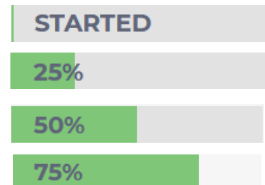


Near Eastside Quality of Life

Quarterly Benchmarking Report April 2022

Action Item Stage of Progress Key

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



Economic & Workforce Development Community Action Team

Action 2.4: Support existing businesses to grow in place and expand within the area and provide support to businesses at risk of closure or sale with succession planning to prevent loss of jobs and facilitate opportunities for employee ownership models

Implementation Partners: LISC, Englewood CDC, NEAR



Education Community Action Team

Action 1.1: Update the 2017 assessment of early childhood education for the Near Eastside to identify remaining needs and service gaps for children birth to five years old, including gaps related to developmental screenings, family engagement, and home visitation.

Implementation Partner: John Boner Neighborhood Centers



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: John Boner Neighborhood Centers



Safety Community Action Team

Action 1.1: Encourage neighborhoods to form a CrimeWatch block club

Implementation Partner: James E. Waters, Jr. Community Mediation Center

75%

Action 1.2: Encourage neighbors to utilize the James E. Waters, Jr. Community Mediation Center through social media and promotion at local events and neighborhood meetings.

Implementation Partner: James E. Waters, Jr. Community Mediation Center

75%

Action 1.3: Encourage participation in Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Adopt-A-Block as a form of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Implementation Partner: NEAR

75%

Action 1.4: Encourage and promote opportunities for officers to engage directly with the community (ex. coffee with a cop, roll calls, walks, youth activities, afterschool program engagement) to improve neighborhood relations.

Implementation Partner: John Boner Neighborhood Centers

75%

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.

Implementation Partner: NESCO

75%

Action 2.5: Explore strategies to increase Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department awareness of substance abuse use disorder responses.

Implementation Partner: John Boner Neighborhood Centers

75%

Quality of Life Plan Progress Stories

Promoted the area thru the publication of the Near Indy Guide. Supported area businesses in their LISC Facade Grant Application.

-Economic & Workforce Development (NEBA)

Jeremy Baugh was able to present about the visioning day school 54 had along with some great things going on at his school already. You can watch the presentation using this [link](#).

-Education CAT

NARCAN training and implementation of NALOXBOXes throughout the east side.

-Safety CAT

Kismet Brewing opened in 201 S Rural Street which ECDC assisted Willard Park Skatepark is being developed which ECDC was a part of the original CDBG application ECDC/Englewood Church hosted several in person activities such Pi Day, Ruth Bottoms Memorial Lunch, and the "If These Walls Could Tell" history series ECDC is working on purchasing and redeveloping the old Catalina building.

-Englewood CDC

Our middle school students have incentives to serve in the neighborhood. Between trash clean-up, working in the parent food pantry, restocking neighborhood food boxes, or helping in the kitchen serve dinner, they learn the importance of volunteer work and giving back. One of our students said, "It feels good to do things for others. It helps me feel important and like I am doing something good."

-Westminster Neighborhood Services

Lead Agency Action Item Progress

Englewood Community Development Corporation

| | Action Items Addressed | Method(s) of Addressing Action Items |
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| Economic & Workforce Development | 1.2 | Continue to work on the buildout of the Career Center to be located at 50 Shelby (Passage development) which will serve those with barriers to employment. Continue to work with Exodus Refugee and connect their clients with jobs in the neighborhood |
| | 2.3 | Continue to work with Uplift Produce to expand and hone their current business and as they look to expand and double their production capacity on the PR Mallory Campus |
| | 3.2 | Working on the planning process for the Black Mountain site and development projects for Sherman Park |
| Education | 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 | 3.2 – working to bring Elevate Indianapolis to serve Purdue Polytechnic students in a building across the street 3.3 - Englewood CDC was funded by IHCD to develop Englewood Homes which will be 40 units in 20 duplexes on vacant lots in the Englewood neighborhood. Homes will be available to low-income families and marketed towards families of Purdue Polytechnic HS, Paramount Englewood and DayStar Childcare. 3.4 - Paramount Englewood has a Community Health network service provider located at the Mallory building who is able to help students specifically with mental health issues as well as social-emotional well-being and overall health and wellness. |
| Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening | 3.1 | ECDC provides services around homelessness prevention and eviction prevention to current residents - in 2021, ECDC forgave back-balances of residents as part of a "jubilee" effort to ensure they would not be evicted. Additionally, ECDC is in the process of doubling our housing offerings by adding 5 developments of about 160 units - all but one of these developments has a component of permanent supportive housing to help more individuals and families achieve housing stability and homelessness prevention. |
| | 4.7 | ECDC continues to operate the Near Eastside Soccer Alliance which serves about 200 kids each season with low-cost, accessible and safe recreational opportunities for kids and families. ECDC was just awarded \$2,500 from MIBOR for operating support and scholarships for families. |
| Housing | 1.6 | ECDC is working on a Temple Avenue development between Washington and New York Streets that would include more dense homeownership opportunities |
| | 2.3 | Working on 4 PSH developments currently |
| | 3.3 | Continue to offer our supports and input into the CLT development |
| Sustainability | 1.3, 1.4 | 1.3 - Working on connecting other daycare programs (similar to DayStar Childcare) to IPL's light rebate options 1.4 - Working daily on the Alley House project with Ball State |
| | 2.2 | All current developments are being developed in this way |

