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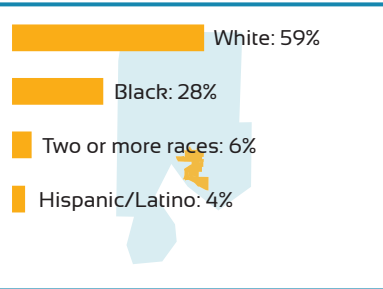
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Evansville Promise Neighborhood Evansville, Indiana



Evansville Promise Neighborhood (EPN) is located in Vanderburgh County in southwest Indiana along the Ohio River. In partnership with 23 organizations, EPN expands high-quality services and supports that improve educational opportunities, increase the number of jobs, expand economic development, reduce violent crime, promote health and access to healthcare, and increase access to quality affordable housing. Overall goals include enhancing health, stability, and a sense of community in the neighborhood.

Community Composition



6
Schools

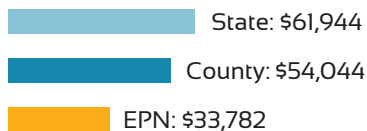


24,434
People in
Footprint

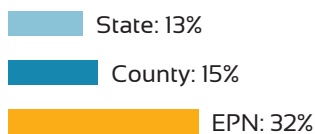


6,283
Children in
Footprint

Median Household Income



Population Below Poverty Level



Pipeline	Select Strategies
Early Childhood Education <p>EPN and partners estimated that over 600 EPN families are on waiting lists for high-quality early learning providers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pre to 3 Home Visiting Program delivers early learning opportunities to expectant and new parents in low-income households. The Early Learning Provider Training Program addresses gaps in availability of high-quality early learning centers and provides educator training.
K-12 Education <p>18% of students living in EPN census tracts were proficient on the ILEARN ELA in 2021 compared with 44% living outside EPN census tracts in the same school district.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check and Connect evidence-based school-time mentoring programs increase student agency with attendance, school persistence, and behavioral referrals. Student Success Mentors work inside schools to build relationships with students, families, educators, and case managers to identify student and family needs and facilitate appropriate support.
College and Career Readiness <p>42% of EPN target high school graduates enrolled in a 4-year college or university.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Connection coaches assist students with college applications, enrollment, and postsecondary degree completion. Advancement Via Individual Determination is an academic college prep support program that helps prepare students for college eligibility and success.
Family and Community Supports <p>Many families experience housing instability, which contributes to a student mobility rate of 33.8%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A housing policy director helps address root causes of substandard, unsafe, and unaffordable housing in the EPN. The Fair Shot and Down Payment Assistance Programs provide financial literacy education and housing counseling support.



Innovative Strategy Spotlight

ChangeLab projects address the unique needs of the EPN through a co-design process with children, families, and educators. Students learn Design Thinking skills and collaborate with community members to put these ideas into action, guided by the University of Evansville's Center for Innovation & Change in partnership with students and faculty. Examples include school vegetable gardens, sidewalk art, dance wellness programs, fitness trails, debate program, and others. These projects empower students to improve their world.