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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 1: Employment

How Skilled US Is Transforming Workforce Development

Skilled US, a workforce development organization founded in 2021 on Indianapolis's Far East Side, has grown from a three-person team to a 32-person operation now serving 1,400 students annually across four local high schools. With support from IAAQLI, the organization provides career training, wraparound services, and year-long post-placement follow-up, achieving over 80% completion rates and an average wage gain of approximately \$36,000 for participants.

Click the link to read the full story and learn more.

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Pillar 4: Health & Wellness

Eskenazi Mental Health Center: Warren and Lawrence township expansions

Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center is expanding its service area from two to four Marion County townships after receiving state approval to take over community mental health responsibilities in Warren and Lawrence townships from Community Fairbanks Behavioral Health. The transition, expected to be complete by end of 2026, will bring expanded mental health, substance use, and crisis services to more Indianapolis residents regardless of ability to pay. Stories like this are made possible through IAAQLI funding.

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Pillar 2: Education

IAAQLI Six Pillars At Work: Education

6 Pillars at Work is back, and this month we're putting Education in the spotlight. From classrooms to communities, see how dedicated organizations are making a difference. Meet the real people whose futures are being shaped by access to learning. Watch the video to see the impact in action.

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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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