

PART 6

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PROJECT ABSTRACT

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Project Title: EVSC Full-Service Community Schools (FSCS) Initiative

Target Population: Evansville (pop. 116,486 [80.2% white, 13.1% black, 3.3% Hispanic and 3.4% other]) is in Vanderburgh County. Our community exceeds state and national poverty rates, with 21.0% below poverty in the city (IN: 11.6%; US:11.4%) and is the recipient of a Promise Zone designation. We expect to directly impact 707 individuals in Year 1, which will increase each year to 2,018 individuals by Year 5 of the initiative. Each of the focus schools are in the same geographical area/attendance district and will fully implement the full-service community school model: Glenwood Leadership Academy (K-8, Title I), Lodge Community School (PK-8, Title I), Lincoln School (K-8, Title I) and Benjamin Bosse High School (9-12). Schools are among the highest poverty, lowest achieving, and most at-risk in our community and are located in or serve students from Evansville's Promise Zone.

Comprehensive Plan/Description/Goals/Outcomes: In 2000, the EVSC spearheaded the development of a district-wide community school initiative called the School Community Council (SCC). To date, over 80 community organizations, businesses, and faith-based partners are working in partnership to support schools. Components of the full-service community school framework are already in place in some schools. EVSC will further transform high poverty and persistently low performing schools into Full-Service Community Schools. Elements include early childhood learning, afterschool and summer programs, access to health services, social and emotional supports and alternatives to suspension/expulsion.

Goals and expected outcomes include:

- **Goal 1:** Increase school adjustment and physical, mental, and emotional health of students/families. *Obj./Outcome Areas:* academic performance and school readiness, absences and disruptive behaviors, high school graduation and post-secondary preparation, and nutrition and physical health of students.
- **Goal 2:** Strengthen bonds between families and children with schools and community by establishing an infrastructure of support for schools and agencies to support children and families. *Obj./Outcome Areas:* Number/percent of individuals served, student and family engagement, and student/family protective and risk factors of school maladjustment.

Partners: The *EVSC Full Service Community School (FSCS) Initiative* proposes a partnership between the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation (LEA) and partners through the School Community Council including SCC Afterschool Team, Youth First, Inc., YMCA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Ascension-St. Vincent Health, Building Blocks, OptIN, Vanderburgh County Juvenile Court, and Evansville Promise Zone. Our partnership is committed to enhancing existing resources and integrating FSCS services into a comprehensive network of pipeline programs and services while pursuing a common mission of "establishing school sites as places of community to enhance youth and family development."