

“3 + 1” Near-Term Objectives:

Focus Area / Priority Issue	Objective(s)	Timelines	Resources
Early Childhood Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a thorough and objective inventory of child care / pre-school assets, capacities, and qualities to determine the scope and nature of the shortfall. • Assess the current Kindergarten readiness situation: Identify the standards currently in place and the methods of evaluation. Determine if a set of standard measurements can be implemented countywide. Create a common standard for readiness to be promoted countywide. 	<p>Grant runs through December, 2018.</p> <p>Implement for 2018/19 school year.</p>	<p>Early Learning Coalition</p> <p>Public School Superintendents</p> <p>Area Pre-K and Kindergarten Teachers</p>
Educational Attainment and Workforce Readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the EDC in maintaining Wayne County’s status as a certified Work Ready Community, specifically by achieving a 50% test rate of high school juniors. • Create a catalog of each school district’s efforts to implement Indiana’s Work Ethic Certificate program to encourage and track implementation of the program at each school district in Wayne County. • Assist Ivy Tech Community College and the EDC in promoting Indiana’s Next Level Jobs training initiative for high-demand jobs in high-priority industries driving the 21st Century economy in Indiana. • Collaborate with the Eastern Indiana Regional Plan Commission after the completion of their Workforce Study to determine next steps in resolving the workforce shortage of key skill sets needed by regional employers. 	<p>Spring, 2019</p> <p>Spring, 2019</p> <p>December, 2018</p> <p>July, 2019</p>	<p>EDC and EIRPC</p> <p>Wayne County Colleges, Schools, and the Excel Center</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce Business Education Committee</p> <p>Area Employers and Labor Unions</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce Business and Education Committee on planning and implementation efforts of mentorship programs in the intermediate schools and job fairs for high school seniors. 	TBD	
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Neighborhood Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present the results of the EIRPC Housing Study at a special meeting of the FWC! Leadership Forum. Convene a task force to review the recommendations for Wayne County, prioritize them, and set a clear path / timeline for implementation. In conjunction with city police departments and the County Sheriff, create and support five new neighborhood groups. Convene a Blue-Ribbon Committee to study uses for the Old Reid Hospital site; the Elder-Beerman building and downtown business areas; Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church; and distressed neighborhoods. Address the need for a Community Development Corporation and identify a workable solution with respect to the role and mission of Center City Development Corp. 	<p>Report by May, 2018</p> <p>By December, 2018</p> <p>December, 2018</p>	<p>Jeff Plasterer/EIRPC</p> <p>Center City Development Corporation</p> <p>Diana Whitehead/ Neighborhood Services Clearinghouse</p> <p>Richmond Neighborhood Restoration</p> <p>Redevelopment Commission</p>
Public Information and Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a working committee to develop and implement a comprehensive communication plan to keep the community apprised of progress with reliable, effective information. 		