



6 PILLARS IN ACTION COMMUNITY CONNECT

IAAQLI continues to impact the quality of life within Indianapolis communities through the execution of the following pillars. 1. Business and Entrepreneurship, 2. Education, 3. Employment, 4. Health and Wellness, 5. Housing and Home Ownership, 6. Leadership and Civic Engagement

This edition we highlight the success stories of the following pillars:



Pillar 4. Health and Wellness

Empowering Black Expecting Mothers in Martindale-Brightwood

Black Maternal Health Week raises awareness of the high maternal mortality rate among Black women, emphasizing the need for equitable, culturally competent care. In Indianapolis, organizations offer free or low-cost prenatal services, doula support, and community programs to improve outcomes.

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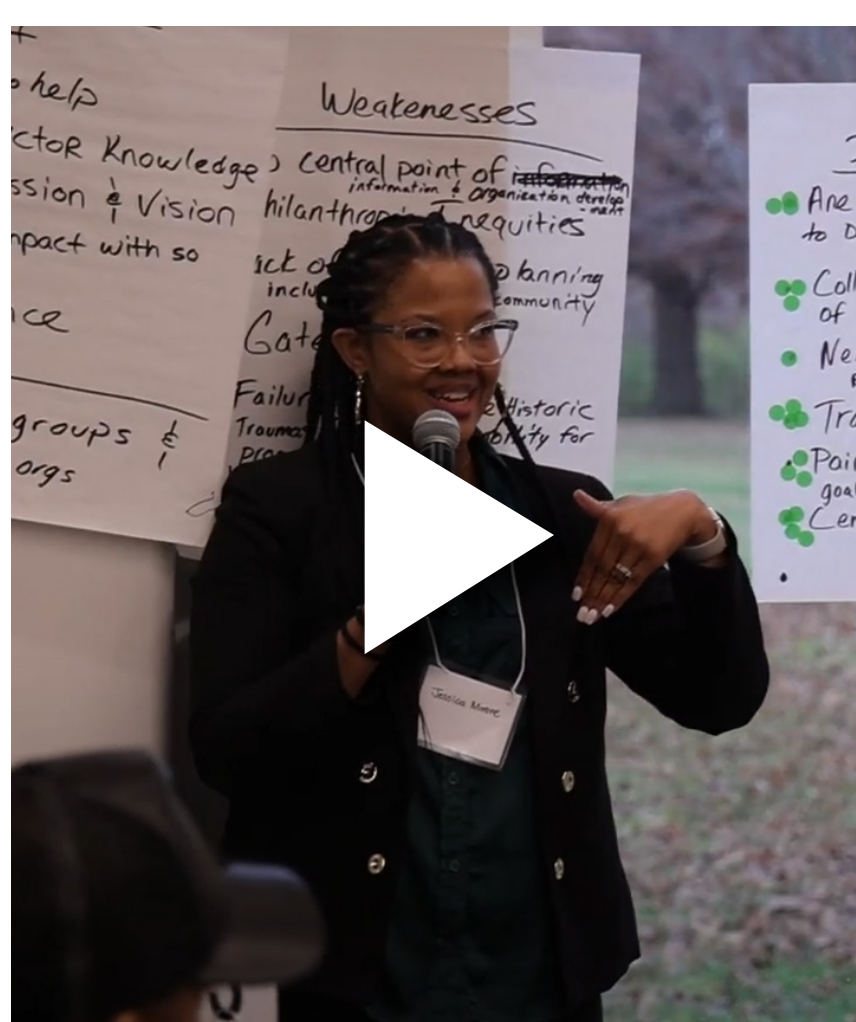


Pillar 6. Leadership and Civic Engagement

More Than 20 Years of Service: AACI's Ongoing Mission for Change

For over 20 years, the African American Coalition of Indianapolis (AACI) has promoted civic engagement, advocacy, and leadership development. Through events and monthly meetings AACI empowers community voices and fosters collaboration to build a more equitable and thriving African American community in Greater Indianapolis.

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Pillar 6. Leadership and Civic Engagement

A Closer Look Behind The Convening

In November 2024, Central Indiana nonprofit leaders gathered to strengthen organizational and leadership development across the region. Explore key takeaways, insights, and future priorities in the full report: <https://bit.ly/GrowCentralINOrgsandLeadership>. Stay engaged and build momentum—join the “Get to Action” events this May: <https://bit.ly/GetToActionEventRegistration>.

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Podcast

A Look At The Pillars In Action

Samantha Douglas speaks with grant recipients from Fathers & Families and P30, to see firsthand how IAAQLI dollars are making a positive impact in the community in real time. Our guests share powerful insights, practical strategies, and personal stories that demonstrate how their work reinforces IAAQLI's commitment to Pillar 1: Business and Entrepreneurship, and Pillar 4: Employment.

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The Indianapolis African American Quality of Life Initiative (IAAQLI) is a place-based community change project established through a partnership between the National Urban League, The Indianapolis Urban League, and the African American Coalition of Indianapolis. Funded through a \$100 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. The goal of the IAAQLI is to acknowledge the concerns and increase the quality-of-life of African American residents in Indianapolis



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