# A Guide to the EVANSVILLE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD

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### **OUR STORY**

Evansville Promise Neighborhood is a community-based initiative housed at the University of Evansville's Center for Innovation & Change. This collaborative project – brought to life through the coordinated work of 23 partners – brings together families, organizations, and schools to co-design solutions and pathways to success. Located in an area of Evansville with the most potential for positive transformation, EPN focuses on building strong partnerships that unlock resources and empower residents to lead the change they envision for their community.

In March 2023, the University of Evansville, as the lead applicant, was awarded a \$30 million grant. This achievement followed focused efforts on the 2022 application, including a detailed analysis of neighborhood boundaries and focus schools in collaboration with program evaluation experts from Diehl Consulting Group. Using a data-sharing agreement with EVSC, over 2,500 EVSC data points were analyzed, leveraging both school and neighborhood population data to guide the selection of census tracts and schools within the designated area.

Community engagement was central throughout the process, incorporating design thinking sessions, neighborhood surveys, voice sessions, and stakeholder input. The core team assessed and prioritized solutions based on community needs, culminating in a solution development session in June 2022. Representatives from major partners ensured the application was comprehensive, data-driven, and reflective of the priorities of the neighborhood and school communities.

#### PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD RESULTS

In Promise Neighborhood grants, "results" refer to measurable outcomes in key areas like academic achievement, family and community support, school and neighborhood safety, and access to healthy foods. The results are tracked to demonstrate sustained impact, with a focus on creating lasting systems and partnerships that continue to benefit the community beyond the grant period.

# GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE RESULTS ACT (GPRA)

GPRA indicators are key metrics that tie directly to the "results" Evansville Promise Neighborhood aims to achieve, serving as the primary way to measure progress. These indicators track data around academic proficiency, graduation rates, family support of learning, healthy eating, and community safety among others. Evansville Promise Neighborhood will use GPRA indicators to evaluate progress toward its goals and ensure accountability, demonstrating that the initiative is effectively improving the quality of life and educational outcomes in the community.



#### Results & Indicators by Pipeline Workgroup

#### Pipeline One

Early Health and Education

#### **Pipeline Two**

Student Achievement and Success

#### **Pipeline Three**

Postsecondary Access and Workforce Readiness

#### **Pipeline Four**

Neighborhood and Community Revitalization

#### **Desired Results**

#### Result 2

#### Result 3

Students successfully transition from middle school grades to high school

#### Result 4

Youth graduate High School

#### Result 5

High School graduates obtain a postsecondary degree, certification, or credential

#### Result 6

Students are healthy

#### Result 7

Students feel safe at school and in their community

#### Result 8

Students live in stable communities

#### Result 9

Families and community members support learning in Promise Neighborhood schools

#### Result 10

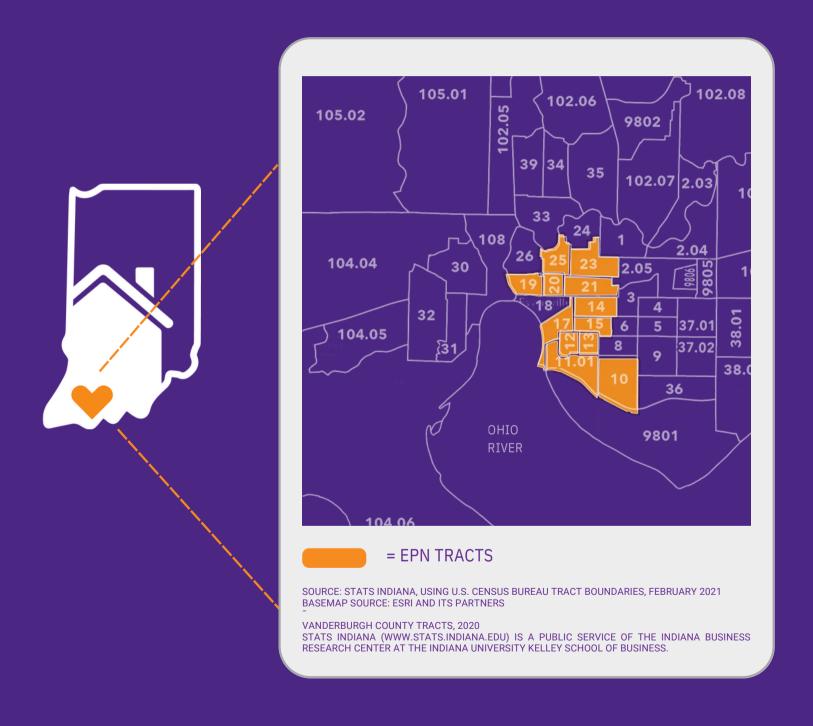
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#### **GPRA Indicators**