Westminster Neighborhood Services

| | Action Items Addressed | Method(s) of Addressing Action Items |
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| Education | 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6 | Westminster's youth program provides quality out-of-school time for children on the Near Eastside. Westminster has a licensed mental health specialist working with our kids on social and emotional skills, we feed our kids dinner every night to ensure they have a well-balanced meal, and they have outdoor play time daily weather permitting. Our goal is to meet the needs of the kids and provide access to services that are needed most. |
| Equity & Engagement | 2.1, 2.2 | Began creating a list of grassroots resources and equitable meeting spaces. Began an outreach strategy that can be applied to all Near Eastside organizations. |
| | 3.2 | Began conversations with Martin University, who offers several implicit bias and DEI trainings. |
| Health, Wellness & Family Strengthening | 1.5 | Began the process of getting certified in trauma informed care so that trainings can be facilitated at a later date. |
| | 2.4 | Trying to make contact with NE Games. We made contact in 2020, but (for obvious reasons) we were unable to organize the walking event that year. |
| | 3.3 | Working with the Domestic Violence Network to provide resources and to apply funding to new resources. |
| | 5.10, 5.11 | Community Food Boxes: Boxes were started in the first quarter of 2021. We have begun working with Midwest Associations to finish them and begin installation this summer. Community Meals: We are a food pantry. Westminster continues to have soup kitchen meals twice a week, partners with Thy Kingdom Crumb for a free food truck meal, and Circle City Dinner Church does weekly dinner. |
| | 6.4 | The health assessment has been created and we've been assessing our neighbors for months. At our Health Fair in May, we will begin distributing the assessment officially. Then we will contact QoL partners to begin assessing their neighbors as well. |

Implementation Partner Action Item Progress

Shepherd Community Center

| | Action Items Addressed | Method(s) of Addressing Action Items |
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| Economic & Workforce Development | 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 | We continue to operate our CWF site and make connections for them to employment, training, and certifications. Also, we made a connection to a lending opportunity that would give an option to neighbors instead of predatory lending. It's called the Halo app and promotes peer to peer lending. We are exploring how to implement this in our community. |
| Education | 2.1, 2.4, 2.5 | We continue to offer our K-5th grade school as an option for families and also make connections to other schools in the neighborhood. We also enhanced our professional development by adding a social emotional learning component that focused on trauma informed care. Our programs also focus on at-risk children and youth and particularly those in our neighborhood. |
| | 3.1, 3.2, 3.4 | We continue to train teachers and OST staff on social-emotional learning and we also added professional development from Purdue NW regarding academic learning strategies and learning recovery. We also continue to engage families and one of the key ways we did that was through a literacy family event that had over 40 families participate. |
| | 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 | We continue to promote 21st century and we also use our in-school and out-of-school time programs to promote higher ed through a growth mindset approach. Our summer programs specifically focus on college prep and employment prep. |
| | 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6 | We continue to offer OST program for elem, middle and high school youth. We have offered additional professional development this quarter for our OST staff as well and we also implement social emotional learning in our OST programs. We also had a Doctoral student for Occupational Therapy pilot a peer mentoring program. |
| | 6.2 | We worked with the Mindtrust on a grant to recruit new teachers to the neighborhood. |
| Safety | 1.4, 1.7 | We continue to promote our Shalom project with an IMPD officer and paramedic serving our neighborhood each day and engaging with youth and adults alike, both in the neighborhood and on-site at Shepherd. |
| | 2.3, 2.6 | Our IMPD officer coordinates with our social work team at Shepherd and also multiple hospital social workers. Also we continue to work with Boner on the BCJI grant and the opportunity to connect neighbors who are involved in the justice system with our CWF's. |

Near Eastside Quality of Life Lead Agencies

