

Chances And Services for Youth ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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MISSION

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EVERY AGE.
EVERY CHILD.
EVERY CHANCE.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Wabash Valley

Creating a positive difference in the lives of children, one volunteer and one child at a time.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Wabash Valley changes lives for the better, forever. BBBS provides children in the Wabash Valley with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships with a caring adult.

The new mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. By partnering with parents/guardians, volunteers, and others in the community, BBBS is accountable for each child in the program achieving:

- Higher aspirations, greater confidence, and better relationships
- Avoidance of risky behaviors
- Educational success



National studies show the positive impact between mentoring and youth development. Of youth who are involved in a professionally supported one-to-one relationship with a caring adult:



are less likely to begin using drugs



are less likely to begin using alcohol



are less likely to bully or hit someone



are less likely to skip school



are less likely to skip a class

Big of the Year:



310

Big & Little matches in 2019

Child Care Resource & Referral

Connecting parents, early education programs, community partners and policymakers.

This is a free resource to help families make informed decisions when seeking care and education for their young children. Family Engagement Specialists inform families of the importance of quality early childhood experiences and the impact those experiences have on a lifetime of learning and development. The program provides family workshops, in various formats, on a variety of topics.

Providing support to
17
active early education
coalitions

Supporting
58,000
children
ages 0-5

Program Support Specialist assist early education programs in finding the appropriate resources to assist them in offering the highest possible care for young children. Community Engagement Specialists assist in building collaborations in all communities with local decision makers and community members to create systems and opportunities for children, their families and other service organizations.

Supporting
900+
education
programs

Serving
24
central IN
counties

Child & Adult Care Food Program

Helping children receive healthy, nutritious meals while keeping food costs down for the child care facility.

“There are numerous benefits to this valuable program, especially in our town which has a large population of low-income families. Many children only receive healthy options offered by our daycare rather than at home.”

Dawn Langer, Licensed Child Care Provider

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) helps children enrolled in child care facilities to receive the nutritious meals their growing bodies need while keeping food costs down for the child care facility. The program reimburses the child care facility based on the number of meals served each month to children in their care. CACFP provides ongoing nutrition education and assistance to child care providers. This, in turn, aids parents as they are not only assured their children are receiving nutritious meals and snacks, but healthy habits are being established and child care costs are kept down as well.

Serving
12
Counties &
1,106,775
meals served

Wabash Valley Lemonade Day

Inspiring young entrepreneurs to work hard, make a profit, and give back to the community.

Lemonade Day is a fun, experiential program that teaches youth how to start, own, and operate their very own business - a lemonade stand. Each year, youth have the opportunity to experience entrepreneurship by setting up their business during their city's community-wide Lemonade Day. In 2019, more than 100 children participated in Lemonade Day Wabash Valley !



Lemonade Day teaches children the four P's of marketing (product, place, price, and promotion) and the three S's of spend a little, share a little and save a little.

100+
PARTICIPATING CHILDREN

\$100
AVERAGE DONATION PER ENTREPRENEUR

\$135
AVERAGE PROFIT PER ENTREPRENEUR

ENTREPRENEURS DONATED TO:
Clay County Youth Food Prog.,
Terre Haute Humane Society,
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Wabash Valley,
& More!

Safe Kids of Vigo County

Providing education, programming, and support with one common goal: to keep children safe.

Safe Kids of Vigo County has one common goal: keeping children safe. The dedicated staff provides support initiatives based on the needs of our community. Safe Kids of Vigo County, supported by Union Health, implements evidence-based programs such as car seat checks and distribution events, safety workshops and clinics, and community education programs that help parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries.

Safe Kids' certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians are available to train parents and caregivers to select, install, and adjust car seats and booster seats. They will:

- Provide assistance in obtaining car seats.
- Provide help to parents and caregivers in the proper installation and adjustment of car and booster seats.
- Advise parents and caregivers on the proper car safety needs of each child.
- Annually hosts a certification course to train new child passenger safety technicians.