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- 7.1 #/% of students (grades 6 12) who believe the school is a safe place for students and report being safe while traveling to and from school.
- 8.1 Student mobility rates from focus EPN schools.
- 9.1 #/% of parents or family members that read to or encourage their children to read three or more times a week or reported their child read to themselves three or more times a week (birth - 8th grade).
- 9.2 #/% of parents/family members who report talking about the importance of college and career (9th - 12th grade).
- 10.1 #/% of students who have access to broadband internet and a connected computing device.

#### **Pipeline**

#### **EVANSVILLE MAP WITH EPN CENSUS TRACTS**



## MAP OF EPN CENSUS TRACTS WITH FOCUS SCHOOLS AND PRIMARY COMMUNITY HUBS



# PIPELINE ONE

**EARLY HEALTH AND KINDERGARTEN READINESS** 



#### **Early Health and Kindergarten Readiness**

By providing early health services and supporting programs that prepare children for kindergarten, this workgroup equips young learners with essential skills. The goal is to ensure every child begins their educational journey with a strong foundation.

#### **Desired Results**

#### Result 1

Children enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school

#### Result 9

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Promise Neighborhood schools

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#### **Pipeline**

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#### **Programs and Services**



Pre to 3 Home

**Visiting Program** 

Building





High Quality Early Childhood Education Enrollment Assistance



Ronald McDonald Care Mobile and Archways to Healthy Families Classes

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

T EVANSVILLE
VANDERBURGH
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Storytime To Go

**EVANSVILLE** 

VANDERBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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PUBLIC LIBRARY
New Baby Literacy Kits

Education Enrollment



Evarsville Vanderburgh School Corporation

Early Education Case Managers





**Dolly Parton's** 

#### **High Quality Home Visiting Program**

Pre to 3\*

\*Available to all families in EPN



Pre to 3 is a home visiting program for expectant and new parents with children from birth to age three to support early learning, health, and improve maternal/child outcomes. Pre to 3 applies a strength-based approach to growing nurturing parent-child relationships while supporting healthy childhood development through the Growing Great Kids (GGK) curriculum.

**Serving:** Children age 0-3, caregivers, and families

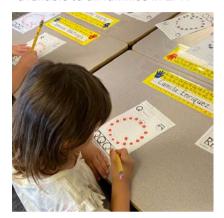




#### **High-Quality Early Childhood Education**

K-Camp, Early Learning Provider Training Program, High Quality Early Childhood Enrollment Assistance\*

\*available to all families in EPN



**K-Camp**: A four-week program for incoming kindergartners who never attended preschool or need more time in a preschool setting. The program helps children adjust to a formal classroom, practice following directions and rules, and strengthen literacy skills.

**Serving:** Open to all incoming EVSC kindergarteners, and priority is given to EPN and surrounding schools

#### **Early Learning Provider Training Program (ELPTP):**

This program addresses gaps in high-quality early childhood providers by incorporating the Teaching Strategies evidence based early learning curriculum and assessment tools.

Serving: Children ages 3-6 and their caregivers





High Quality Early Childhood Education Enrollment Assistance: Building Blocks staff will coordinate access and enrollment of EPN families to various early learning providers and will work with EVSC Early Education Case Managers on the transition to EPN preschool or kindergarten classrooms.

**Serving:** Children ages 4-6 and their caregivers









#### Free Early Literacy Resources for Families

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library\*, 1000 Books before Kindergarten\*, Storytime To Go\*, New Baby Literacy Kits\*

\*available to all families in EPN



**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:** The program mails a specially-selected, age-appropriate book directly to the homes of enrolled children, aged 0-5, at no charge to parents or guardians.

Serving: Children age 0-5 and their caregivers

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten:** Literacy resources for EPN families with children ages 0-5. Kits will include tips for caregivers and age-appropriate book lists.

Serving: Children birth-K and their caregivers





**Storytime To Go:** Storytime kits, with resources including songs, rhymes, and manipulatives will be provided to EPN families with children ages 0-5. Kit information will also include video links and guidance demonstrating research-based practices to help caregivers support early literacy skills.

