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**WHITEMAN AREA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AWARDED MISSOURI MILITARY COMMUNITIES GRANT**

(Whiteman AFB, MO) The Whiteman Area Leadership Council (WALC) was awarded \$33,500 through the Military Community Reinvestment Grant Program (MCRG). WALC is a 501c3 non-profit organization which was formed to bring regional communities, citizens, governments, organizations, state and federal offices and agencies together with Whiteman Air Force Base (WAFB) as strategic partners to make the region an even better place to live, work, learn and play, while enhancing the quality of life for airmen and their families at WAFB.

Five needs have registered as key considerations for Air Force personnel and their families across the U.S. These are: Housing, childcare, license portability, health care and education. This grant award will be focused on a Child Care Assessment and Action Plan for a 30-mile radius of WAFB, to include but not limited to the communities of Knob Noster, Sedalia and Warrensburg. With this information, WALC, stakeholders and communities will have a better of understanding of the regional child care landscape and ways in which to enhance it.

“WALC is grateful to receive this important financial assistance from the Missouri Department of Economic Development. With this grant, we can be proactive in identifying childcare needs and confirming areas to be strengthened. We thank the Missouri Military Preparedness & Enhancement Commission (MMPEC) and the Office of the Missouri Military Advocate for supporting this grant and local organization,” said Greg Frencken, President of the Whiteman Area Leadership Council.

WALC, a 501c3 non-profit organization, was chartered in 2004 and is a coalition of elected officials from local communities, counties, and economic development entities as well as business and civic leaders from the entire region surrounding Whiteman Air Force Base. Visit [www.supportwhiteman.com](http://www.supportwhiteman.com) or call 660-747-0244 for more information.

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