200
CAR SEATS
Provided by CASY



224
CAR SEATS
CHECKED
By CASY

Healthy Start Program

About the Program

Chances And Services for Youth is a founding partner for West Central Indiana Healthy Start (WCIHS) and will work to build collective impact in the Wabash Valley by strengthening families before, during, and after pregnancy. Healthy Start is a federal initiative representing 100 organizations serving communities with infant mortality rates at least 1.5 times the U.S. national average, and with high rates of other negative maternal and infant outcomes. CASY will be the lead organization in facilitating a Community Action Network (CAN) an integral component of impacting the Wabash Valley's infant mortality rate in the Healthy Start Initiative. CASY also employs two Community Health Workers for this program.



Teen Court Program

Offering first-time youth offenders a second chance.

Teen Court gives first-time offenders a second chance. Young offenders are referred to Teen Court from the Juvenile Probation Office and appear before a court made up of their peers. They are sentenced by a jury of their peers and offered an opportunity to give back to their community for their offenses. Teen Court also reduces the caseload of our juvenile courts by doing the trial ourselves. Teen Court focuses on youth empowerment by being youth-driven and youth-led. We provide an opportunity for youth to serve the community and themselves through the practice of citizenship, responsibility, integrity, accountability, and empathy.

I am so glad this program is still available for the youth of our community. It gave me a second chance when I was in Middle School and helped me get to where I am today. ”

- McKenzie Smith

Volunteer

Indiana State University Junior

Political Science and Criminal Justice Major



Juvenile Alcohol & Drug Prevention Program

This program is designed to help students understand the dangers of alcohol and drug usage and to equip them with the skill sets they need to make better decisions in the future. In 2019, the program served 23 youth.

Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program

Promoting a tobacco-free generation through community prevention and cessation resources.

About the Program

Tobacco use impacts an estimated 22,400 people in the communities served by CASY's Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program. That's according to the Indiana State Department of Health, Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Division. Approximately 305 births in Vigo and Sullivan Counties are affected by smoking each year at a cost of more than \$414,000.

The Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program seeks to promote a tobacco-free generation through prevention education, supporting tobacco-free environments, and assisting tobacco users who want to quit. Vigo County Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coalition is proud to support the strong local smoke-free ordinances that protect workers, employees, and visitors to the city and county.

Since 2012, over 107,000 residents of Vigo County are breathing easier.

- \$141,000.00 in funding for tobacco prevention and cessation in the Wabash Valley
- 2,745 area youth impacted by tobacco prevention programming. 2,547 in 2018.
- 9 employers representing 5,107 employees assisted with tobacco cessation resources and best practices
- 253 participants in the Indiana Tobacco Quitline. 219 in 2019.
- Hundreds of quit kits distributed

Bikes For Tykes

Brightening each holiday season with more than 400 bicycles and helmets for children in need.

Unfortunately, many children in the Wabash Valley will wake up on Christmas morning without presents under the Christmas Tree. Through Bikes for Tykes, the holiday season is brightened for children in the community by providing them with a bicycle and a helmet. The goal of Bikes for Tykes is to ensure that children in Wabash Valley who are in need of a bicycle will have one for the holiday season. By providing bikes to kids in need, this program gives children a form of independence and responsibility and increases their self-esteem, while fighting childhood obesity. From generous community members, Bikes For Tykes is able to purchase and distribute more than 400 bicycles and helmets annually. Prior to Chances And Services for Youth taking over the program, the Exchange Club of Terre Haute organized and operated the Bikes for Tykes program for several years. The Bikes for Tykes program has continued to be a huge success thanks to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and the 250+ student volunteers who assemble the bicycles.

223

Boys received a bike & helmet for Christmas 2019

Girls received a bike & helmet for Christmas 2019

187



Bikes for Tykes provided over 400 bicycles in 2019 for children in the Wabash Valley.



Chances And Services for Youth Grants & Program Funding Provided By:

Office of Early Childhood & Out of School Learning
Division of Mental Health & Addiction
Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Commission
through Indiana State Department of Health
Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Indiana Department of Child Services
United Way of the Wabash Valley
Office of National Drug Control Policy
Indiana Department of Education
Wabash Valley Community Foundation

Drug Free Vigo County
Indiana Youth Service Association
Vectren Foundation
Union Health Group/Healthy Start
Terre Haute Day Nursery Fund

iLEAD Youth Leadership Program

Building leadership and personal growth through youth-driven service and hands-on experiences.

iLEAD/VOICE is a youth-driven service that focuses on leadership and personal growth through hands-on experience. "iLEAD- Because My VOICE Matters" focuses on teen leadership development and peer-to-peer education in regards to tobacco, cessation, and drug and alcohol prevention. iLEAD/VOICE is designed to provide youth the opportunity to enhance and develop leadership skills and empowerment within a grassroots framework. The CORE Leadership Council works with the community to formulate social media campaigns and spearheads the annual Wabash Valley Youth Leadership Summit at Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods campus.

