

NEAR EASTSIDE QUALITY OF LIFE PLAN

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES & VALUES

SAFETY

Lead Agency: John Boner Neighborhood Centers

Our Vision: The near Eastside is a safe and accessible community that promotes public safety initiatives and fosters strong relationships between a well-engaged community and public safety agencies.

Priority #1: Develop and implement strategies to strengthen interpersonal relationships and collaborative efforts among residents, service providers, and law enforcement personnel.	
Action 1.1:	Encourage neighborhoods to form a CrimeWatch block club
Performance Measures:	Increased number of neighborhoods implementing CrimeWatch block clubs
Implementation Partner:	The Mediation Center
Supporting Partner/s:	IMPD, Neighborhood Associations, NESCO
Action 1.2:	Encourage neighbors to utilize the James E Waters Jr. Mediation Center through social media and promotion at local events and neighborhood meetings
Performance Measures:	Number of neighbors who utilize the Mediation Center
Implementation Partner:	The Mediation Center
Supporting Partner/s:	
Action 1.3:	Encourage participation in Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB) Adopt-A-Block as a form of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
Performance Measures:	Number of KIB Adopt-A-Block captains identified.
	Number of Adopt-A-Block groups in operation
Implementation Partner:	NEAR

Supporting Partner/s:	KIB, Neighborhood Associations, NESCO
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Action 1.4:	Encourage and promote opportunities for officers to engage directly with the community (ex. coffee with cops, roll calls, walks, youth activities, afterschool program engagement) to improve neighborhood relations
Performance Measures:	Number of engagement activities held in collaboration with IMPD
	Assessment of perception of IMPD among residents
Implementation Partner:	JBNC
Supporting Partner/s:	IMPD, Mediation Center

Action 1.5:	Promote cross-attendance at meetings so that an increased number of neighbors attend IMPD meetings and an increased number of officers attend neighborhood meetings in order to increase the understanding of IMPD and neighborhood role in the community
Performance Measures:	Increased number of neighbors participating in IMPD East District meetings
	Increased number of IMPD officers participating in neighborhood meetings
	Assessment of perception of IMPD among residents
Implementation Partner:	JBNC
Supporting Partner/s:	IMPD

Action 1.6:	Encourage IMPD to provide continuing education to police officers on cultural differences (Implicit Bias Training, Undoing Racism, etc...)
Performance Measures:	Number of trainings hosted each year.
	Pre and post training survey
Implementation Partner:	IMPD
Supporting Partner/s:	

Action 1.7	Encourage IMPD to proactively engage with the youth community by coordinating opportunities for engagement
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Performance Measures:	Number of engagement events hosted by IMPD for youth
Implementation Partner:	JBNC
Supporting Partner/s:	IMPD

Priority #2: Create and implement crime prevention and intervention projects and programs

Action 2.1:	Encourage neighbors to report graffiti to the City of Indianapolis and utilize available resources to cover graffiti
Performance Measures:	Number of properties with graffiti removed
Implementation Partner:	NEAR
Supporting Partner/s:	KIB, City of Indianapolis, Mediation Center, MCPHD

Action 2.2	Promote BLINK, connecting private business and residential cameras to IMPD
Performance Measures:	Number of businesses and homes participating in BLINK
Implementation Partner:	JBNC
Supporting Partner/s:	IMPD, Local Business Owners, Neighbors

Action 2.3	Coordinate events with the Neighborhood Enhancement Team Outreach (NETO) through the City of Indianapolis Office of Public Health and Safety
Performance Measures:	Number of referrals given out during NETO sweeps
Implementation Partner:	Shepherd Community Center
Supporting Partner/s:	Office of Public Health and Safety, Neighborhood Associations

Action 2.4	Train IMPD officers to do referrals to community services/supports when responding to a quality-of-life call
Performance Measures:	Number of referrals given out by IMPD officers

Implementation Partner:	IMPD
Supporting Partner/s:	Meditation Center, JBNC, Shepherd Community Center, Brookside CDC

Action 2.5	Partner IMPD with social workers who can join/participate in calls to assist with hand-offs/support services
Performance Measures:	Number of calls social workers attend with IMPD officers
Implementation Partner:	JBNC
Supporting Partner/s:	Mediation Center, IMPD, Shepherd Community Center, Brookside CDC

Action 2.6	Explore strategies to equip IMPD officers to respond to calls in a trauma-informed manner
Performance Measures:	Increased understanding of trauma-informed care among IMPD officers
Implementation Partner:	JBNC
Supporting Partner/s:	IMPD

Action 2.7	Explore strategies to increase IMPD awareness of substance abuse use disorder responses
Performance Measures:	Increased awareness of substance abuse related issues among IMPD officers
Implementation Partner:	JBNC
Supporting Partner/s:	MCPHD, IMPD, People's Health Center

Action 2.8	Work with existing service providers to advocate for and increase availability of job opportunities for neighbors who were formerly incarcerated
Performance Measures:	Number of job opportunities for individuals re-entering from incarceration.
Implementation Partner:	Brookside CDC
Supporting Partner/s:	Project Lia, Recycle Force, REDI

Priority #3: Educate and empower neighbors on how to best address safety concerns in the community	
Action 3.1:	Provide training opportunities to empower neighbors to address code enforcement violations through Acela
Performance Measures:	Number of trainings provided for neighbors
Implementation Partner:	NESCO
Supporting Partner/s:	IMPD, City of Indianapolis – Mayor’s Action Center
Action 3.2:	Provide safety preparedness trainings (Community Emergency Response, Narcan, Environmental testing, and trainings, etc.)
Performance Measures:	Number of trainings provided for neighbors
	Additional units of Narcan distributed
	Number of neighbors participating in trainings
Implementation Partner:	NESCO
Supporting Partner/s:	CERT, IMPD
Action 3.3:	Provide Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) trainings
Performance Measures:	Number of neighbors participating in trainings
	Neighborhood testimonials and photos
	Neighborhood association annual survey during annual clean-ups
Implementation Partner:	NESCO
Supporting Partner/s:	Meditation Center, NEAR
Action 3.4:	Encourage neighbors to become Community Mediators at the James E Waters Jr. Mediation Center
Performance Measures:	Number of neighbors volunteering as community mediators
Implementation Partner:	Meditation Center
Supporting Partner/s:	JBNC, Shepherd Community Center, Englewood CDC, NEAR

Action 3.5:	Expand Shalom Project at Shepherd Community Center
Performance Measures:	Shalom project is implemented in all near Eastside neighborhoods
	Internal evaluation of Shalom Project at Shepherd
Implementation Partner:	Shepherd Community Center
Supporting Partner/s:	IMPD

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