



INDY SUMMER LEARNING LABS 2023 RESULTS

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“ISLL allows our children to address deficits in their education post-COVID and provides them guided teaching support and tools to enter their next grade level confidently and successfully.”

–Pride Academy ISLL site leader

ABOUT INDY SUMMER LEARNING LABS

Launched in the summer of 2021 as a response to significant learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Indy Summer Learning Labs (ISLL) serves students across Indianapolis who can benefit from continued summer instruction and enrichment activities to drive increased math and reading academic achievement. This cross-sector initiative involves schools and community organizations working together to meet the needs of families throughout Marion County.

ISLL consists of five weeks of programming in June and July at dozens of sites across Marion County and enrolled more than 5,000 students in summer 2023. Sites are free or low-cost and are located in areas that need additional access to affordable summer enrichment programs. Each day, students receive breakfast and lunch, daily math and reading instruction, and participate in fun enrichment activities like art, field trips, community service, and sports. The program is open to students who will be entering grades 1 through 9 after the summer break.

Indy Summer Learning Labs is supported by the Indiana Department of Education through the Learning Recovery Grant and additional philanthropic support.



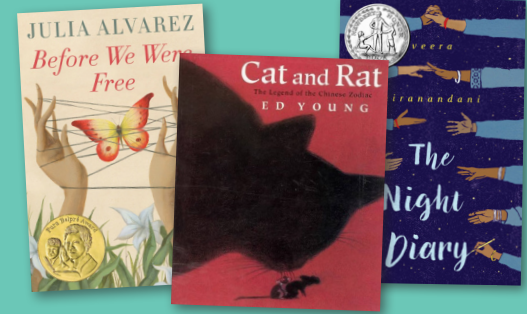
100 Black Men
of Indianapolis
Summer Academy

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Bringing high-quality math and reading instruction to summer break

A hallmark of Indy Summer Learning Labs is the high-quality math and reading curriculum used each year at every site. Lavinia Group created a robust curriculum for the program that aligns with Indiana state standards, is culturally responsive, and focuses on accelerating student learning rather than remediation.



Assessments and ready-to-use lessons support site implementation

The curriculum includes pre-made lesson plans and worksheets for each grade level, which helps lift a significant amount of planning off of schools and community organizations. For smaller schools and community organizations, having a ready-made curriculum removes a significant barrier that would normally exist to create a high-quality summer program.

In addition to the curriculum, Lavinia Group also created a pre- and post-test to track students' academic progress as a result of this program's intervention. Students take the assessment during the first and last weeks of ISLL. The Mind Trust and United Way of Central Indiana supported sites with printing and delivering lessons and assessments, and ordering and ensuring delivery of books for each site.

Engaging lessons that build foundational math and reading skills

Daily instruction in reading focuses on the skills

students need to succeed in the next school year, like phonics, spelling, vocabulary, writing, and analyzing text. The reading curriculum also includes a book list that intentionally incorporates authors of color and stories that reflect the backgrounds of students served in the program.

Daily math instruction focuses on helping students at all grade levels learn multiple approaches for solving story problems. The curriculum gives teachers planning strategies to help guide students through the problem-solving process with discussion questions, giving students an opportunity to expand their critical thinking skills.

What evidence did instructors see in students' academic growth?

“Students were able to find the main idea easier and include clear evidence as support after the program.” // “Students were able to solve math story problems in multiple ways.” // “Their thought process and eagerness to not only do the work for themselves, but to help each other.”

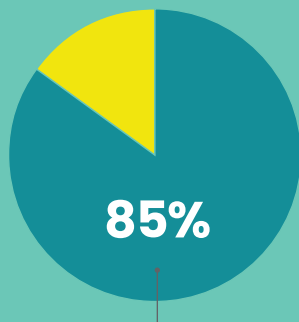


La Plaza Summer Discovery



Titles from the ISLL book list

2023 ISLL INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF PREPAREDNESS



85% of ISLL instructional staff felt very prepared or prepared to perform the academic tasks associated with their role as a result of pre-program training.

Licensed teachers provide strong instruction

A great curriculum is nothing without a teacher. We know students are most impacted when taught by licensed teachers who can fully utilize the accelerated lessons. Because of the supports and compensation offered, each program year has had a waiting list of teacher applicants. Schools manage hiring for their sites and The Mind Trust and United Way of Central Indiana hire, select, and place teachers for community-based sites. All teachers and teacher aides hired by the program complete a background check process and pre-program training.

