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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

Cradle Indy Report Highlights Urgent Need to Reduce Infant Mortality in Marion County

Marion County's infant mortality rate (8.4 per 1,000 births) is roughly 50% above the national average, prompting Cradle Indy's 2026 report to call for better coordination among health providers rather than new services. Since launching in 2025, the group has connected 226 families with services and matched 115 with doulas. Stories like this from the Indianapolis Recorder are made possible by IAAQLI.

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

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Pillar 6: Leadership & Civic Engagement

IAAQLI Six Pillars In Action: Girl Talk Inc.

For 10 years, Girl Talk Inc. has empowered and mentored more than 600 young women and mothers throughout Indianapolis. Through mentorship, education, and access to valuable resources, this work continues to help young women build confidence and prepare for a successful future, made possible in part through the support of the IAAQLI initiative. Watch the video to see the impact in action and hear from the young women whose lives have been changed by this incredible organization.

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Podcast

INDY Go Foundation & Drone Force Indiana

In this episode, we hear from Rachel Moss of the IndyGo Foundation and Darrell Morton Jr. of Drone Force Indiana about their work creating greater access, opportunity, and inclusion for underrepresented communities in Indianapolis. From equitable transportation to expanding pathways into drone technology and aviation, discover how these leaders are putting the Six Pillars into action. Click and listen now to be inspired and learn more.

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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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