

Building Neighborhoods



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Neighborhoods, Inc.'s **"WE ARE NEIGHBORS"** is developing organized resident-led groups that will transform into entities that engage in self-management of nearby public spaces. The goal is to encourage an increased level of neighborhood pride and personal investment. Events include the Best House on the Block Contest, neighborhood dog walks, clean-up/beautification activities and neighborhood garage sales. Events attract non-residents to experience life in East Chicago neighborhoods.

Partners: **Neighborhoods, Inc., St. Stanislaus School and Church, Rexana Civic Club.** Photos courtesy of: Neighborhoods, Inc.

Student Success



Youth P.L.U.S. (Plan, Learn, Understand, Succeed) provides targeted and sustained academic support and academic enrichment opportunities for students to encourage advancement toward graduation. The program surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Different approaches to education stimulate students to create and publish comic books, write, direct and produce music CDs and to receive tutoring essential in combating and changing poor study habits.

Partners: **Community in Schools EC, South Shore Arts, Katherine House Boys and Girls Club, Healthy East Chicago and School City of East Chicago.**
Photo courtesy of: Foundations of East Chicago



Family Support

East Chicago's **MOMStaking Charge** has assisted 100 single moms, or women pregnant with their first child, by providing support, education and one-on-one advocacy as they build independent, self-sustainable, and healthy families. Duties performed by our family-support specialists include applying for Medicaid, WIC, Food Stamps and Childcare services, providing access to health and dental care, locating housing/shelter and/or utility assistance, finding domestic-violence shelters, counseling services and assisting in the selection of appropriate child care while helping moms juggle a multiple of work, school and child rearing demands.

Partners: Healthy East Chicago, Inc., Haven House, Inc., HealthVisions Midwest, Inc., Salvation Army East Chicago Corps, IVY Tech - Plaza Communitarias, and East Chicago City Courts. Photo courtesy of: Foundations of East Chicago

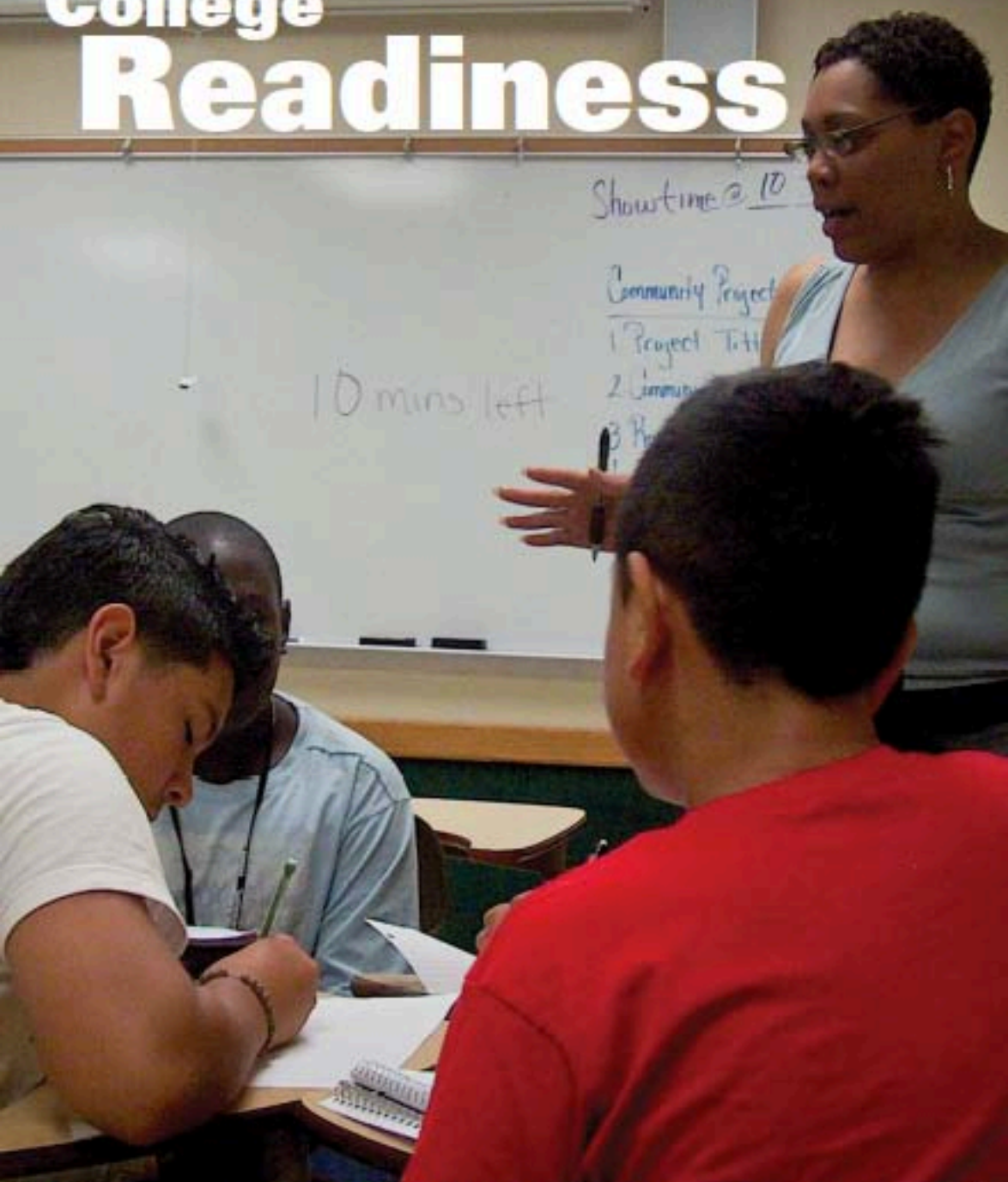
Developing Youth



Project **INSPIRE** provides enrichment opportunities for 2,800 East Chicago students and their families through art, culture and financial literacy programming in elementary classrooms, homes neighborhood centers and Boys & Girls Club facility.

Partners: South Shore Arts, Katherine House Boys and Girls Club, East Chicago Arts Initiative, United Neighborhoods Organization and Chicago Junior Achievement. Photo courtesy of: South Shore Arts

College Readiness



The Purdue University Calumet's Educational Talent Search program provides quality outreach services targeting middle school and high school students, from first generation and low-income families that reside in the urban Lake County. We expose families to cultural and educational venues not normally available, academic monitoring, SAT/ACT preparation, tutoring, college visitations, summer enrichment, career counseling, financial aid assistance and commence development of an individual educational plan aimed toward completion of high school and advancement to college. The Foundations of East Chicago have been helpful in funding this program and helping us connect with East Chicago families.

Partners: Purdue University Calumet, U.S. Department of Education, School City of East Chicago and 21st Century Scholars.
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