In response to feedback from sites and families, ISLL removed virtual instruction for summer 2023 and implemented in-person instruction at all sites. The Mind Trust and United Way of Central Indiana hired and placed more than 200 instructional staff for community-based sites.

Competitive summer compensation

Every year, ISLL teachers receive a stipend up to \$10,000 to pay them for 1 week of pre-program training with Lavinia and 5 weeks of instruction. The pay for these stipends is included in the funding each site receives. This level of pay helps schools easily secure staffing over the summer and allows community-based organizations access to staff capacity that they might not have had previously.

ISLL teachers are also supported by teaching aides, who were paid \$25 per hour in summer 2023. Qualified applicants for the teacher aide role include college students studying education or those with a background in supporting student learning in the classroom or other youth program setting.

Curriculum and professional development

In addition to daily lessons and assessments, ISLL instructional staff are provided with other supports to work in the program.

- **Data Collection Systems:** Teachers receive training on data collection and access to tools to keep track of progress on a daily basis.
- **Professional Development:** All participating teachers engage in high-quality professional development prior to and during the program. In 2023, this included:
 - A one-week Teacher Training Institute the week before the program began to acclimate teachers to Lavinia Group's core instructional methods.
 - Weekly Student Work Study Meeting: During these meetings, teachers analyze student thinking and mastery of the concepts with support from Lavinia Group staff.
 - Weekly Intellectual Preparation Meeting: Lavinia Group team members guide participants through upcoming lessons to prepare for the week ahead.

Non-traditional summer school experience attracts thousands of Marion County families

Indy Summer Learning Labs provides an engaging, purposeful way for Marion County students to spend their summer. The ISLL student experience includes strong instruction and allows time and resources for students to have a fun, enriching experience during their summer break.

EXAMPLE DAY FOR AN ISLL STUDENT

TIME	ACTIVITY
8–8:30 am	Arrival + Breakfast
8:30–9 am	Community Circles / Morning Meeting
9 am–12 pm	Daily math and reading academic block
12–1 pm	Lunch + Recess
1–4:30 pm	Enrichment / fun activities
4:30–5 pm	Dismissal / Pick-Up

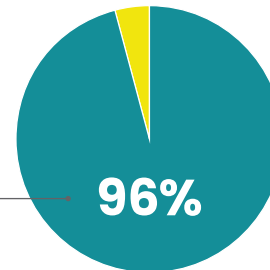
Sites can choose the rhythm of their day and exact arrival and dismissal times, but are required to provide at least 3 hours of daily math and reading instruction. The funding each site receives also supports costs for enrichment activities.

ISLL 2023 ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY EXAMPLES

- The **Wheeler-Dowe Boys & Girls Club** utilized their indoor pool and lifeguard staff for swim lessons and play time each week.
- Middle school students at **Aspire Indy** had rotating career-focused sessions, exposing students to careers in coding, cosmetology, education, auto repair, and nursing. Elementary and middle school students at this site also had rotating arts sessions.
- **La Plaza's Summer Discovery** site planned weekly field trips across the city, including the Indianapolis Zoo, Children's Museum, and Peace Learning Center.

FAMILY SATISFACTION WITH ISLL

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Wheeler-Dowe Boys & Girls Club





2023 Indy Summer Learning Lab student and family experience

More than 5,000 Marion County students were enrolled in the 2023 Indy Summer Learning Lab program. ISLL students and families were surveyed to gather their feedback on the program.

Overall, the students surveyed enjoyed the program and especially enjoyed the teachers. When asked what they liked most, they shared:

“Splitting the day with learning and fun stuff in the afternoon. Our teachers were really easy to talk to and nice.” // “Being in a small group and having the work explained. [I also enjoyed] discussing a problem after everyone has solved it and the discussions about the book.”

- 65% of students said they were excited to show what they learned in math when they got back to school.
- 64% said they gained confidence in solving math problems over the summer.

- 63% of students said they got stronger at reading and discussing books over the summer.

Families who were surveyed were overwhelmingly satisfied with the program. When asked what they like best about ISLL or their site, they shared:

“I like that students can participate and meet other kids and continue learning during the summer.” // “I am thankful for the level of skill, safety, and support the teachers and staff provided my child!” // “How the teachers seem to care for the students.” // “That my son still has a learning environment even in the summer.” // “I like how convenient it was to have this program at my kid’s daycare facility.”