**Serving:** Children birth-K and their caregivers

**Baby Explorer Bundles:** Combining 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten with Storytime To Go kit, these will be distributed through local partnerships to EPN families with newborns.

Serving: Children birth-K and their caregivers









# Case Management, Referral, and Support to Families

High Quality Early Childhood Education Enrollment Assistance and Early Education Case Managers



Early Education Case Managers coordinate access and enrollment of families into EPN preschool or kindergarten classrooms. They work with families to overcome barriers impacting student success primarily in preschool and kindergarten. They link families to resources and work directly with students to support socialemotional learning and adjustment.

**Serving:** PK-K students at Delaware, Evans, Glenwood, Lincoln, and Lodge, and their caregivers





### Prenatal and Early Childhood Medical Care

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile\*, Archways to Healthy Families Classes\*

\*Available to all families in FPN



The Care Mobile will provide care where families live, work and play, as well as provide community education events. The program will build trust within the community and create equitable opportunities for young families to access medical care.

**Serving:** Children birth to 1 year old, pregnant women, women of childbearing age, and new parents



# PIPELINE TWO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND SUCCESS



#### **Student Achievement and Success**

Maximizing student potential to improve educational outcomes by promoting academic excellence, addressing individual learning needs, providing enrichment opportunities, and fostering a supportive environment that encourages engagement and achievement for every child.

#### **Desired Results**

#### **GPRA Indicators**

#### Result 3

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#### Result 9

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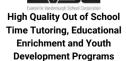
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#### **Programs and Services**



**Truancy Roundtable and** Pre-Court with the Judge







**Specialists** 



Training and Professional Development in the Science of Reading



Tutoring



Attendance Case

Managers







Student Success

Mentoring



Teen/Tween Series









Coping and Support

Training (CAST)

Reconnecting Youth









**Programs** 

Student Success Mentoring



programming

**Transitional Case** 

Managers



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# Chronic Absenteeism/Dropout Prevention and Intervention Programs

Truancy Roundtable and Pre-court with the Judge, Check and Connect, Reconnecting Youth, Coping and Support Training (CAST)



**Truancy Roundtable and Pre-Court with the Judge:** A team from the Judge's office meets monthly with EVSC staff (and other community members) to discuss wraparound support for truant students.

**Serving:** Youth in grades K-12 at focus schools

**Check and Connect:** This program, implemented by Attendance Case Managers, is evidence-based and works to increase student agency with attendance, school persistence, credit accrual, and decrease truancy, tardies, and behavioral referrals.

Serving: Youth in grades K-12 at focus schools





**Reconnecting Youth:** A peer group approach to building life skills. Reconnecting Youth is designed to reengage high school students into their school environment by increasing school performance, decreasing drug involvement, and improving mood management.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 9-12 grade

**Coping and Support Training (CAST):** An abbreviated version of Reconnecting Youth for middle school students with the goal of improving moods, decreasing drug use, and improving school smarts.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 6-8 at Glenwood and Lodge









#### High Quality In-School Academic Support Programs

Behavior Support Specialists, Training and Professional Development in the Science of Reading, School-day Academic Tutoring



**Behavior Support Specialists**: Specialists use the GAIN™ framework, which stands for Goals, Antecedents, Interventions, and Evaluation, to provide a broad range of systemic and individualized strategies for achieving important social learning outcomes while preventing problem behavior.

Serving: Youth in grades K-12 at focus schools

Training and Professional Development in the Science of Reading: Educators will be provided with Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling to increase literacy and language expertise. Reading Specialists will provide assistance to teachers with classroom activities and one-on-one student interventions.

**Serving:** Children in grades K-2 at Delaware, Evans, Glenwood, Lincoln, and Lodge





**School-day Academic Tutoring:** Tiered remediation and intervention structures will be offered to students struggling with coursework.

**Serving:** Youth in grades K-12 at focus schools





Early Achievers\*, Memorial CDC Out of School Programs\*, Family First\*

\*available to all families in FPN



**Family First:** This high-quality program offered after school uses the Strengthening Families curriculum to enhance parenting skills, youth life skills, and overall family bonding. Meals are provided at each session, and it is suitable for all families with children ages 7-17.

**Serving:** Youth ages 7-17 and their families attending any school

**Early Achievers:** Program provides small group tutoring and mentoring for children in K-3rd grade.

**Serving:** Children in grades K-3 at Lincoln and their caregivers





Memorial CDC Out of School Programs: Programs delivered after school and during all school breaks that expose youth to mentoring, tutoring, life skills, health/fitness, STEM, and financial education, professional and character development, and employment in a supportive and safe environment.

