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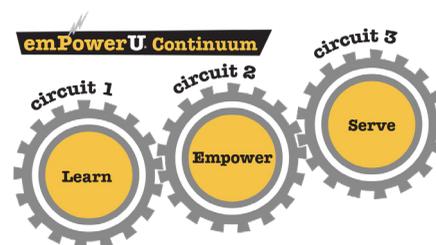
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## 2019-2020 Program Report

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Mosaic Life Care Foundation provides emPowerU programs that support our mission to champion education and empower people to build healthy and thriving communities.

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# Letter from Julie Gaddie, PhD

Mosaic Life Care Foundation President

Dear Educators,

It is with sincere appreciation that I share the enclosed information. Our emPowerU Programming team works diligently to create an atmosphere that will assist your students in preparing for their existential surroundings. Our organization believes in championing education and empowering people to live their best lives.



As you review this report, please take note of the high satisfaction rates shared by teachers and counselors. Together, we are building on Mosaic Life Care Foundation's commitment to design the communities our children will want to call home for generations to come. With you, we continue being a positive catalyst.

We thank each of you for your role in creating a healthier tomorrow. As we continue to experience these current tumultuous times, we know the determination and dedication it will take for all of us to adapt to necessary changes. We also know and appreciate the need to continue bringing learning to life in an environment that supports collaboration and possibility thinking.

With warmest regards,

Julie Gaddie, PhD  
President



## Our Mission

Mosaic Life Care Foundation is a think ahead organization focused on building healthy and thriving communities through educational empowerment.

## 2019-2020 Immersion Topics

- Cyberbullying
- Digital Footprint
- Energy Drinks
- Food Deserts
- Pollution
- Vacant/Abandoned Buildings
- Vaping

“The facility is amazing, a true gem! But more importantly, the work these kids did and the fact that they see themselves in a position to positively impact others is the *‘jewel.’*”

-St. Paul Lutheran  
Educator

# Civic Engagement Immersions

emPowerU is a place and a program. emPowerU is a technology-rich facility designed to maximize creativity and encourage collaboration among our youth. It is a place where youth learn how to address challenges in their schools and communities. Every voice is heard and all ideas are valued at emPowerU. Since 2007, more than 24,000 students have experienced the impact of our challenge-based immersions.

emPowerU offers three unique circuits that build on each other. Circuit One and Two are facilitator-led at emPowerU. Circuit Three is a self-propelled community project.



## Circuit One

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Student-led, problem-based learning experience. Our professionally trained facilitators present students with challenges and guide them through discussions, discovery and consensus building. Student groups then present their findings to their peers and the emPowerU Council.

## Circuit Two

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emPowerU transforms into a new region of diverse communities. Students become citizens of these communities and serve in specific roles such as mayors, commissioners and researchers. Each community has the task of discovering its biggest need and presenting that need to the student-led hearing. Communities then collaborate to discover ways to improve the region.



## Circuit Three

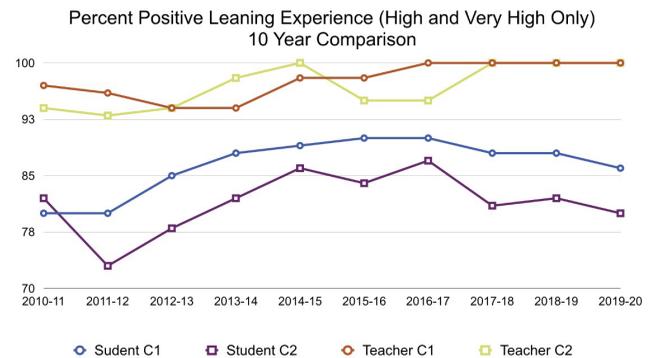
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# 2019-2020 Teacher Evaluations

## Percent Positive Learning Experience

Teachers and students find our Civic Engagement Immersions valuable. Students enjoy solving real-world problems through teamwork and critical thinking. For the past three years, **100 percent** of teachers have rated the program highly with regards to its relation to the Four Cs of 21st Century Skills: Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking and Communication.



