

PROMISE IN ACTION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD



INDIANA KIDS

Indiana Kids is a structured, statewide initiative serving students in **grades K-12**, focused on **improving educational outcomes**, reducing risky behaviors, and **strengthening pathways to career and college readiness**.

By **promoting civic responsibility and community service**, Indiana Kids helps youth **build skills, confidence, and a sense of purpose**—supporting positive outcomes for students, families, and communities across Indiana.

Learn more at bgclubew.org



SMART MOVES

Smart Moves is an engaging, age-appropriate program serving students in **grades K-12**, focused on building **social-emotional skills, encouraging healthy decision-making**, and preventing risky behaviors such as substance misuse.

By teaching youth how to **manage emotions, navigate peer pressure, and make positive choices**, Smart Moves helps students build confidence and resilience—**supporting healthier outcomes** for children, families, and school communities.

Learn more at bgclubew.org

EXPANDING ACCESS TO BOOKS, VOICES, AND BELONGING

Evansville Promise Neighborhood is transforming the way students experience reading by delivering **5 sets** of a **Multilingual Library** across **5 EPN Focus schools**, putting **125 books** into the hands of students. These resources support independent reading and allow students to hear stories in the languages of their homes, **helping foster a sense of belonging** and connection to the learning experience.

At the heart of the EPN Multilingual Library is the community behind it. **Twelve local community leaders volunteered their time and voices** to narrate the books in **Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Marshallese**, recording stories in their native or heritage languages. Their contributions strengthen language development and send a powerful message to students that **their voices, cultures, and stories matter**.

The Multilingual Library builds on EPN's ongoing commitment to early literacy and access to books. Through previous initiatives, EPN has distributed **bilingual Spanish and Haitian-Creole books to families with children ages 0-5**, helping caregivers build early reading habits at home during a child's most critical developmental years.

From bilingual books for toddlers to multilingual libraries in schools, EPN continues to **invest in literacy as a foundation for lifelong learning and opportunity**.

“This is about giving children something many of us never had.”

- Abraham Brown, Director of the Evansville Latino Center





HEADSTART PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS

Families in the **Glenwood Neighborhood** will soon see new playground improvements at **CAPE's Head Start** program, thanks to a partnership between the **CenterPoint Energy YMCA and EPN**. These resources will support important upgrades, creating a **safer, more engaging space for young children**. This collaboration is a clear example of how EPN support strengthens early-learning environments and **expands opportunities for families** across our community.

BABY BUNDLE PARTNERSHIP WITH DEACONESS FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY

We're excited to highlight a new partnership between the **Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library (EVPL) and Deaconess Family Medicine Residency** that expands early-literacy access for families in the EPN.

Through this collaboration, **Baby Explorer Bundles** are shared during well-baby visits, offering simple tools for bonding and early learning in **English and Spanish**, funded in part by the EPN grant.

This strategic partnership creates another pathway for **families to connect with library and literacy resources** from the start – helping our youngest neighbors grow and thrive.

Learn more at evpl.org/bundle.



UE ATHLETICS BASKETBALL TICKETS

Evansville Promise Neighborhood is excited to announce a new collaboration with the **University of Evansville Athletics Department** that will give EPN students and families the chance to experience Aces basketball this season. Through this partnership, **season tickets to both men's and women's games** will be shared with students across all **six EPN schools** as incentives and special giveaways.

This effort creates **opportunities for encouragement and family connection**—rewarding positive behavior and boosting school engagement. We can't wait to see EPN families in the stands, cheering together for the Aces.



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