

**WABASH COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
2018-2022

The vision of the Committee is to revitalize our community so it can thrive long term.  
Our mission is to transform our community by connecting kindergarten readiness to economic success.

**WHO WE ARE**  
Stakeholders

**GOALS**

**STRATEGIES**

**THE DIFFERENCE THESE GOALS WILL MAKE**  
Outcomes

**BUSINESS**

- Bona Vista
- Ford Meter Box
- Grow Wabash County
- Honeywell Center
- Transform Consulting Group

**COMMUNITY**

- City of Wabash
- Community Foundation of Wabash County
- Wabash County Probation
- Wabash County United Fund
- Wabash County YMCA
- Wabash Presbyterian Church

**EDUCATION**

- Healthy Families Area 5 Agency
- Heartland Preschool
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Little Friends Daycare
- Manchester Early Learning Center
- Manchester University
- Wabash City Schools

**HEALTH**

- Bowen Center
- Friends Counseling Center
- Parkview

Increase Capacity

Increase Accessibility

Improve Quality

Increase Affordability

Improve Parent & Community Engagement

1. INCREASE CAPACITY

**50%**  more seats for infants & toddlers  
 part-day exempt preschool programs become full-day

2. IMPLEMENT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MODEL

**50**  new seats for 0-5 year olds

3. RECRUIT AND RETAIN HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

**↑**  teacher credentials by 20%  
 enrollment in apprenticeship program

4. DIVERSIFY PROGRAM OFFERINGS TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

**↑**  diversity in program models for children with disabilities  
 2nd & 3rd shift option  sick care program offerings  
 geographic location options

5. ADVOCATE FOR STATE VOUCHER PROGRAM CHANGES TO MEET DIFFERENT ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

6. INCREASE CAPACITY OF HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS

**↑**  number of rated, high-quality programs

7. IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF TEACHERS

**10**  programs participate in professional development "Thrive in 5"  
 classrooms/teachers implement CLASS assessment

8. CREATE AN EARLY LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Determine**  cost of tiered scholarship  cost of high-quality program with livable wages  source to host the scholarship fund **RAISE \$**

9. DEVELOP EMPLOYER-SPONSORED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Develop** toolkit for employers & **Recruit** employers to offer care

10. DEVELOP A CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Create**  cost for tiered scholarship  cost of high-quality program with livable wages  source to host the scholarship fund

11. OFFER PARENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING CLASSES

**75%** New parents enrolled in education classes/training & collect data

**BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN**

- Ready for school
- Safe & educational environments
- Higher chance of success

**BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES**

- Parents can work or go back to school
- Improve living situations

**BENEFITS FOR ECONOMIES**

- More reliable workforce
- More productive workforce
- More skilled workforce
- More earnings invested in economy and tax base

**BENEFITS FOR COMMUNITY**

- Lower incarceration rates
- Increase health outcomes
- More engaged citizens



**Community Foundation of Wabash County**

*We're here for giving. We're here for good.*