**Serving:** Youth in grades K-12 at Bosse, Delaware, Evans, Lincoln, and Lodge







Indiana Kids\*, SMART Moves\*, Dream Center Afterschool/Summer Programming

\*available to all families in EPN



**Indiana Kids:** A structured statewide initiative to improve educational outcomes, reduce risky behaviors, increase youth career and college readiness, and promote civic responsibility and community services.

Serving: Children / Youth in grades K-12

**SMART Moves:** Provide engaging, age-appropriate programs for K-12 students to develop social-emotional skills and promote healthy decision-making to prevent risky behaviors like substance abuse.

Serving: Children / Youth in grades K-12





**Dream Center Afterschool/Summer Programming**: Programs offer transportation, nutrition, social-emotional learning education, academic enrichment, and opportunities for physical fitness.

**Serving:** Delaware students, plus Jacobsville students who attend North Junior High or North High School







UE Summer Camps, Journey to Justice ChangeLab Trainers, Scholars Academy

\*available to all families in EPN



**UE Summer Camps:** One-week to 3-week summer camps are offered in art, dance, music, STEM, and college preparation (Springboard). The camps are designed to create a spark in our youth to consider and obtain a college education by exploring various disciplines and engaging in activities to help them intentionally design the future they want for themselves, their families, and their communities.

**Serving:** Rising 3-12 graders at focus schools or living in EPN

Journey to Justice ChangeLab Trainers: Bosse High School Journey to Justice participants will take what they learn, reflect on it, and share their experiences through art projects and peer to peer mentoring.

Serving: Students at EPN focus schools





**Scholars Academy**: An after-school program that provides students with individualized ELA and math tutoring as well as social/emotional learning, STEM and physical activity.

Serving: Youth in grades K-8 at Glenwood







High Quality Out of School Time Tutoring, Educational Enrichment and Youth Development Programs, Level Up!, Triple Play\*



High Quality Out of School Time Tutoring, Educational Enrichment and Youth Development Programs: Programs provide students, parents, and community residents with quality enrichment, recreation, drug/alcohol prevention, and educational opportunities in safe environments.

**Serving:** Youth in grades K-12 at focus schools

**Level Up!:** Summer program for students in 1st-3rd grade supporting early literacy with academic and enrichment activities. Part of Bridging Literacy program.

**Serving:** Children in grades 1-3 at Lodge and Lincoln and their caregivers





**Triple Play:** A comprehensive health and wellness initiative which strives to improve the health of youth by increasing daily physical activity, teaching good nutrition, and helping develop healthy relationships.

**Serving:** Children / Youth in grades K-12









#### **School Social Work Services**

Teen/Tween Series, Youth First Student Assistance Program



**Teen/Tween Series**: The classes (9th and 7th grade) cover topics including healthy relationships, suicide prevention, substance misuse, distress, internet safety, and other prevention information.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 7-9 at Glenwood, Lodge, and Bosse

Youth First Student Assistance Program: Youth First Social Workers and Parent Engagement Coordinators are embedded in schools to provide a three-tier model of prevention services, including skill-building strategies, suicide prevention, parent/caregiver engagement, and connections to community resources.

**Serving:** Youth in grades K-12 at Bosse, Evans, Glenwood, Delaware, and Lodge, and their caregivers







#### **Free Literary Resources for Families**

300 Books by 3rd Grade\*, Book n' Cook\*

\*available to all families in EPN



300 Books by 3rd Grade: Literacy program to support early readers, helping children grow from "learning to read" to "reading to learn." Caregivers are given a resources guide with literacy tips and recommended reading lists.

**Serving:** Children in grades K-2 and their caregivers

**Book n' Cook:** Program includes health and nutrition education, and healthy food access and distribution. Combines literacy with nutrition education and cooking skills. Participants are taught to prepare a recipe each month to share with family. Food/cooking-related children's books are provided, along with ingredients, for each month's recipe.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 3-5 and their caregivers









### Wraparound In-school and After-school Support for Students

Student Success Mentors (SSMs)



SSMs work inside schools to build relationships with students, families, educators, and case managers, and act as a bridge supporting students in afterschool programs. The work is tailored to the unique needs of the neighborhood, students, and families they serve, while working toward improvements in grades, attendance and behaviors.

