: Network of 11 districts in the Northland

Service area: Missouri

RWL SUPPORT

- Workplace Tours ✓
- Career Presentations ✓
- Job Shadows ✓
- CCPs ✓
- Educator Externships ✓
- Professional Development ✓
- Internships ✓
- Hosted Classrooms ✓

EDUCATION INTERMEDIARIES



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MISSION

Startland's mission is to build an inclusive culture of innovation in Kansas City by raising, showcasing, and empowering more starters — creators, leaders, problem solvers, innovators.

Who they serve: All Districts

Service area: Kansas and Missouri

RWL SUPPORT

- CCPs ✓
- Educator Externships ✓
- Professional Development ✓
- Internships ✓
- Curriculum Support ✓
- Project Review ✓



Young Entrepreneur Program KC (YEPKC)

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MISSION

YEPKC partners with local high-growth companies in the Kansas City metro to offer students opportunities to learn from professionals in a variety of fields, including engineering, marketing, product management, sales, finance, and analytics.

Who they serve: Students in Kansas City, MO

Service area: Kansas and Missouri

RWL SUPPORT

- Workplace Tours ✓
- Career Presentations ✓
- CCPs ✓
- Internships ✓
- Curriculum Support ✓
- Project Review ✓

COMMUNITY INTERMEDIARIES

	<p>Setting priorities for regional workforce development</p>	<p>wearealigned.org</p>
	<p>MVA Guidance Conduit to Employers</p>	<p>thinkkc.com</p>
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	<p>Setting priorities for regional workforce development Conduit to Employers</p>	
	<p>Conduit to Employers</p>	<p>kccommongood.org</p>
	<p>Conduit to Employers Client-Connected Projects</p>	<p>kcglobaldesign.org</p>
	<p>MVA Guidance Conduit to Employers</p>	<p>kcrising.org</p>
	<p>Setting priorities for regional workforce development Data guidance</p>	<p>marc.org</p>