“I enjoyed my math teacher. She is a great teacher. She helps me with my math and lets me do my own strategies and teaches me multiplication facts in a fun way to help me learn!”

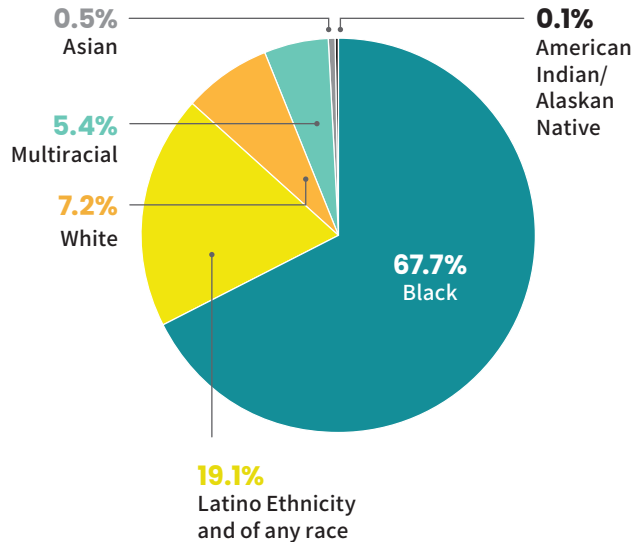
–2023 ISLL student



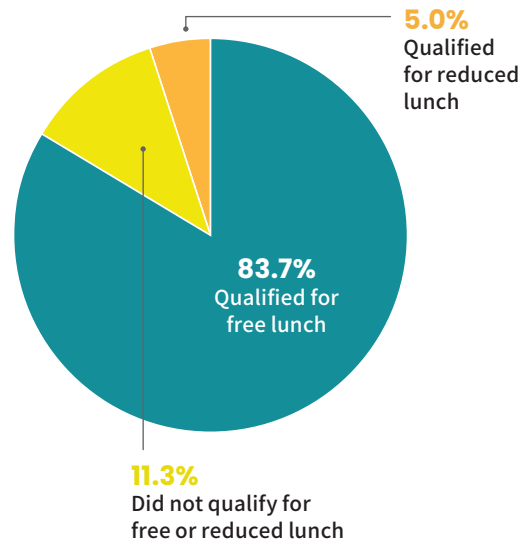
ISLL 2023 Enrollment: Which students were served?

In 2023, Indy Summer Learning Labs served more than 5,000 Marion County students transitioning into grades 1 through 9. The program is intentionally designed to serve students who lack access to high-quality summer academic and enrichment programming. Of these 5,000-plus students, 93% identified as students of color, 89% qualified for free or reduced lunch, and 23% were English Language Learners.

**2023 ISLL STUDENT
ENROLLMENT RACIAL
DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN**



**2023 ISLL STUDENT
ENROLLMENT INCOME
BREAKDOWN**





Stephen Decatur
Elementary

2023 ISLL Enrollment: Where were students served?

To help identify locations and areas for targeted enrollment outreach, The Mind Trust and United Way utilized ALICE priority zip codes. ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. The ALICE population earns above the Federal Poverty Level but less than what's needed to survive in the modern economy. ALICE households often live paycheck to paycheck and must make difficult choices such as deciding between quality child care or paying the rent.

Growing access to high-quality summer programming not only impacts academic achievement but also increases access to free or low-cost childcare and meals during the summer holiday.

HIGHEST ENROLLMENT ZIP CODES

46203, 46222, and 46226

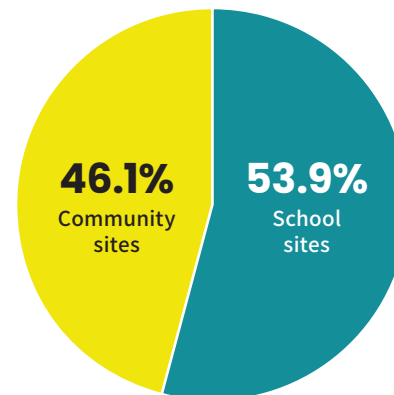
(Priority 2 ALICE ZIP codes)

46201 and 46218

(Priority 1 ALICE ZIP codes)

A hallmark of the program is partnership with both schools and community-based organizations to offer programming. The common reason families chose their site was due to its location in proximity to their home or work or because they already had a relationship with the site.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL ISLL SITE ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWN



Third Year of Learning Gains

For the third year in a row, students participating in Indy Summer Learning Labs saw learning gains in math and reading at the end of the five-week program. The Mind Trust and United Way of Central Indiana are grateful to the teachers and staff at each site that made these gains possible!