## Circuit One: Learn

### Collaboration

- Students worked to develop ideas and create products with involvement from all team members: 94 percent
- Tasks done separately were brought to the team for critique and revision: 98 percent
- Teams made plans about how the team would work together: 94 percent

### Creativity

- Students encouraged to think outside-the-box for possible solutions: 94 percent
- Students used imagination when shaping ideas into a solution: 88 percent
- Students considered needs and interests of their audience: 90 percent

### Critical Thinking

- Students evaluated effectiveness and possible outcomes of multiple solutions: 90 percent
- Students could explain new understanding gained in the project: 94 percent
- Students asked follow-up questions to deepen their understanding of topic: 90 percent

### Communication

- Students shared contrasting ideas/opinions in a respectful manner: 90 percent
- Students listened to ideas presented by team members and asked clarifying questions: 88 percent
- Teams led effective discussions, all ideas were heard and valued: 94 percent

# Circuit Two: Empower

## Collaboration

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- Students worked to develop ideas and create products with involvement from all team members: 97 percent
- Tasks done separately were brought to the team for critique and revision: 94 percent
- Teams made plans about how the team would work together: 84 percent

## Creativity

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- Students encouraged to think outside-the-box for possible solutions: 94 percent
- Students used imagination when shaping ideas into a solution: 97 percent
- Students considered needs and interests of their audience: 84 percent

## Critical Thinking

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- Students evaluated effectiveness and possible outcomes of multiple solutions: 84 percent
- Students could explain new understanding gained in the project: 75 percent
- Students asked follow-up questions to deepen their understanding of topic: 90 percent

## Communication

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- Students shared contrasting ideas/opinions in a respectful manner: 88 percent
- Students listened to ideas presented by team members and asked clarifying questions: 81 percent
- Teams led effective discussions, all ideas were heard and valued: 91 percent



## Circuit Three: **Serve**

Students have the option to do a community service project where they examine their own community and come to consensus on an issue they would like to address. Students identify obstacles and brainstorm solutions. Once a plan is in place, students may apply for a competitive Jump Starter grant to help fund their project.



Competitive Jump Starter grants up to \$10,000 are available to emPowerU participants for student-led service-learning projects in northwest Missouri and surrounding counties in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa.

When seventh graders Ivan and Ella were enrolled at Bessie Ellison Elementary, they participated in emPowerU Civic Immersion programming. Ivan and Ella applied for the grant to assist their Hygiene Backpacks for the Homeless Project. Their project was

awarded \$3,500 and was used toward the purchase of hygiene products and backpacks that were donated to St. Joseph's Haven for distribution. Because of Ivan and Ella's can-do spirit, some of St. Joseph's homeless population is better equipped to care for themselves during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2007, youth have completed Jump Starter grant supported projects including: establishing a second-hand clothing and furniture store in a rural community, assembling backpacks with personal hygiene items and blankets for distribution to the homeless, informing the public about environmental concerns and beautification projects for their schools or communities.

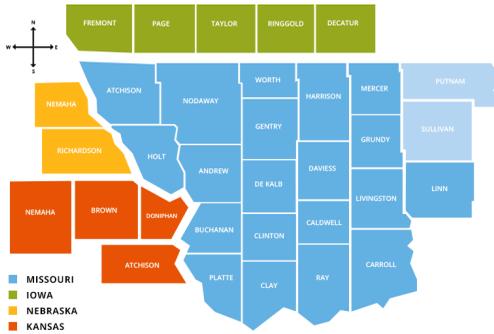
To learn more, please visit:

<https://www.mlcfoundation.com/what-we-do/grants/jump-starters/>



**“I enjoy watching the students learn in a different environment outside-the-box.”**

# Service Region



# 2020-2021 Immersion Topics

Abandoned Buildings  
Cyberbullying  
Digital Footprint  
Energy Drinks  
Food Deserts  
Pandemic Responsibility\*  
Environmental Protection\*  
Vaping

*\*New immersion topics*

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