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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

In this edition, we highlight the success stories of the following pillars:



Pillar 4: Health & Wellness

Do You Really Understand How Sick You Are?



Arnetta Scruggs' life changed overnight when a sudden hospital stay led to a chronic kidney disease diagnosis, she says, that went unexplained for days. Now undergoing dialysis five nights a week, her story highlights both personal resilience and the urgent health disparities impacting Black residents in Indianapolis. Scruggs is using her experience to advocate for awareness, early detection, and self-advocacy in navigating the healthcare system. Stories like this are made possible through IAAQLI funding. Click the link to read the full story and learn more.

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Pillar 5: Housing & Home Ownership

IAAQLI 6 Pillars at Work: Housing & Home Ownership

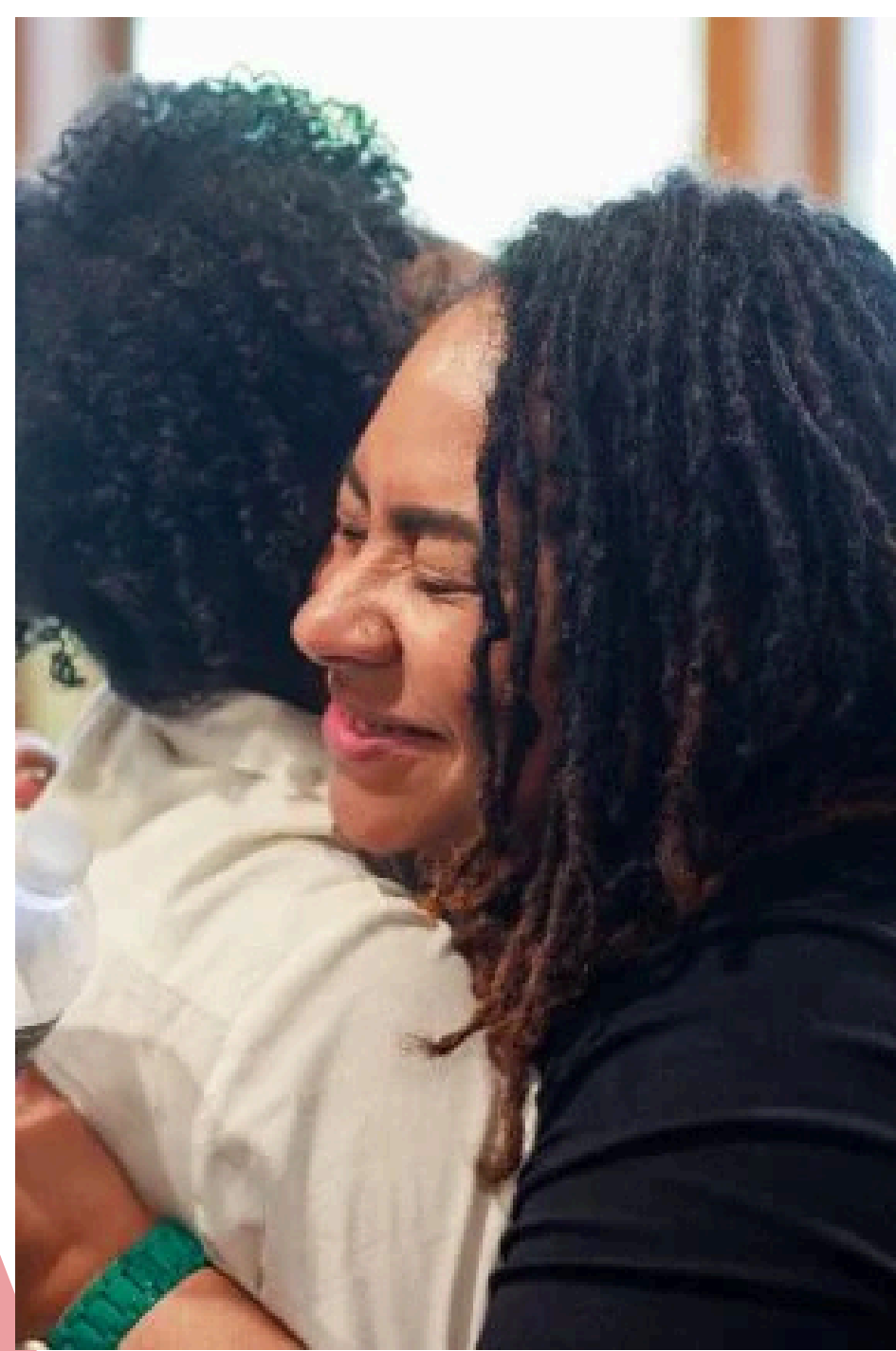
6 Pillars at Work series is back! This month, we're shining a light on Pillar 5: Housing & Home Ownership. Discover the organizations driving change, meet the people whose lives are being impacted, and hear their powerful stories.

Click the link to learn more.

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Pillar 4: Health & Wellness

Doula Conference Aims to Address Maternal Health Disparities Across the State



The Indiana Doula Conference (May 16, 2026) aims to address Indiana's maternal health crisis, where 80% of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable and Black women face disproportionately higher mortality rates. The conference is expected to bring together more than 150 birth workers, educators, and maternal health leaders to address ongoing disparities and explore solutions aimed at improving outcomes for families across the state. Organizers want to establish doulas as essential members of birth care teams, not just optional support. Stories and events like this are made possible through IAAQLI funding.

Click the link to read the full story, learn more, and purchase tickets.

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Subscribe to our newsletter and stay up to date on the exciting developments impacting the **African American Quality of Life in Indianapolis**

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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