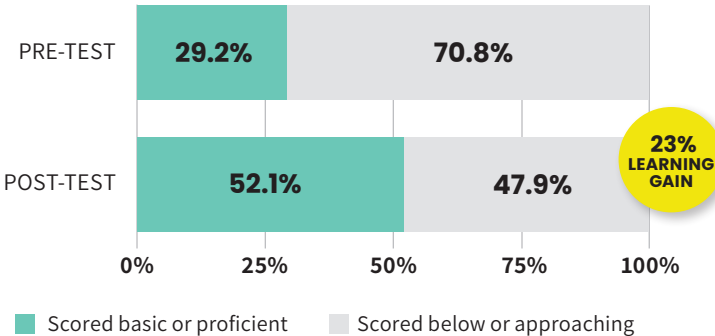
All ISLL students take an assessment during the first and last weeks of the program. A score with the Below or Approaching range means a student has not passed the assessment. Scores within the Basic or Proficient range indicate that the student passed the assessment and are showing mastery of grade-level math and reading standards.



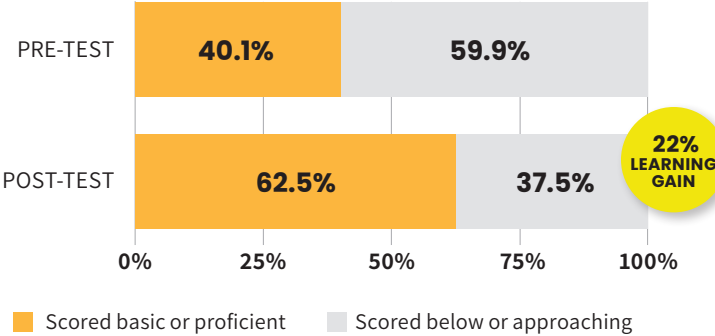
Wheeler-Dowe
Boys & Girls Club

2023 ISLL Academic Results

2023 ELA LEARNING GAINS, ALL STUDENTS



2023 MATH LEARNING GAINS, ALL STUDENTS





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Elementary

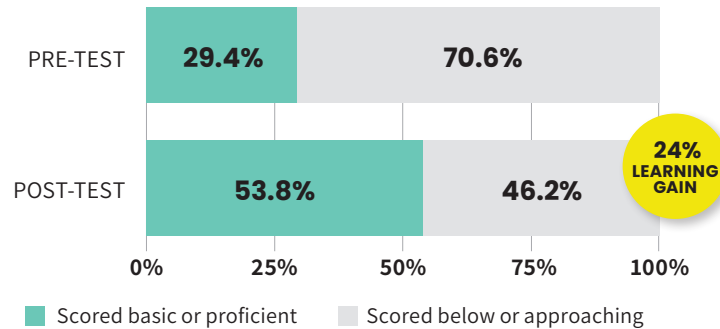
IDOE Study on ISLL Shows Academic Results

A study from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) analyzed learning growth data for students who attended programs funded by the Student Learning Recovery Grant administered by IDOE in 2021. IDOE focused the study analysis on the rate of learning for students participating in the Indy Summer Learning Labs. Students who participated in Indy Summer Learning Labs during the summer of 2021 indicated statistically significant gains in learning above pre-pandemic rates of learning on the 2022 ILEARN exam.

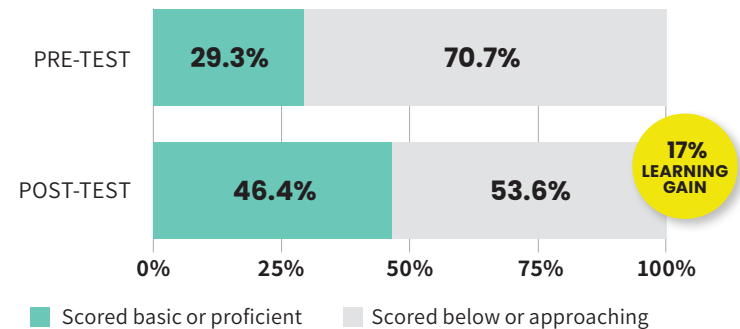
2023 Learning Gains by Student Group

2023 is the second year ISLL has been able to analyze learning gains by different student groups. Once again, learning gains across student groups are similar.

