

# Imai Keller Moore Architects Institutional Master Planning

## Dynamis Advisors

### Growing In Place

Imai Keller Moore and Dynamis Advisors have developed a program that provides neglected neighborhoods a strategy for economic sustainability by furnishing the components necessary to create a healthy community: nutrition, wellness, education and job training, health care commercial and retail incubation, housing, day care and open spaces.

- *Education and job training:* Provided through the establishment of various training programs and schools, such as charter high schools. A specific strategy utilizes unused hospital space for a tiered, competency based nursing education program, which allows participants to enter/leave as their competency aligns with job opportunities. Students can participate in computer-based educational courses with a high student to teacher ratio, as well as gaining hands-on experience in a hospital setting

- *Collateral Development:* The plans also seek additional neighborhood development. This 'collateral development' will take the form of new residential, day care, entertainment, and incubator retail spaces (often geared towards facilitating the job application process).

The goal of this program is to allow these communities to "grow in place". By supplying the community with job training and the means to find employment, increasing the neighborhood's rate of retention for trained professionals and, IKM and Dynamis seek to create a town with a stable, sustainable population out of one small change. The IKM/ Dynamis program is being implemented in cities across the U.S., including New Orleans, Detroit, and Takoma Park, MD.



- *Health Care:* Provided through the continuation of primary and urgent care services and referrals.
- *Nutrition:* Reinforced through development of grocery stores and urban food production.
- *Wellness:* Aided through the development of fitness centers and walk able neighborhoods.

