

PROMISE IN ACTION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE EVANSVILLE PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD



PRE TO 3 PROGRAM

The first three years of a child's life are very important. Pre to 3 helps parents and caregivers give young children a strong start. Families with children ages 0 to 3 can get support through home visits, learning activities, and helpful resources. The program helps parents build strong bonds with their children and learn ways to support healthy growth and development. When families have the tools they need, children, families, and our whole community can thrive.

Learn more or sign up at
vanderburghhealth.org/pre-to-3-program/



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Reading with young children helps them learn and grow. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program gives families with children ages 0 to 5 books, reading tips, and simple tools to make reading fun at home. The good news is that every book counts—even reading a favorite story again and again helps children learn and can be counted toward the goal. By helping families read together, this program prepares children for success in school and helps build a stronger community.

Learn more at evpl.org/initiatives/1000-books-before-kindergarten/

ANNUAL ALL PARTNER MEETING

At this year's Annual All Partner Meeting, Evansville Promise Neighborhood welcomed new and returning partners to celebrate progress and plan for program year 4.

Partners looked back on the past year's successes through a new Annual Report and learned about the latest community data and trends. The meeting also gave partners a chance to share ideas and discover new ways to work together.

The second half of the day focused on the future. Partners worked in pipeline groups to create a shared vision for helping children, families, and neighborhoods thrive.

They talked about community strengths, identified opportunities for growth, and developed goals and next steps for the year ahead. These conversations are already helping shape new plans and partnerships that will continue building a stronger Evansville for everyone.

ESSENTIAL STAFF CONFERENCE

More than 150 staff members from EPN partners came together this year for the Essential Staff Conference to learn, connect, and strengthen their work with children and families. Representatives from 28 organizations took part in breakout sessions that highlighted programs, resources, and success stories from across the Evansville Promise Neighborhood network. The event gave staff the chance to learn from one another and discover new ways to support families in our community.

One of the biggest takeaways from the conference was the power of partnership. Staff shared that they gained a better understanding of available programs, built new connections, and learned about resources they can use to help families thrive. By bringing partners together, the conference helps ensure that children and families receive stronger support and access to opportunities throughout EPN.





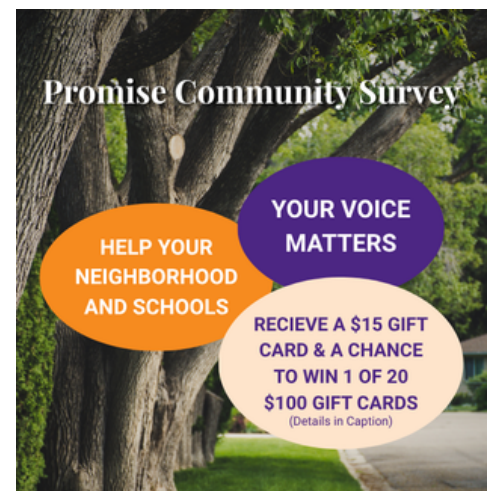
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Children now have better access to fresh fruits and vegetables through a new program at local community hubs like the Dream Center, Potter’s Wheel, Memorial CDC, Boys & Girls Club, and the CenterPoint Energy YMCA. Each weekday, a YMCA van delivers fresh, non-canned produce to serve over 250 youth, helping bring healthy food into neighborhoods where fresh options are often harder to find. Kids also get simple learning sheets about the fruits and vegetables they receive, and fun “Try It Tuesdays” encourage them to taste new foods like kiwi, pineapple, and dried fruit. Since January, more than 20,500 units of fresh produce have been shared, showing a strong community effort to support healthy kids and families and make fresh food more available where it is needed most.

PROMISE COMMUNITY SURVEY

This spring, some households were randomly selected to take part in the Promise Community Survey. The survey asks questions about family needs, community resources, and opportunities in our neighborhood. The information shared helps Evansville Promise Neighborhood and its partners better understand what families need and where support can make the biggest difference.

As a thank you, participating households received a gift card for completing the survey and were entered for a chance to win additional prizes.



LITTLE MOMENTS, BIG GROWTH CAMPAIGN

Little Moments, Big Growth, helps families with young children ages 0–5 see how everyday time together supports learning and school readiness. Simple things like talking during meals, reading bedtime stories, playing, and listening to your child help build important early skills for kindergarten and beyond. This campaign is meant to support families and remind caregivers that they are their child’s first and most important teacher and already have what they need to help their child grow. You will see this message across the community through social media, schools, and local events, and families are invited to join by continuing these small daily moments that make a big difference in a child’s future.

CONNECT WITH US

Scan the QR code to follow us on social media and join our mailing list. Be the first to hear about events, resources, and neighborhood news—don't miss out!



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