MCDC Serves: Lincoln students

YMCA Serves: Evans students

Potters Wheel Serves: Glenwood students

Dream Center Serves: Delaware students, plus Jacobsville students

who attend North Junior High or North High School











# Case Management, Referral, and Support for Families

Transitional Case Managers and Attendance Case Managers



Attendance Case Managers work to increase student agency with attendance, school persistence, credit accrual, and decrease truancy, tardies, and behavioral referrals.

Transitional case managers work with families who are currently in the educational pipeline and navigating a significant transition to overcome barriers impacting student success.

Serving: Youth in grades K-12 at focus schools





# PIPELINE THREE

POSTSECONDARY ACCESS, SUCCESS, AND WORKFORCE READINESS



#### Postsecondary Access, Success, and Workforce Readiness

Preparing students for future success beyond high school by providing guidance, resources, and opportunities to explore higher education and career paths, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in a competitive job market and achieve long-term career goals.

#### **Desired Results**

#### **GPRA Indicators**

#### **Pipeline**

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#### Result 3

Students successfully transition from middle school grades to high school

#### Result 4

Youth graduate High School

#### Result 5

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#### Result 9

Families and community members support learning in Promise Neighborhood schools

#### **Programs and Services**



Neighborhood-based Employment and Job Skills Assistance



Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Program



SWIN

BOARD WorkOne

Youth Career Exploration and Employability





Opportunities through
Partnerships that Transform
and Inspire (OptIn)



Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)







University of Evansville

**Journey to Justice** 

Readiness



Junior Achievement In-School Programs, Capstone Experiences, and Authentic Experiences/Student Experiences

### Postsecondary Preparation, Coaching, and Exploration Programs

ChangeLab, Journey to Justice, UE Explorers



ChangeLab: ChangeLab projects address the unique needs of the EPN through a co-design process with EPN children, families, and educators. EPN students learn Design Thinking skills and collaborate with community members to put these ideas into action, guided by UE's Center for Innovation & Change in partnership with UE students and faculty.

**Serving:** Youth in grades K-12 in focus schools

**Journey to Justice:** A bus tour that travels through cities of the South to learn the history of the Civil Rights Movement – an impactful experience of personal reflection and application within their own community.

**Serving:** Rising 9-12 graders at Bosse





**UE Explorers:** An afterschool program that brings students in 6 - 12th grade to UE's campuses once to twice a month. Each session, a faculty member leads students in the exploration of a new academic area, followed by dinner in the Eatery with UE student hosts.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 6 - 12





### Postsecondary Preparation, Coaching, and Exploration Programs

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), College/Career Readiness, Youth Career Exploration and Employability, Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Program

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID): An elective in-school academic college prep support program to help prepare students for college

program to help prepare students for collegeligibility and success.

Serving: Youth in grades 9-12 at Bosse





**College/Career Readiness**: Program integrates a career interest survey, follows up interests using the curriculum PATHWAYS by Mindworks, and introduces careers to youth, taking business tours to meet professionals as well as one college tour.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 5-12 at Bosse, Glenwood, Lincoln, and Lodge

Youth Career Exploration and Employability: Programming is focused on exploring careers and employability skills through after school and summer activities.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 6-10 at Glenwood, Lincoln, Lodge, and Bosse





Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Program: Participants learn in-demand employability skills and receive bridge support to postsecondary education and career advancement opportunities.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 11-12 at Bosse









### Postsecondary Preparation, Coaching, and Exploration Programs

College Connection Coaches, Junior Achievement In-School Programs



College Connection Coaches: Specialists provide guidance along a completion pathway leading to postsecondary opportunities and/or employment. They also work with students on assessments and soft skills with students, supply support for students in dual enrollment leading to credential completion, and help students and families complete scholarship and college applications.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 6-12 at focus schools and their caregivers

Junior **Achievement** In-School Programs. Experiences, and **Authentic** Capstone **Experiences/Student Experiences:** In addition to lessons in financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship (delivered by civic. business and community, industry volunteers), supports competencies identified by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills as necessary for academic and professional success, such as collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity.

**Serving:** Youth in grades K-12 at focus schools









# Workforce Readiness, Preparation, Coaching, and Exploration Programs

OptIn, Youth Career Exploration and Employability, JAG



Opportunities through Partnerships that Transform and Inspire (OptIn): An existing program between the EVSC and area employers to prepare students for pathways to high-wage, high-demand careers.

