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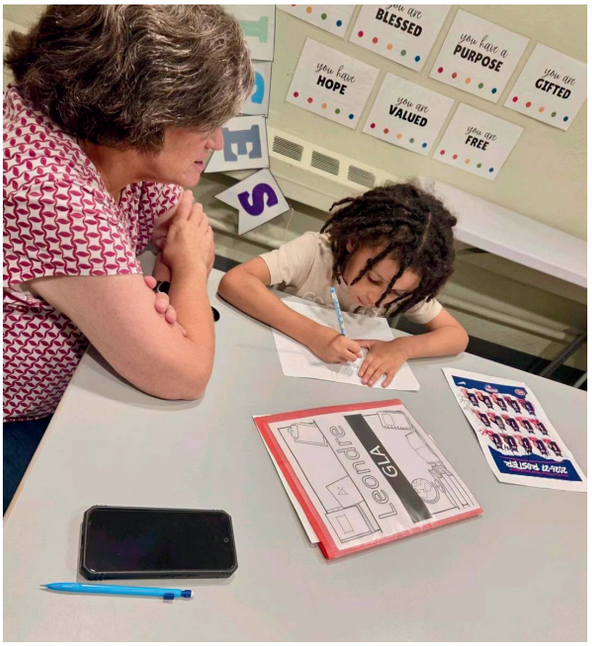


MCDC OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Learning does not stop when the school day ends. MCDC's out-of-school programs give students a safe, supportive place to learn, stay active, and connect with mentors after school and during school breaks. The programs serve students in kindergarten through 12th grade across several EPN focus schools.

Activities include science, technology, engineering, art, and math, along with health, fitness, financial literacy, life skills, and career preparation. Mentoring adds another layer of support as students grow and think about their futures.

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POTTER'S WHEEL SCHOLARS ACADEMY

A little extra help after school can give children more room to learn. Potter's Wheel Scholars Academy offers that support to Glenwood students in kindergarten through eighth grade, providing reading, writing, and math tutoring shaped around each student's needs.

Beyond academics, students explore science, technology, engineering, and math, physical activity, and ways to understand feelings and build healthy relationships, supporting different parts of a child's growth.

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NEW PRE-K CLASSROOMS AT DELAWARE & LINCOLN

More children now have a place to learn and grow before kindergarten. Two new preschool classrooms opened in August at Delaware and Lincoln elementary schools, and both quickly filled up.

With these additions, families across all Evansville Promise Neighborhood (EPN) focus schools now have access to high-quality preschool. The Lincoln classroom also serves families connected to nearby Glenwood Leadership Academy.

EPN brought funding sources together with the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation to help make the classrooms possible. Building Blocks supported classroom setup, learning materials, teacher development, and planning to help children get ready for kindergarten. Welborn Baptist Foundation supported plans to keep the effort going over time.

A strong start shapes what comes next. These classrooms help more children build skills for kindergarten and the years ahead.

2026 K-BLITZ

K-Blitz is an annual Evansville Promise Neighborhood (EPN) initiative that brings partners together to welcome incoming kindergarteners and their families before the first day of school. This year, that welcome grew to include incoming pre-K students, too.

Over just two days, EPN partner volunteers joined Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation (EVSC) staff to deliver more than 200 backpacks directly to families' homes. Each backpack came with information tailored to the student to help the family feel ready for the first big day.

K-Blitz is about more than backpacks. By meeting families where they are, school staff and community partners helped build connections before students ever entered the classroom. These home visits gave children and families a chance to see a friendly, familiar face on the first day of school: someone who had already visited their home and welcomed them.





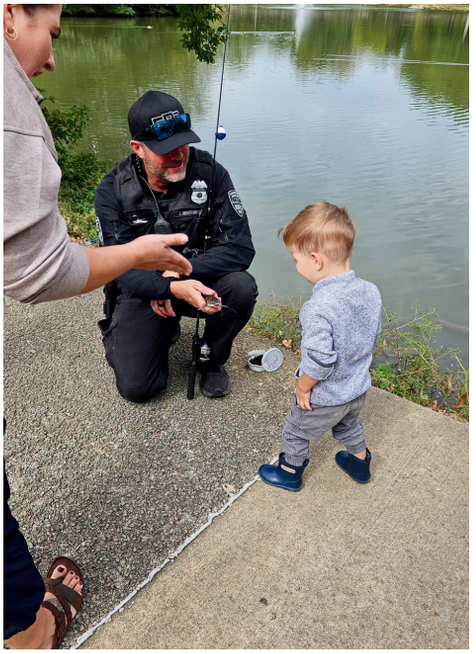
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY AT DELAWARE

Students at Delaware Elementary had a few extra walking buddies on their way to school. Several Evansville Promise Neighborhood (EPN) partners joined students for a walk to school during September's Attendance Awareness Month. School attendance matters because every day a child is not in school is a day they are not learning. By walking alongside students, EPN partners shared a simple message: showing up matters, and your community is here to support you.

2026 COPS AND BOBBERS

Getting to know a local officer can start with casting a fishing line together. Cops and Bobbers, now an annual event at Garvin Park, gave families a chance to do just that. Hosted by the Evansville Police Department in partnership with the Evansville Fire Department, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office, the event welcomed first-time fishers and experienced fishers.

Free fishing lessons and supplies made it easy to give fishing a try. Families did not need their gear or fishing experience to join in. Cops and Bobbers was about more than catching fish. It created space for families and local officers to spend time together outside of an emergency. A shared activity offered a simple way to start conversations, get to know one another, and build connections close to home.





YOUNG MEN CONNECT, LEARN, AND LEAD

Young men from across Evansville came together to build confidence, meet mentors, and explore what it means to lead. YES! 2K26, the Young Men's Empowerment Summit, brought middle and high school students together for a day of learning and connection hosted by the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana, SIMA, and United Way Southwestern Indiana Amplify! in partnership with the City of Evansville and EPN.

Students connected with community leaders and mentors through speakers, 16 small-group sessions, and hands-on activities. Discussions focused on leadership, life skills, and personal responsibility, giving students space to ask questions, hear different experiences, and think about their goals.

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