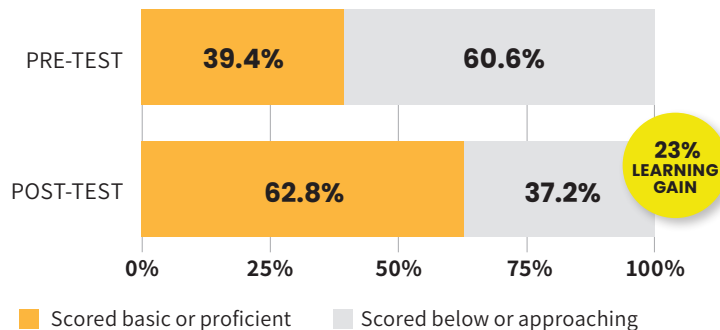
ELA Learning Gains, Black Students



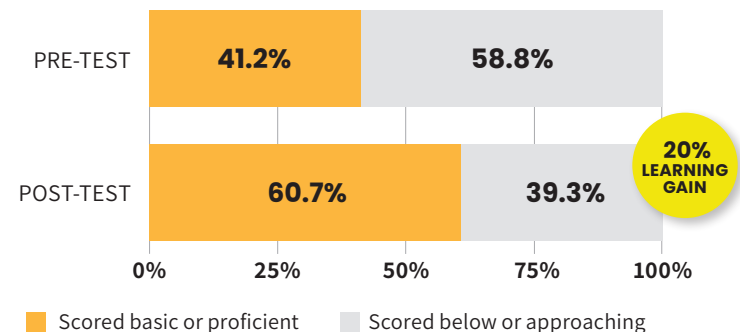
ELA Learning Gains, Latino Students



MATH Learning Gains, Black Students

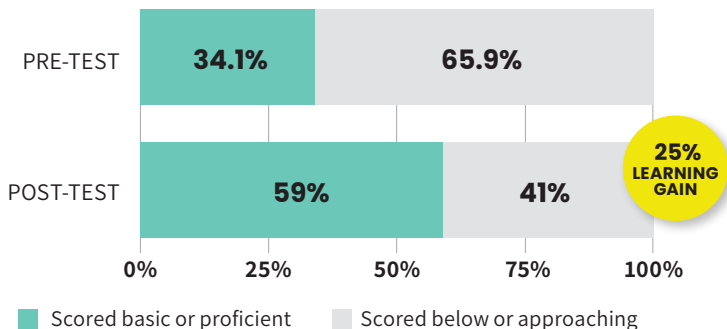


MATH Learning Gains, Latino Students

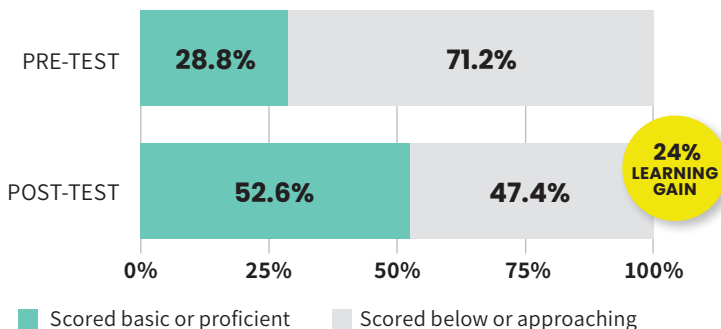


2023 Learning Gains by Student Group (continued)

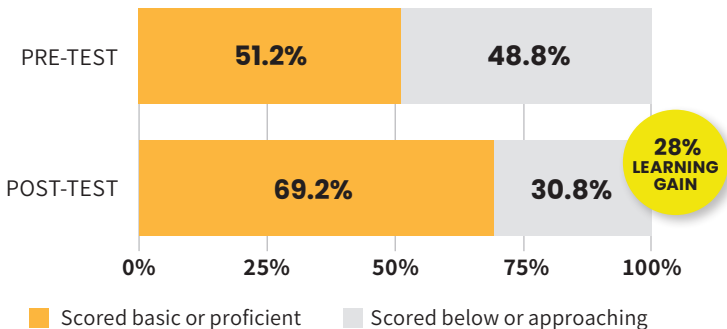
ELA LEARNING GAINS, WHITE STUDENTS



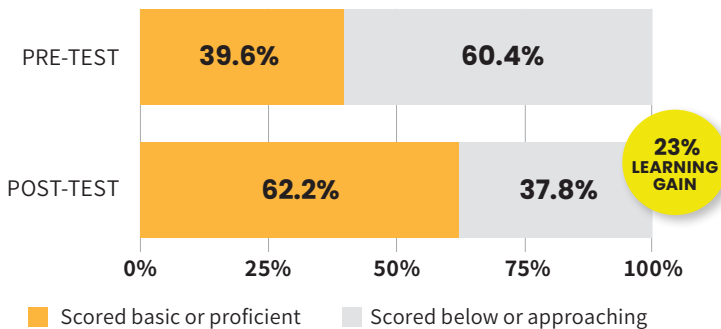
ELA LEARNING GAINS, STUDENTS WITH FREE/REDUCED LUNCH



MATH LEARNING GAINS, WHITE STUDENTS



MATH LEARNING GAINS, STUDENTS WITH FREE/REDUCED LUNCH



2023 Indy Summer Learning Lab Sites

Thank you to the more than 45 schools and community-based organizations that hosted Indy Summer Learning Lab sites in summer 2023!

SCHOOL SITES

BELIEVE Circle City
High School

Global Prep Academy
at Riverside 44

Indiana Math and Science
Academy North

Indiana Math and Science
Academy West

Indianapolis Public Schools
(multiple sites)

Invent Learning Hub

MSD of Decatur Township -
Stephen Decatur Elementary

Rooted School of
Indianapolis @ Eastern
Star Church

Sankofa School of Success

The PATH School

Victory College Prep

COMMUNITY-BASED SITES

100 Black Men of Indianapolis
Summer Academy

A Learning Bee Academy
Achievers Camp

Aspire Indy - First Baptist
North Church

Aspire Indy - First Trinity
Lutheran Church

Aspire Indy - Little Bethel

Boys & Girls Clubs of
Indianapolis - Finish Line

Boys & Girls Clubs of
Indianapolis - Keenan-Stahl

Boys & Girls Clubs of
Indianapolis - LeGore

Boys & Girls Clubs of
Indianapolis - Lilly

Boys & Girls Clubs of
Indianapolis - Wheeler-Dowe

Brookside Community Play

Carriage House East at
The Success Center

Charity Cares Early
Academy

