

## **Growing Up Healthy: Kids and Communities Partnership Agreement**

**September 1, 2011 – October 1, 2012**

This Partnership Agreement is entered into on this day, May, 2011, among and between the core partners collaborating on the planning phase of the Growing Up Healthy: Kids and Communities initiative funded through the Blue Cross and Blue Shield foundation.

Growing Up Healthy is a four-year initiative that will address key social, economic and environmental factors that affect children's health. The purpose of this initiative is to improve policies and community conditions that impact the lives of children from birth through the age of five in three adjoining Duluth neighborhoods (Lincoln Park, Central Hillside, East Hillside) characterized by a high level of poverty, deteriorating housing stock, family instability, community safety concerns, limited early childhood learning opportunities, and other negative determinants of health and well-being. This Partnership Agreement commits the partners to work together across sectors to develop a multi-year plan that will improve policies and community conditions and lead to longer, healthier lives.

Partners to this agreement include: Churches United in Ministry; Center City Housing Corporation; Neighborhood Communities Land Trust; St. Luke's Hospital Pediatrics; ISD #709 Early Childhood Education, Office of Education Equity, Office of Homeless Student Services; St. Louis County Public Health & Human Services; Human Development Center; Local Initiative Support Coalition; and Northland Foundation. It is understood that the partnership will be expanded as other community stakeholders are identified and their participation secured.

Partners are committing themselves to having an appropriate representative actively engaged in shaping and carrying out this initiative, provide regular project updates to its governing body, provide data and research information germane to the planning process, utilize its networks and relationships to advance project goals, and to provide other activities and supports as agreed upon among the partners.

This Partnership Agreement shall continue through the planning phase of the Growing Up Healthy initiative and will be renewed at such time as a three-year implementation grant is awarded.

Duluth Public Schools, ISD #709

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Name of Organization



Keith M. Dixon, Superintendent of Schools

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Name and Title of Signer

Date