

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

9. Youth are aware of and have access to community resources to empower and improve their own quality of life.

Action Steps	Performance Measures	Collaborating Partners	Lead Partner	Year
9.1 Gather and disseminate information about youth in the neighborhood.				
9.1.1 Develop a survey created through youth focus groups that evaluates issues facing neighborhood youth, identifies existing service and project-based learning programs, and youth access to community resources.	Survey created.	Boys and Girls Club, Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center, Ivy Tech, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Purdue Extension, The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, Urban Mission YMCA, Youth as Resources, Youth in High Def	KI EcoCenter	12
9.1.2 Hold a Youth Summit, organized through neighborhood youth, that addresses issues identified through the youth survey and incorporates concepts of youth rights; a youth-based definition of “education;” and potential projects to serve multiple age groups and community needs.	Youth Summit attended by at least 250 residents.	Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center, Ivy Tech, Shortridge High School, Stand for Children, Urban Mission YMCA, Youth as Resources	KI EcoCenter	12 13
9.1.3 Involve youth through the formation of a Youth Council that develops its own goals while exploring concepts identified through the youth summit.	Youth group formed with participation/ attendance by at least 20 students.	Stand for Healthy Parents	KI EcoCenter	12 13 14 15 16
9.1.4 Create a media network to maintain and sustain youth awareness by identifying sponsors and partners to support and participate in the network.	Network established with information regularly included in church and school newsletters and posted to newly-created Facebook and Twitter accounts.	Indiana Black Expo, WFYI, Youth Media Network	KI EcoCenter	12
9.2 Develop and leverage more accessibility and engagement to youth programs.				
9.2.1 Identify community based programs that focus on or include components that address youth.	Inventory collection completed.	Indiana 211 Partnership, Marion County Commission on Youth	KI EcoCenter	12
9.2.2 Develop a community based youth resource directory that identifies arts and recreation programming for youth that includes music, dance, drama, poetry, reading, debate, arts and crafts, culinary, urban gardening, sports and fitness, and foreign language.	Resource directory created.	Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center, Ivy Tech	KI EcoCenter	12
9.2.3 Identify or develop peer mentoring programming that increase youth cognitive skills.	Peer mentoring programs identified.	100 Black Men, Marion County Commission on Youth	KI EcoCenter	13 14
9.3 Improve mobility of neighborhood youth by increasing transportation options.				
9.3.1 Identify various transportation options, including those provided by churches, taxis, corporate shuttles, IndyGo, schools, and through carpooling. Investigate enhancements such as pass key boarding, pass key bike systems, and free or reduced-cost bus passes.	Transportation options for youth identified.	Indianapolis Public Schools, IndyGo, Marion County Commission on Youth, Mayor’s Office	KI EcoCenter	13 14
9.3.2 Obtain commitment from partners to coordinate transportation options for youth in programming.	Commitments secured to provide transportation and/or training on transportation options for youth.	Fall Creek Academy, Free Wheelin Bikes, IndyGo	KI EcoCenter	12

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9.4 Develop youth-led, project-based community learning programs.				
9.4.1 Partner to develop a project-based youth development program tailored to urban neighborhoods that includes elements such as urban farming, nutrition education, urban arts, cultural, civic, and media literacies, civic engagement and children's rights, critical thinking skills, and character and leadership development.	Program developed with at least 20 neighborhood youth participating.	4-H, FFA, People for Urban Progress, Purdue Extension, Stand for Children, Urban League	KI EcoCenter	13 14 15 16