

# Youth Advisory Board Application



Led by John Boner Neighborhood Center and Edna Martin Christian Center, the IndyEast Promise Neighborhood is a student-centered, data-driven initiative that focuses on four stages of growth:

- Learn Early
- Learn in School
- Learn for College and Career
- Learn in Community

The Youth Advisory Board will play a critical role in providing feedback to Promise Neighborhood staff and leaders, collaborating with the Community Advisory Board, engaging neighborhood youth, and developing their own projects to achieve greater awareness and systems change.

**To apply for the IndyEast Promise Neighborhood's Youth Advisory Board,** please complete this Application Packet in full, including:

- Providing all the information requested within the application.
- Responding to all personal statement essays.
- Reading and signing the attached Member Description and Consent Form.
- Getting the appropriate signatures from a parent/guardian.

## To be considered, you must:

- Currently be enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Live within the IndyEast Promise Neighborhood OR attend any school within the IndyEast Promise Neighborhood. A map of the IndyEast Promise Neighborhood is provided on page 2 of this Application Packet.
- Have access to reliable transportation if you live outside of the IndyEast Promise Neighborhood.

**Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM on March 1, 2024. Applications should be submitted through the [online form](#) or emailed directly to Rainie Grant at [rgrant@jbncenters.org](mailto:rgrant@jbncenters.org).**



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## Applicant Information

Full Name:

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):

School:

Current Grade Level:

Mailing Address:

Zip Code:

Primary Email:

Primary Phone:

What is the best way to communicate with you?

Gender Pronouns:

Please identify your race/ethnicity:

Do you have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act?

Yes

No

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## Caregiver Information

Full Name:

Gender Pronouns:

Mailing Address:

Zip Code:

Primary Email Address:

Primary Phone Number:

What is the best way to communicate with you?

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## Personal Statement Essays

*Please write short essay-responses (4-5 sentences) to the following questions.*

- 1. Describe why you want to be a part of the IndyEast Promise Neighborhood Youth Advisory Board. What personal skills and characteristics do you have that you can bring to the board?**

- 2. What does community leadership mean to you? In what ways have you been a leader at home, in your school, or in the community?**

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**3. In your opinion, what is the most critical issue facing youth in your school or neighborhood? What could the Youth Advisory Board do to address this issue?**

**4. Please list the activities or commitments you are currently involved in (including regular meetings, practices, or important dates).**

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## Youth Advisory Board | Member Description and Consent

The IndyEast Promise Neighborhood (IEPN) is a federal program that works with local partners to turn neighborhoods of concentrated poverty into areas of opportunity. The program's vision is to ensure that all children in the targeted geography have access to great schools and strong family and community support systems that will allow them to obtain an excellent education and successfully transition to college and a career.

IndyEast Promise Neighborhood Youth Advisory Board members are individuals who bring unique knowledge and skills which augment the knowledge and skills of IEPN program staff and the Community Advisory Board to achieve the IEPN objectives. The Youth Advisory Board plays a significant public relations role and provides program staff with a fresh perspective on programmatic issues.

| Key Responsibility Areas             | Responsibilities   |
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| Representing Youth Community         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise the IEPN Consortium and program staff on behalf of the youth community, including promoting greater attention and sensitivity to the needs and assets of youth, families, and communities.</li> <li>• Advise the IEPN Consortium and program staff on local community issues impacting youth, including but not limited to education, health/ wellness, financial wellbeing, safety, and others.</li> <li>• Guide, support, and help implement an annual youth survey to learn more about the current realities with youth within the IEPN; understand how the work of the IEPN is achieving intended results and communicate to stakeholders about the progress of the IEPN.</li> </ul> |
| Communication                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate two-way communication between community groups, the IEPN Consortium, and the program staff.</li> <li>• Advise IEPN leadership and staff on strategies for communicating with the youth community.</li> <li>• Assist with events or activities within the four domains: Learn Early, Learn in School, Learn for College &amp; Career, or Learn in Community. Provide brief reports to the Youth Advisory Board.</li> <li>• Maintain confidentiality and privacy as appropriate.</li> </ul>  |
| Quality Improvement                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in the monitoring of results and indicators for the IEPN.</li> <li>• Participate in the development of quarterly, semi-annual, and annual reports.</li> </ul>   |
| Promote Participation                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise awareness of the IEPN initiative, vision, goals, and desired outcomes.</li> <li>• Encourage and enable participation across the community.</li> <li>• Recruit youth community champions and volunteers across the community.</li> </ul>   |
| Training, Workshops, and Conferences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend and participate in the Youth Advisory Board member orientation and training.</li> <li>• Complete required personal and team assessments.</li> <li>• Where possible, observe other youth advisory boards in action and learn about their activities.</li> </ul>   |

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|                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend relevant trainings, conferences, or workshops when supported by the IEPN.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Participant Commitment</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commit to serving 12 consecutive months (with the opportunity for additional terms).</li> <li>Attend bi-monthly meetings (approximately 7 – 10 hours per month).</li> <li>Assist with events or activities within the four domains: Learn Early, Learn in School, Learn for College &amp; Career, or Learn in Community. Provide a short report to the Youth Advisory Board.</li> <li>Attend other activities and meetings as necessitated by the agreement of the Youth Advisory Board.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Participant Accountability</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Members</li> <li>Youth Advisory Board Members</li> <li>Community Advisory Board Members</li> <li>Vice President of Promise Neighborhood</li> <li>Vice President of Research and Impact</li> <li>IEPN Program Staff</li> <li>Chief Operations Officer</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Participant Benefits</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Member Stipend</li> <li>Provided Meals</li> <li>Personal and Professional Development</li> </ul>  |

I \_\_\_\_\_, recognize my voice is critical to the success of my community, its youth, its families, and its members. I further commit to the vision and goals of the IndyEast Promise Neighborhood. I acknowledge receipt of this document and understand the responsibilities of being an IEPN Youth Advisory Board member.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Caregiver Consent (Required)

By signing this form, you acknowledge the expectations, and responsibilities described in this document that the applicant must abide by as a member of the IndyEast Promise Neighborhood Youth Advisory Board. You grant permission for your child to participate on the Youth Advisory Board and will help ensure they are present for meetings and activities.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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