**Serving:** Youth in grades K-12 at focus schools

Youth Career Exploration and Employability: Programming is focused on exploring careers and employability skills through after school and summer activities.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 6-10 at Glenwood, Lincoln, Lodge, and Bosse





#### Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Program:

Participants learn in-demand employability skills and receive bridge support to postsecondary education and career advancement opportunities.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 11-12 at Bosse









### Workforce Readiness, Preparation, Coaching, and Exploration Programs

College and Career Readiness, Junior Achievement In-School Programs



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**Serving:** Youth in grades 6-12 at Bosse, Glenwood, Lincoln, and Lodge

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**Serving:** Youth in grades K-12 at focus schools









# Neighborhood-based Employment and Job Skills Assistance

Neighborhood-based Employment and Job Skills Assistance\*

\*available to all families in EPN



Through individualized assistance and workshops, employment services will include High School Equivalency (HSE) testing, resume development, career planning, interview coaching, job search assistance and skills evaluation, computer classes, resource connections and follow-up support for accountability, assistance with employment barriers, and attaining new employment or expanding existing employment (i.e., skills advancement for promotion, etc.).

Serving: EPN residents age 16 and older





# Evansville Housing Authority (YouthBuild)

#### YouthBuild

"Helping youth and young adults get past their early missteps in life and move forward with training and certification in Education, Safety, Construction and Leadership."



A program of the Evansville Housing Authority that provides education, job development and mental health support.

Serving: Young adults age 16-24





# PIPELINE FOUR

**NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION** 



#### **Neighborhood and Community Revitalization**

Revitalizing neighborhoods and strengthening community bonds by enhancing local infrastructure, fostering community engagement, and implementing initiatives that improve the overall quality of life, contributing to a vibrant, connected, and resilient community.

#### **Desired Results**

#### **GPRA Indicators**

Result 6

6.1 #/% of students (grades 6 - 12) who consume five or more Students are healthy servings of fruits and vegetables daily.

Result 7 Students feel safe at school and in their community

7.1 #/% of students (grades 6 - 12) who believe the school is a safe place for students and report being safe while traveling to and from school.

**Result 8** Students live in stable communities

8.1 Student mobility rates from focus EPN schools.

Result 10 Students have access to 21st century learning tools

10.1 #/% of students who have access to broadband internet and a connected computing device.











#### **Programs and Services**



**EPD Crime Prevention** Officers (CPOs)



**Summer Youth Camp Experiences** 



**Cops Connecting** with Kids



School Resource Officers (SROs)



Quality of Life and **Sustainable Development** (Love Your Neighborhood)









**PUBLIC LIBRARY** Book n' Cook



**Expanded Healthy Food Access** 



Development







**Assistance Program** 



Quality of Life and **Sustainable Development** (Love Your Neighborhood)

#### Health, Nutrition Education, Healthy Food Access and Distribution

Nourish Program\*, Book n' Cook\*

\*available to all families in EPN



**Nourish Program**: Nourish is an online platform offering low-price grocery bundles with the goal of increasing access to nutrient-dense foods, providing kitchen tools and connecting members to cooking and nutrition resources.

Serving: All EPN residents

**Book n' Cook:** The program combines literacy with nutrition education and cooking skills for youth in grades 3-5. Participants are taught how to prepare a recipe each month to share with family. Four food/cooking-related children's books are provided along with ingredients for each month's recipe.

**Serving:** Youth in grades 3-5 and their caregivers









#### Health, Nutrition Education, Healthy Food Access and Distribution

Triple Play\*, Expanded Healthy Food Access\*

\*available to all families in EPN



**Triple Play**: Provide high-quality programs outside of school time. A comprehensive health and wellness initiative which strives to improve the health of youth by increasing daily physical activity, teaching good nutrition, and helping develop healthy relationships.

Serving: Children/Youth in grades K - 12

**Expanded Healthy Food Access:** Provide health, nutrition education, healthy food access and distribution. Grocery access will be expanded in the EPN, which is considered a food desert, by collaborating with other service providers to increase residents' access and convenience to healthy foods.

**Serving:** All EPN residents









#### **Family Stability Programs**

Fair Shot Program\*, Down Payment Assistance Program\*, Housing Policy Development\*

\*available to all families in EPN



**Fair Shot Program**: A comprehensive financial coaching program that helps families create a budget and set goals. Classes are taught by housing counselors and industry experts, and are offered every other month over two days.

