



COMMUNITY PARTNERS 2015 – 2017 Grantee Programs

African American Achievers Youth Corps

P.O. Box 64622
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(219) 887-2046
Contact: Dr. Vernon Smith
vesmith@iun.edu

Male Mentoring Program

- Provides mentors, counseling, and guidance to male youth grades 6-12
- Offers tutoring to male youth
- Offers recreational activities for male youth

Communities in Schools of Lake County

100 W. Chicago Avenue
East Chicago
(219) 378-9114
Contact: Patricia Simes
p.simes@cisoflc.org

Integrated Student Service Model

- Implements the CIS Model in Lake County
- School-wise services geared toward specific school needs

Community and Faith Outreach Initiative

P.O. Box 2554
Gary
(219) 576-2340
Contact: Mary Vaughn
maryv24@sbcglobal.net

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

- Offers a city-wide health fair
- Holds Grandparents/Kinship Raising Relatives Conference
- Offers support groups

Crisis Center

101 N. Montgomery Street
Gary
(219) 938-7070 ext. 2727
Contact: Shirley Caylor
scaylor@crisiscenterysb.org

Safely Home

- Emergency shelter for at-risk youth
- Shelters youth that have voluntarily left home or have been pushed out
- Offers counseling and case management

Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum

- Promotes positive family functioning
- Educates youth about alternatives to running away
- Build life skills to prevent running away

Crown Family Services

250 N. Main Street

Suite 8

Crown Point

(219) 663-6353

Contact: Suzy Bonaventura-Krischke

suzybonaventura@yahoo.com

Cybercool

- Educates children on cyber bullying
- Educates children on treating others respectfully while using technology

LGBTQ Support Group

- Aims to prevent trauma and harm for LGBTQ youth
- Promotes safety, understanding, and permanency of LGBTQ youth
- Offers weekly sessions
- Offers community outreach programs

Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department

126 N. East Street

Crown Point

(219) 662-3248 ext. 142

Contact: Michael Parks

training@cpfire.com

Child Passenger Safety Seat Program

- Offers education on proper car seat usage and installation
- Offers replacement seat upon inspection if needed (proof of financial need will be required)

Early Learning Partnership of NWI

6350 New Hampshire Ave.

Hammond

(219) 228-2571

Contact: Kimberly Smith

kims@elpnwi.org

Parents as Teachers of Lake County

- Targets families with children prenatal to age 5
- Outreach to vulnerable families
- Offers a minimum of 12 visits annually to at-risk families

Fair Haven Center for Women

2645 Ridge Road
Highland
(219) 961-4357
Contact: Patty Conley
patty@asafeport.org

Project Anchor

- Offers services to female victims ages 13-18 of sexual and physical abuse
- 20 week program with hands-on activities, including journaling, art and music therapy
- Offers support groups, individual counseling, and art therapy

Project Sail

- Helps children age 6 – 11 whose parents are survivors of physical abuse, child molestation, child sexual abuse, incest, rape or addiction.

Project Voyage

- Helps women age 19 – 80 who have experienced sexual, emotional, and/or physical violence
- Offers individual progress plans that last approximately 12 – 14 weeks in length

Primary Prevention for Child Care Providers Program

- To educate child care providers in learning real facts about child abuse, understanding the tactics used by abusers, knowing how to handle any disclosures sensitively and responsibly and empower personal safety by modeling good communication and empathy.

Faith Temple of Christ

7601 Whitcomb Street
Merrillville
(219) 736-5199
Contact: Teri Houk
teri@faithtempleofchrist.org

Adventures in Parenting

- Education available to parents that have children up to age 18
- Empower parents to succeed and to provide encouragement to them
- To assist in developing loving and nurturing parents that will provide a healthy physical, mental and spiritual atmosphere to raise their children.

I.N.S.P.I.R.E. Youth Mentoring Program

- Empower young females ages 8 to 18 to maximize their full potential as they discover their purpose in life.
- Group sessions, individual sessions, big sister-little sister program, group outings

Manhood to Faith

- Empower males ages 8 to 18 to make positive life choices that enable them to maximize their personal potential.
- Group sessions, individual sessions, big brother-little brother program, group outings

The Store House Café – School Uniforms

- To provide appropriate school uniforms to at-risk families in need.
- The school house café will provide a safe and loving environment for parents and their children to sit and enjoy lunch together while spending quality time.

Girls On The Run

9824 Terrace Court

Highland

(219) 384-8276

Contact: Jill Schlueter-Kim

gotrofnwi@yahoo.com

Girls On The Run of Northwest Indiana

- Incorporates running and other physical activities that teach the essential life skills and core values for living a physically active and healthy lifestyle for girls - best suited for ages 8 to 12 years
- 10 week curriculum that promotes self confidence

Haven House

P.O. Box 508

Hammond

(219) 931-9800

Contact: Lisa Wein

havenhousedvs@aol.com

Healthy Relationships

- Aims to educate youth on healthy interpersonal relationships
- Provides youth with information on abuse and how to become familiar with warning signs

Indiana Parenting Institute

839 Broadway

Suite B96LL

Gary

(219) 886-1111

Contact: Laura Smith-Wynn

ipi@indianaparentinginstitute.org;

Scale Up Parenting Project

- Addresses subconscious stereotypes with the hope that families and individuals will not behave as has become expected of them
- Offers cultural sensitivity training and education

Innovations in Learning

8200 Georgia Street

Merrillville

(219) 791-1400

Contact: Katie Harris

bharrison@innovationsinlearning.net

The Caring Piece

- Targets families that have children with developmental disabilities and/or behavior disorders

