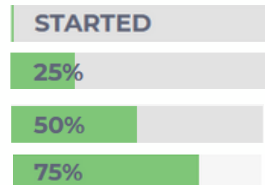


Near Eastside Quality of Life

Quarterly Benchmarking Report October 2021

Action Item Stage of Progress Key

Engage Community and Partners (Started)
Assess and Plan (25%)
Gather Resources (50%)
Implement (75%)
Completed (100%)



Arts & Culture Community Action Team

Action 3.2: Create and implement a comprehensive arts and creative marketing strategy that promotes and elevates existing Near Eastside creatives and the unique arts and culture assets.

Implementation Partners: 1000 Words Gallery, Hoy Polloy, Cat Head Press



Education Community Action Team

Action 3.1: Facilitate paths for teachers and OST instructors to acquire new teaching and learning skills that will enable them to support effective leaders, collaborate with other teachers, provide ambitious instruction, create supportive environments for learning, and involve families and the community in student education so as to implement the John Boner Neighborhood Centers two-generation educational model with greater fidelity.

Implementation Partner: Jeremy Baugh



Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening Community Action Team

Action 1.3: Provide education on coping skills and Wellness Recovery Action Plans.

Implementation Partner: Westminster Neighborhood Services



Action 2.5: Provide public education on healthy diets, cooking on a budget, gardening and related topics.

Implementation Partners: Westminster Neighborhood Services



Action 5.10: Create a food desert box.

Implementation Partner: NEAR

75%

Action 5.11: Host community meals.

Implementation Partner: NEAR

75%

Action 6.3: Publish a living resource guide, calendar, and brochure of health tips and distribute these widely in print and online in formats that incorporate various methods of learning.

Implementation Partner: Westminster Neighborhood Services

75%

Action 6.4: Regularly complete a community health needs assessment in conjunction with Marion County health assessment.

Implementation Partner: Westminster Neighborhood Services

25%

Quality of Life Plan Progress Stories

There is a VERY small group currently participating, and they are going above and beyond to assist in any way they can to process data, collect information, and plan for next steps.

-Education CAT

Indiana Diaper Bank has been a huge addition to Westminster's multitude of program partners. Being a host site we almost always have emergency diapers on hand for neighbors in need.

-Westminster Neighborhood Services

ECDC has a stronger partnership with Exodus, particularly around housing and economic development, providing access to jobs and affordable housing for this population. Partnership with Managed Health Services (MHS) which is providing some funding for the construction of Compass on Washington. Several videos made for PR Mallory over the year for Love Thy Neighborhood Awards, Cook Cup award, etc. Another longer video being made about the PR Mallory development over the next couple months.

-Englewood Community Development Corporation

LISC funded it's 500th facade improvement grant in 2021. In Q3 2021, we released a report that highlighted all of those grants over a 15 year history, included outcomes and before and after photos. A many dozens of those awards were made in the Near Eastside over the years. <https://report.lisc.org/local-impact/lisc-indianapolis/>

-LISC

Partnered with Indy Reads to provide literacy classes and mentorship to 18 adults on the Near Eastside. Partnered with the Indy Learning Team to provide licensed Reading Specialists to eight elementary-age children. Partnered with Northview Church to staff a Reading Room at Brookside Elementary.

-Brookside Community Development Corporation



Lead Agency Action Item Progress

Englewood Community Development Corporation

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	1.2, 1.3, 1.4	In developing the Career Center for the future Passage development (just outside the QOL area, but will serve QOL residents), this will serve people with significant barriers to employment, focusing on adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and will help develop soft skills, meet employers, etc. Uplift Produce has hired the majority of its employees from the QOL area and a number from the surrounding housing ECDC owns. They have also hired several individuals who have come through Exodus' resettlement program for refugees. This job provides on the job training for the work they do.
Education	3.2	Continue to work in family and community engagement programming with DayStar, PPHS and Paramount Englewood and connecting families to other supportive services in the community.
Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening	3.1	ECDC works with families who are looking for affordable housing and those who may have been formerly homeless. ECDC has developed some additional single family housing for rental and homeownership and several for Exodus Refugee, serving families who need additional services as they settle into the community.
	5.8	Uplift Produce is our primary form of this at this time.
	6.5	Provide health services through DayStar Childcare, PPHS and Paramount Englewood - vaccination clinics and other health clinics held at community spaces and ECDC apartment buildings in the community.
Housing	1.2, 1.5	1.2 - ECDC has developed a few homes for low/mod families to purchase. These are not currently being added to the land trust but ECDC would pursue that for other homes once it is established. 1.5 - Englewood is working closely with Exodus Refugee to make homes available for their clients.
	2.3	ECDC is working on 4 developments currently that have an aspect of permanent supportive housing that should all be complete by the end of 2023.
Sustainability	1.4, 1.5	1.4 - ECDC is working closely with several BSU CAP classes in both Muncie and Indy to propose a design-build home that would be a net-zero design in the Englewood neighborhood. This would be made available to a low-mod family. 1.5 - ECDC has been exploring more green measures for the Englewood Church building at 57 N Rural Street including more solar panels on the roof, EV charging stations, and interior renovations to make the building more energy efficient. These savings would benefit families of DayStar Childcare and residents of ECDC housing.
	2.2, 2.3	2.2 - ECDC is proposing new developments along transit corridors that are dense developments to make the best use of space and support development of other business and community serving spaces. 2.3 - ECDC is in conversations about the Blue Line often and expects that to ramp up over the next year. ECDC uses the Blue Line overlay when looking at developments to make sure they meet these requirements and encourage pedestrian and multi-modal transit options.

Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Education	3.1	My group has collected data from teachers and OST providers, focusing on what is going well, and what is needed in order for collaboration to be more seamless and informative. Currently working on pulling together a focus group to create a potential model at TGNS that could be implemented to other schools. Monty is working on collecting OST provider representatives to discuss what would work best for them, and look at the potential system discussed at TGNS.

Westminster Neighborhood Services

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Education	3.2	Westminster Case Manager works with families to connect to resources to help them work through current barriers.
	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6	Westminster afterschool youth program focuses on educational enrichment and focuses on bridging educational gaps. Westminster utilizes program partners that have clinical licensed social workers to help our students navigate social-emotional disorders. Westminster engages students in outdoor physical activities and feeds them dinner each night.
Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening	2.5	N/A
	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.6	Westminster food pantry and soup kitchen gives neighbors access to healthy foods and offers educational opportunities on how to take foods found in the pantry and make a healthy meal out of them. Westminster also invites other community organizations to come during pantry time to talk to neighbors about what they offer and help neighbors get connected to different resources in the community.
	5.7, 5.10, 5.11	Westminster has a soup kitchen on Monday and Thursday and offers lunch on Tuesdays as well. We also partner with an organization that offers dinner every Wednesday night.

Implementation Partner Action Item Progress

Brookside Community Development Corporation

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	1.1, 1.2, 1.4	Brookside CDC's reentry program works with an average of 50 men and women each week on achieving reentry goals, with a major focus on securing employment. The program helps participants obtain soft and hard skills and places them in employment opportunities through several partnerships.
Education	3.2	Brookside CDC's Play program partners with Brookside Elementary and Paramount School of Excellence to create family engagement programming through multiple Parent Cafes and advocacy meetings with school administration and parents.
	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7	Brookside CDC's Play program provides free Afterschool programming for 60 elementary-age children year-round. This program is rooted in social-emotional learning and exposes children to new opportunities and activities through a focus on STEM, sports, and arts. The Education & Employment Academy serves 12 students in its Afterschool program where teenagers focus on developing academic and job readiness skills. Students are matched with a mentor and are given access to immediate employment opportunities. The program launched its own business, Brookside Lawncare Company, in 2021 as an example of its entrepreneurial arm.
Housing	2.3	Brookside CDC's Housing program owns 37 properties in the Brookside neighborhood, which are used for long-term permanent housing for low-income families and individuals from the community.
Safety	2.6	Brookside CDC's reentry program advocates and creates employment opportunities for those returning from incarceration, addiction, or homelessness on the Near Eastside of Indianapolis. Through multiple partnerships with organizations like PACE, RecycleForce, and Purposeful Design, more men and women have access to employment opportunities upon their release.



LISC Indianapolis

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	1.1, 1.5	Our organization worked with the Boner Center for Working Families Bridges to Career Opportunities program to increase training/workforce programs. Our organization launched a new website for the Indianapolis Small Business CDFI Collaborative which focuses on three areas of the city in particular, one of which is the Promise Zone. This new website aims to simplify the process for small business seeking capital for their business. The website includes a shared intake portal that allows a business to submit a form with their basic needs that gets routed to 1 of 4 appropriate CDFIs based on their needs.
	2.1, 2.2	LISC provided funding to Business Ownership Initiative and Edna Martin Christian Center which both serve residents of the Near Eastside to support their microenterprise technical assistance programs. In addition to funding, LISC offered new supplementary curriculum for these organizations to offer as part of their microenterprise programs through a national LISC partnership with Verizon.
	3.1	LISC provided several facade improvement grants to commercial businesses on the Near Eastside.

Shepherd Community, Inc.

	Action Items Addressed	Method(s) of Addressing Action Items
Economic & Workforce Development	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4	Shepherd has continued with our Center For Working Families programming, which offers income support coaching, financial coaching, and employment coaching. This means that neighbors are also connected to training and employment opportunities as a result.
Education	1.2, 1.3	Shepherd continued to operate and expand Minnie Hartmann neighborhood Childcare and advocated for funding for Early Childhood programs.
	2.2, 2.4, 2.5	We continue to operate our K-5th school with quality seats and work with School 58 as well with after school programming. We serve any of our neighbors in these capacities, whether they are at-risk or have disabilities or not. We also began planning around social emotional training for staff to include trauma informed care.
	3.1, 3.2, 3.4	We have engaged in professional development planning to help teachers and staff from a SEL perspective as well as in the student learning recovery process. Additionally, we support all families with available wraparound services to create stability at home. We also implement SEL and health and wellness programming in our school and out of school time programs.
	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4	Through our College Access programming we begin conversations in elementary school programming about post-secondary options. Those conversations build on each other throughout middle and high school programming and we connect with students about 21st century and post secondary options. We also offer the Act Six scholarship where awarded students can attend Oakland City University or Taylor University on a 4 year scholarship.
	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6	We continued to offer our after school and summer programs for students where they have the opportunity to engage in STEAM, college prep/exploration, employment training, and other enrichment activities.
	7.2	We worked to provide ESL classes on-site and other training and certifications- specifically CDA classes through Ivy Tech for those employed at our childcare.
Safety	1.2, 1.4, 1.7	We continued to operate our Shalom project where host an officer and paramedic as a part of our team. They engage the neighborhood on a daily basis and encourage involvement with other community partners as well as with Shepherd for additional wraparound services.
	2.2	Our officer is constantly doing referrals and building those community connections.
	3.4	We operate the Shalom project and began working towards the direct connection of neighbors from our officer/paramedic to our CWF through the BCJI grant.

Near Eastside Quality of Life Lead Agencies