**Serving:** Adult EPN residents

**Down Payment Assistance Program:** Provided for qualifying families to receive up to \$15,000 toward the down payment on a home along with financial literacy education and housing counseling support.

Serving: Adult EPN residents





**Housing Policy Development**: A Housing Policy Director will advocate for local, state, and federal policies and address root causes of substandard, unsafe and unaffordable housing.

**Serving:** All EPN residents







### **Neighborhood Revitalization**

ChangeLab\*, Love Your Neighborhood

\*available to all families in EPN



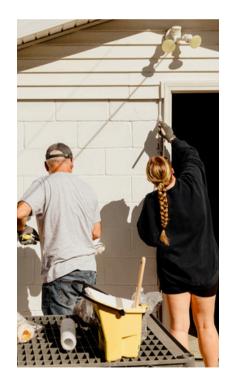
ChangeLab: ChangeLab projects address the unique needs of the EPN through a co-design process with EPN children, families, and educators. EPN students learn Design Thinking skills and collaborate with community members to put these ideas into action, guided by UE's Center for Innovation & Change in partnership with UE students and faculty.

**Serving:** Youth in grades K - 12 in focus schools

Quality of Life and Sustainable Development (Love Your Neighborhood): Neighborhoods will be strengthened through strategic planning, resident leadership development, and leadagency support; neighborhood action teams will gather and move forward resident-voiced quality of life goals; and resident leaders will listen, align, and act to create sustainable transformation in their neighborhood.

**Community One Serving:** Children and adults in Tepe Park, Glenwood (in partnership with CenterPoint Energy YMCA)

**Dream Center Evansville Serving:** Children and adults in Jacobsville













#### **Community Safety and Violence Prevention**

Crime Prevention Officers (CPOs)\*, Summer Youth Camp Experiences\*, School Resource Officers (SROs)\*, Cops Connecting with Kids\*

\*available to all families in EPN



**EPD Crime Prevention Officers (CPOs):** CPOs attend monthly neighborhood association meetings to build relationships with residents and stakeholders and provide security instruction as well as information about EPD and police work in general.

Serving: All EPN Residents

**Summer Youth Camp Experiences:** Free three-day camps at the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) camp facility will be provided during the summer to provide a fun, structured environment, allowing kids to have positive interactions with police offers.

**Serving:** Rising 5-6 graders at Delaware, Evans, Glenwood, Lincoln, and Lodge





**EPD School Resource Officers (SROs):** Address and investigate crimes committed by juveniles that occur in schools, focusing on rehabilitation over punitive measures. SROs also present programming on various topics.

**Serving:** Youth in grades K-12 at all focus schools

**Cops Connecting with Kids:** Program provides an opportunity to be selected (based on factors like grades, behavior, character) to go to Walt Disney, accompanied by EPD police officers, providing a week of positive adult mentoring and relationship building with members of law enforcement.

**Serving:** Youth in grades K-8 at Evans, Lincoln, Lodge, Glenwood







# Case Management, Referral, and Support for Families

Wrap Around Care Specialists\* (based on school attended or geography)

\*available to all families in EPN



Wrap Around Care Specialists are front-line team members providing parent and family support in the neighborhood setting to catch and address barriers to move families toward self-sufficiency, communicating and coordinating with a network of partners.

**Memorial Community Development Corporation (MCDC) Serves:** Students in grades K-12 at Lincoln and their families and other EPN residents

**Dream Center Evansville (DCE) Serves:** Jacobsville residents with children in the Delaware to North pipeline

**CenterPoint Energy YMCA Serves:** Students in grades K-8 in the Glenwood neighborhood (whether they attend an EPN focus school or not), and their families

**Potters Wheel (PW) Serves:** Students in grades K-8 at Glenwood and their families











# Free Adult Learning Programs to Parents and Caregivers

GoodSkills Academy\*, Goodwill Excel Center\*

\*available to all families in EPN



GoodSkills Academy: Offers FREE computer classes to anyone in the community on topics ranging from computer basics to Microsoft Office. Classes are offered at Evansville Goodwill's headquarters off Green River Road and at various EPN sites.

**Serving:** Adult EPN residents and caregivers of students at focus schools

Goodwill Excel Center: It is a FREE adult high school offering a second chance at earning a high school diploma. The Excel Center helps students overcome barriers and unlock new opportunities through wraparound services and support beyond graduation.











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