The summit is a two-day/overnight stay event filled with both educational and fun activities! iLEAD/VOICE embraces the idea of youth empowerment and the impact of peers educating peers. iLEAD/VOICE meets twice a month either at CASY or at various fun locations.



Drug Free Communities Grant

Reducing and preventing youth substance abuse by increasing community collaboration, engaging youth in positive social activities, providing education, and more.

Drug Free Vigo County is a community based coalition dedicated to educating the community about alcohol and other drug problems, assessing local needs, and initiating, coordinating and implementing comprehensive local plans. CASY has been active with the coalition since its inception.

Drug Free Vigo County was awarded a federal Drug Free Communities grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Chances And Services for Youth is the fiscal agent and provides oversight for the grant. The grant allowed the coalition to focus on reducing underage drinking and substance abuse. The coalition was established in 1989, as the Local Coordinating Council.

Drug Free Vigo County Mission Statement:

To reduce and prevent youth substance abuse by increasing community collaboration, engage youth in positive social activities, provide education, training and leadership support to parents, businesses and individuals in the Vigo County community.

Camp RAVE Summer Camp

Offering summertime experiences for kids that are safe, fun, engaging, and enriching.

Camp RAVE Summer Camp is an experience for kids that is safe, fun, engaging, and enriching. Camp Rave includes environmental discovery, arts, character development, literacy, health and wellness, and much more. The goal is to prevent summer learning loss and strengthen children's decision making skills through unique, engaging activities.



63 children during
2019 camp sessions.

Camp Rave collaborates with the Vigo County Purdue Extension office to create hands-on activities such as gardening, woodworking, field trips, college visits, and introduction to 4H. Camp is open to all kindergarten through fifth grade students, at a low cost of \$75 per week. Scholarships are available to reduce camp costs for families in need.

**PURDUE
EXTENSION**

Vigo County Purdue Extension is a proud supporter of Camp RAVE.

School Age Child Care (SACC)

School Age Child Care (SACC) ensures that Vigo County children have a safe, fun, and enriching place to be after the last bell rings! SACC is open to all kindergarten through fifth grade students. Transportation to the facility is provided from Farrington Grove, Fuqua, and Sugar Grove Elementary. The program is designed to create hands-on learning experiences and strengthen life skills and decision making. The Vigo County School Corporation and the 21st Century Grant program are partnered with the program to

bring in educational curriculum and special guests including Trees Inc., Swope Art Gallery, and Purdue Extension. The program also partners with Girl Scouts, YMCA of the Wabash Valley, and the Terre Haute Children's Museum to provide fun activities during program time. Children benefit from supervised activities, homework help, and an afternoon snack. For the 2019-2020 school year, 70 children were served in the program.

Dancing With The Terre Haute Stars

About the Fundraiser

In 2007, Dancing with the Terre Haute Stars featured 9 dancers who helped raise \$33,000. Since that time, the event has grown with nearly 1,200 people in attendance. In 2019, 14 dancers helped raise over \$250,000. In total, Dancing with the Terre Haute Stars has had 162 stars who have helped raise more than \$1.8 Million for Chances And Services for Youth's programs.

The evening features a plated dinner, dance "competition" using our local STARS, and a silent auction. Each dancer is taught a 2-minute routine by a dance professional from The Dance Studio in just 10 dance lessons.



PAST DANCING WITH THE STARS WINNERS

Dr. Daniel Tanoos, 2007

Neil Ward, 2008

Jenny Strole, 2009

Natalie Overton, 2010

Terri McGuire, 2011

Amy Anderson, 2012

Kim Perkins, 2013

Marla Flowers, 2014

Keith Lee, 2015

Todd Newman, 2016

Deidre Metzinger, 2017

Jocelyn Bean, 2018

Jessica Cox, 2019

25 STAFF

13 PROGRAMS

8,000

CHILDREN

LOVED IN 2019

400+ VOLUNTEERS

10

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