Christ Church Holiness
USA, Inc.

Christ Temple Christian
Academy

Christamore House

FAY Center - Fay Biccard Glick
Neighborhood Center

First Samuel Missionary
Baptist Church

Hawthorne Community
Center

La Plaza Summer Discovery

La Plaza Leadership
Institute for Latino Youth

Learn & Love Aftercare Center

Miles of Smiles Childcare
& Preschool Inc

Mt. Carmel Community
Academy

Nanny's Loving Care

Pride Academy (PAK
Summer Enrichment)

Regina's @ Freedom
Academy

ROCK Community
Center for Youth

Shepherd Community Center

The Riley Center

Wee Care Early Learning
Ministry

Westminster Neighborhood
Services

Westside Missionary Baptist



Global Prep Academy
at Riverside 44



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About United Way of Central Indiana

United Way of Central Indiana partners to design, support, and grow systems that accelerate financial stability and upward mobility for individuals and families living in or near poverty and striving for a brighter future. Our goal is that Central Indiana will be a community where children, individuals, and families thrive; neighbors care for each other; and we are proud of all our residents' quality of life. Learn more at uwci.org.

About The Mind Trust

The Mind Trust strives to provide every student access to an excellent education by amplifying the power of neighborhoods and communities to lead education change, supporting schools to grow and excel in a thriving education ecosystem, and promoting racial equity in education. We envision a day when race and income are no longer predictors of life outcomes. Based in Indianapolis, The Mind Trust's work impacts students, families, and educators in Indiana and beyond. Learn more at themindtrust.org.



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