

PROJECT ABSTRACT

KIPP, Inc. – Project LEADS: (*Lifelong Education Achieves Determination and Success*)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CFDA Number: 84.215H

Program Type: Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Also known as: Skills for Success

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Project Title: *Lifelong Education Achieves Determination and Success (LEADS)*

KIPP, Inc. (KIPP Houston Public Schools), having significantly impacted education in the Houston area, will implement **Skills for Success initiative** to validate and expand a successful non-cognitive middle school program with teacher, student, and parent training components. Currently serving 12,500 students (PreK-12) in one of the highest need, fastest growing urban areas, KIPP Houston continues to expand, grow and succeed. *Project LEADS is* designed to expand and share these efforts to prepare our most underserved children in the systematic development of non-cognitive skills. *LEADS* will build on the highly successful KIPP model to (1) refine, test and publish a sustainable, replicable non-cognitive skills toolkit for use by teachers, students and parents, (2) expand the use of these tools to produce well-prepared, resilient students and provide teacher, schools and parents with the ability to consistently develop and, (3) build local, regional, and national capacity to sustain and replicate the practices through high level research that meets What Works Clearinghouse evidence standards. A quasi-experimental single case design will be used in the investigation comparing non-cognitive and individual student growth (academic achievement) with matched schools (Treatment N=2900).