



...Building Community One Individual at a Time

General Information

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Catchment Area: The John H. Boner Community Center serves neighborhoods in the following areas:

North to Highway 70

East to Highway 465

South to Washington Street (Railroad tracks south of Washington Street)

West to Capitol Avenue

MISSION

The John H. Boner Community Center responds creatively to the needs of the people on the near Eastside of Indianapolis. Our comprehensive services encourage individuals and families to recognize their strengths and abilities as they move toward self-reliance and an improved quality of life.

Our history and traditions are based on these beliefs:

- ▶ We believe that community services are most effective when located in the neighborhoods where they are needed
- ▶ We believe that every person has value and deserves to be treated with respect and dignity
- ▶ We believe in advocating with and on behalf of our community and its residents
- ▶ We believe in collaborating with other organizations to provide more effective services
- ▶ We believe in being good stewards of our resources
- ▶ We believe in building community one individual at a time

HISTORY

- 1971** The Near Eastside Community Organization (NESCO) and the City of Indianapolis agreed to open a social service center called the Near Eastside Multi-Service Center.
- 1979** The Center became a United Way agency.
- 1980** New Life Manor Apartments opened its doors.
- 1983** The Near Eastside Multi-Service Center joined the Community Centers of Indianapolis, a federation of neighborhood centers.
- 1985** Elder Alternative Adult Day Care Center began its operations.
- 1991** The Brookside Building was renovated and adopted as the permanent hub for the John H. Boner Community Center.
- 1991** Stopover became part of the Near Eastside Multi-Service Center.
- 1993** In cooperation with the National Council of Jewish Women, the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Program was initiated.
- 1994** The Near Eastside Multi-Service Center's name was changed to the John H. Boner Community Center in honor of its long-time director.
- 1996** A partnership with Goodwill Industries was formed and opened a neighborhood welfare-to-work resource center called Career Corner.
- 1997** Community Choice Federal Credit Union and the Boner Center formed a partnership to establish the Financial Foundations Program.
- 1999** Family Transitional Housing Program began at the Center.
- 2000** Career Corner received certification as a WorkOne Express Center.
- 2001** The Center's Housing Program expands to 169 housing units.
- 2003** The Center began the Brookside Enrichment Academy, a 21st Century Community Learning Center.
- 2004** The Center becomes an independent agency after Community Centers of Indianapolis ceased operations.
- 2005** The Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Program was renamed to Parents as Teachers (PAT).

Emergency Services (Career Corner)

- Homelessness prevention
- Rent and utility assistance
- Food and clothing referral
- Crisis intervention

Workforce Development Services (Career Corner) - A certified WorkOne Express Site

- Employment assistance and counseling
- Job readiness services
- Skills-based training
- Family transitional living program
- Information resource area
- Unemployment claims filing
- Access to vocational rehabilitation services
- Basic computer skills training
- School to Work Program at Harshman Middle School
- Access to mental health services

Senior Socialization and Wellness Programs

- Daily recreation and social activities
- Outings
- Wellness education and screenings
- Transportation services
- Hot lunches

Elder Alternative Adult Day Care

- Serves health impaired adults with individualized care plans and daily activities
- Exercise and wellness activities
- Full-time registered nurse
- Transportation services
- Hot lunch and snacks provided

Continuum of Care Housing Program

169 units of affordable housing that serves:

- Senior citizens
- Homeless individuals with chronic mental illness
- Homeless families
- Low-income individuals
- Mobility impaired

Financial Foundations

- Individual Development Accounts
- Money management training
- Women and money management training
- Jr. Investors Program
- 'Get Checking' Program

21st Century Community Learning Centers - Brookside Enrichment Academy

Quality after-school and summer programs

- Indianapolis Public School 54
- Indianapolis Public School 78

Parents as Teachers (PAT)

- Home-based services for parents of children 3-5 years of age

Stopover

Serving young people in crisis

- 24 hour crisis line
- Emergency shelter
- Home-based counseling
- Family violence prevention
- Community Service Program

Community School Program at IPS School #14