- Provides free counseling and support for those families and other children in the home through sibling and parent workshops

Lake County Sheriff's Department

2239 N. Main Street
 Crown Point
 (219) 755-3355
 Contact: Sharon Bennett
 sbennett@lakecountysheriff.com

Violence Intervention Program

- Aims to reduce gang growth by increasing the community's awareness to gang violence
- Provides outreach in targeted areas
- Provides presentations to youth, schools, parents, and professionals

Living Hope Church

9000 Taft Street
 Merrillville
 (219) 769-3601
 Contact: Craig Stiefel/Darlene Hamlin
 craig@lhweb.org/dhamlin@lhweb.org

Cool Kids

- Respite care program that occurs on every third Saturday of the month for parents of special needs children
- Provides resources for parents of special needs children and will hold various events for families with special needs children.

G.R.E.A.T. Families

- A research based family strengthening program consisting of a 9 session family curriculum program. Incorporates the entire family unit.
- G.R.E.A.T. Families' goal is to strengthen communities by strengthening families through engaging parents and youth in cooperative lessons designed to build positive family relationships.
- G.R.E.A.T. Families program will also offer a one week Summer program for school age children incorporating service projects, sporting events, recreational and educational activities and field trips.

Mental Health America of Lake County

5201 Fountain Drive
 Suite I
 Crown Point
 (219) 736-4955 ext. 134
 Contact: Wendy Hensley
 whensley@mhalakecounty.org

Empowering Teens as Parents

- Promotes positive parenting practices for teen parents
- Aims to reduce incidents of child abuse and neglect
- Group meetings and personal visits are offered

Infant Safe Sleep

- Maximizes parenting skills around safe sleep practices
- Minimizes the risk of child death by positional asphyxiation
- Offers Pack-n-Play to participants

Life Skills (I'm Thumbbody)

- Conducted in school classrooms throughout Lake County
- Designed to help each student develop a strong concept of his or her own worth by focusing on individual differences and respect for others.
- Stimulates the development of self-confidence, enhances self-awareness, and instills feelings of self-worth

New Generation Youth and Family Services

839 Broadway – Suite LLB95

Gary

(219) 951-4063

Contact: Teshezia George

newgenerationyfs@gmail.com

Girls Empowered and Motivated to Succeed (G.E.M.S.)

- Mentoring program that is intended to change the attitudes and actions of pre-teens and teenage girls (12 to 17 years) regarding the images that they receive from radio, TV and social media.
- Participants will also learn about teen pregnancy, signs of date rape, abuse and the dangers of utilizing alcohol and drugs

Prevent Child Abuse Lake County

5201 Fountain Drive -Suite I

Crown Point

(219) 972-2217

Contact: Wendy Hensley

whensley@mhalakecounty.org

Billboard Campaign

- Presents four primary prevention billboards in Lake County
- Messages deal with child safety issues

CHAIRish the Children

- Art students design chairs that represent what it means to cherish our community's children
- Chairs will be put on display at the Indiana Welcome Center during the month of April

Child Abuse and Neglect Forum

- "Grand finale" of community child abuse prevention awareness efforts in the month of April

Educational Materials (gladysvan@prodigy.net)

- Provides educational materials to the community through various events/locations
- Materials provide information on parenting, early child care, health and safety, etc.

Shaken Infant Syndrome Prevention (hellensworld@sbcglobal.net)

- Helps parents deal with frustrations with their baby
- Teaches consequences of shaken infant syndrome

- Workshops target adolescents in school settings, parent and foster parent groups, expectant parent groups, and caretakers

Regional Mental Health

1441 E. 84th Place
 Merrillville
 (219)794-2000
 Jennifer.Gescheidler@regionalmentalhealth.org

Keepin' It Real

- Teaches student how to resist substance use through real life strategies that are easy to remember and use. These strategies are represented by the acronym REAL (Refuse, Explain, Avoid, Leave)
- Implemented to parents and students ages 11 to 18.

Sojourner Truth House

410 W. 13th Avenue
 Gary
 (219) 885-2282
 Contact: Sister Peg Spindler/Sherita Brewer
 pspindler@sojournertruthhouse.org

Moms as Teachers: Child Safety through Parental Intervention

- Parenting group provided to clients of the Sojourner Truth House Day Center and includes both homeless and transitional outreach program participant clients.
- Focuses on encouraging mothers to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children while ensuring that they are well cared for.

St. Jude House

12490 Marshall Street
 Crown Point
 (219) 662-7066 ext. 17
 Contact: Joy Heminger
 JHeminger@franciscancommunities.com

Preventing Abuse by Promoting Respect

- Educates children about the importance of respectful behavior in all relationships
- Aims to prevent abusive behaviors
- Programs are given in schools

Urban Reach

5400 W. 29th Avenue
 Gary
 (219) 844-8672 ext. 13
 Contact: Kristan Casas
 KLCasas@msn.com

Solid Programming

- Weekly after school meeting incorporating enrichment activities for student and families

- Activities developed to help students and families set goals, improve student attitudes towards academics, provide a positive outlook for self-expression for the whole family, reduce delinquent behavior and strengthen student support system through parent engagement.

Urban Suns

1954 Ohio Street

Gary

(219) 614-3009

Contact: Alfred Martin

urbansuns05@yahoo.com

Young Achievers

- Provides one-on-one mentoring for youth based on individual needs
- Provides a holistic approach