

Draft Scopes of Work
in support of
Municipal Learning Centers Initiative
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Municipal Learning Centers (MLCs) are municipality led initiatives supporting expanded learning opportunities for children from birth through age eighteen, including early learning, tutoring, arts programming, and social and emotional development. The first years of this initiative will focus on supplementing efforts in schools to address learning loss due to COVID with an emphasis on out of school time, school breaks and summer programming. MLCs will also host annual events and report on learning opportunities and achievement within the community.

*Below outlines the support needed to **launch this initiative during year one**, divided into two distinct tracks:*

Track 1: Municipal Learning Centers (MLCs) – Statewide

- Planning, program development and implementation of municipal learning centers across Rhode Island (*focused on municipalities excluding qualified census tract communities identified in the American Rescue Plan Act*), including:
 - Outreach to thirty-three (33) municipalities on the creation of an MLC.
 - Identification of at **least 5 municipalities** (one per county) interested in the establishment of an MLC;
 - Engagement with municipal leaders on the execution of an education declaration memorializing the joint commitment of local leaders in support of expanded learning opportunities and creation of a municipal learning center.
 - Technical assistance to municipal leaders in implementation of a local need's assessment of programs desired to address learning loss due to Covid-19 along with identification of space and financial resources needed to launch and sustain an MLC.
 - Execution of official launch and initial program offering by December 31, 2022.
 - Coordination with the Covid-19 Relief Office on financial awards to municipalities, including development of Memorandums of Agreement, tracking of awards acceptance and financial reporting.
 - Development of outreach collateral, needs assessment, and MLC tool kit for launch and ongoing engagement including annual local education data presentations for community members families.

Track 2: Municipal Learning Centers (MLCs) – Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs)

- Planning, program development and implementation of municipal learning centers in six (6) QCTs identified in the American Rescue Plan Act, including sections of Providence, Central Falls, Cranston, Newport, Pawtucket, and Woonsocket.
 - Outreach to each municipality on the creation of an MLC
 - Engagement with municipal leaders on the execution of an education declaration memorializing the joint commitment of local leaders in support of expanded learning opportunities and creation of a municipal learning center.

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- ***Providence Specific Focus:***
 - Identification of several, possibly five, neighborhood-based MLCs.
 - Outreach to higher-education institutions for potential partnerships including use of space, programming, and educator supports.
 - Needs assessment aligned to the Providence Turn Around Plan in support of accelerating learning and addressing learning loss due to Covid-19.