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PROMISE IN ACTION

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COLLEGE/CAREER READINESS

Beginning with a career interest survey to identify each participant's unique passions and talents, the PATHWAYS curriculum by Mindworks guides students in connecting their interests to real-world opportunities.

Led by the YMCA as part of afterschool programs, participants get a firsthand look at various professions through business tours where they meet industry professionals and gain insight into their work. Additionally, students experience a glimpse of higher education with a college tour, inspiring them to dream big and prepare for their future.

YOUTHBUILD EVANSVILLE

YouthBuild Evansville empowers low-income young adults (16-24) by combining education, job training, and leadership development.

Participants earn their high school equivalency (HSE), gain construction skills, and help build affordable housing. With strong local partnerships, the program transforms lives, helping 79% of participants earn HSEs and 60% secure jobs or further education.

Visit the back page for more information and how to enroll!

HEALTHCARE ON WHEELS: THE CARE MOBILE IS COMING IN 2025

The Ronald McDonald Charities Care Mobile, launching in March 2025, will bring healthcare directly to the community. Managed by Deaconess and supported by partners like Ascension St. Vincent, ECHO Healthcare, and local universities (UE and USI), the Care Mobile will initially operate three days a week at one location per day, with plans to expand to five days and two locations daily (locations will be shared soon).

Services will focus on women of childbearing age and children under one, offering pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and health screenings, along with immunizations, STD testing, and health education in collaboration with the Vanderburgh County Health Department.

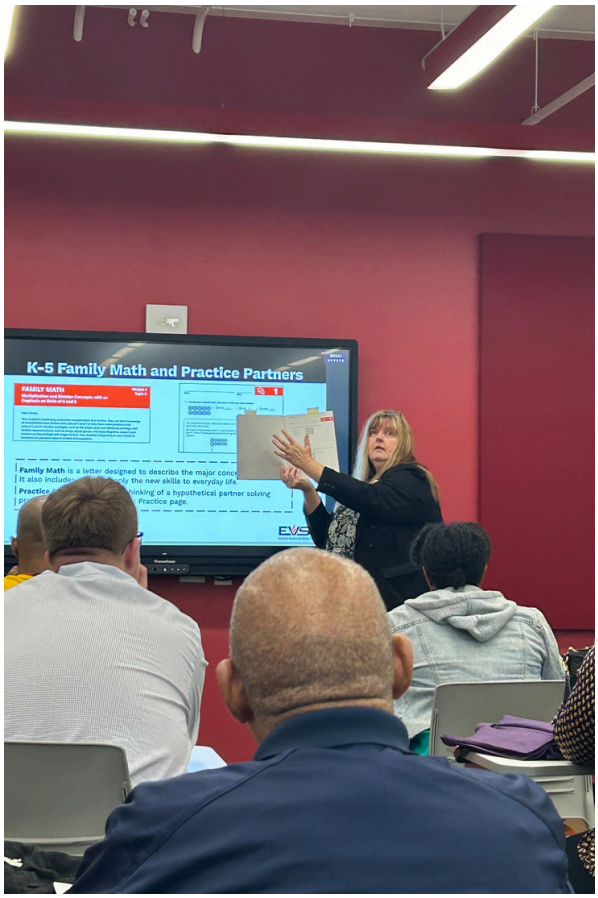
This initiative emphasizes the importance of community partnerships in improving access to healthcare. By bringing essential services directly to neighborhoods, the Care Mobile will make healthcare more accessible and enhance health outcomes for our community.

ALIGNING FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

This fall EVSC hosted a Curriculum Workshop to help community partners align their services with classroom learning. This training equipped mentors and tutors in after school programs with tools to better support students.

To further assist, EVSC has partnered with local community organizations to provide biweekly updates on student attendance, grades, and missing assignments.

Additional resources are planned, with another training session scheduled for 2025. Together, these efforts foster a coordinated approach to student success.



A PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS

The Goodwill Excel Center is transforming lives by providing adults with the opportunity to earn their high school diplomas—completely free of charge. To ensure student success, the Excel Center offers essential support services, including childcare, transportation assistance, and wraparound resources.

Thanks to funding from Evansville Promise Neighborhood (EPN), the Excel Center hired a dedicated recruiter to focus on reaching adults in EPN census tracts. This targeted effort has made a significant impact: as of late November, nearly 30% of the Excel Center's students (51 out of 171) are from EPN neighborhoods.

IVY TECH COLLEGE EXPLORATION EVENT

Twenty-five students explored educational and career pathways at Ivy Tech through presentations on Advanced Manufacturing, Applied Sciences, Engineering, and Nursing. Guided by the Deans of Nursing and Advanced Manufacturing, they toured Welding and Nursing labs, gaining hands-on experience with degree program equipment.

The day wrapped up with a pizza lunch and reflection led by Ivy Tech's College Connection Coach and Completion Coordinator. Two students completed registration during the event, and a YouthBuild student attended with their parent, highlighting the value of family support.

BUILDING SUCCESS, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

Building Blocks partnered with The Excel Center to create an inspiring drop-in childcare center for adult students earning their high school diplomas. Building Blocks transformed the space with vibrant designs, interactive materials, and a focus on fostering child development. This partnership empowers families, providing children with a foundation for success while supporting parents in achieving their educational goals.

TO LEARN MORE

To learn more about any programs featured in this newsletter, scan the QR code beneath the program you're interested in. Follow us on social media for more updates, by scanning the QR code on the right!

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