

Survey Results

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Overall Highlights

- Volunteerism is a major component of everyday life in the Wabash Valley
- Priorities & Initiatives vary by sector type—yet, promoting good health is a clear and consistently high priority across all surveys
- Interest in expanding existing capacities or participation beyond current levels is limited with a few exceptions. Only 2 categories with observed frequencies over 10.
 - Service providers have the most desire to expand the scale and scope of services
 - 2 key areas
 - Increasing recreational opportunities
 - Improving neighborhood safety/decrease crime
 - Businesses & Associations do not appear to be interested in expanding their current community initiatives
- Increasing employment opportunities appears to be a mid- to low-level priority
 - Job training and education are uniformly high priorities across all sectors
- Racial Harmony—and by implication diversity—is a mid- to high-level priority
 - Age populations evenly served by service providers
 - Churches tend to over-emphasize youngest and oldest cohorts
- Abundant handicap accessible space available across the Wabash Valley
 - All Counties—All Sectors
- The relative rank-order of economic development is unclear and uneven within and between surveys and under-performs in several sectors
- Economic Issues consistently under-performing*
 - Business, commercial, or industrial revitalization
 - Designing a plan for community renewal
 - Promoting economic development in distressed areas
 - Neighborhood Revitalization
 - Affordable Housing & Homeless Issues
- The association and labor surveys are the least well developed data set in relative and absolute terms
 - Exact role of associations unclear and mixed
 - Labor consistently active with respect to donations & volunteerism
 - For labor data, see raw XLS and frequencies XLS as total respondents is only 7

**<10 responses or <10% of all respondents by sector in multiple sectors*

BUSINESS SURVEY PAGE 1

Highlights

- 72.3% of all responding businesses encourage or participate in employee volunteer programs
- Nearly 55% of firms provide cash donations to community organizations
- 68% of firms make space available to the community and 60 of these spaces are handicap accessible
- Many firms make multiple contributions to the community
 - A smaller activist collection of 59 firms contribute in 4 or more areas (cash, in kind, volunteerism, etc)
- With rising health care costs, businesses are actively attempting to promote good health
- Engagement in economic development is uneven and the focus of economic development is not uniform within or between firms (e.g., commercial development, investment, revitalization planning, and real estate improvement)
- Investing in youth through youth development, educational reform, and related recreation activities is a priority for business

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Volunteerism, Community Engagement, Social Programs & Related Contributions

	Yes	Provide Staff/Staff Involved	Handicap Accessible
Employee Volunteers	125	n/a	n/a
Cash Donations	94	n/a	n/a
In-Kind (such as products, materials or equipment)	82	n/a	n/a
Economic Revitalization (targeted investment)	81	n/a	n/a
Transition to Work	69	n/a	n/a
Meeting Space	57	29	60
Services	53	n/a	n/a
Business resources Available to Community	34	35	n/a
Match employee Contributions	28	n/a	n/a
Community Grant Programs	15	n/a	n/a
Other	14	n/a	n/a
Child Care	9	n/a	n/a

Programs & Initiatives

	Yes	No, but would like to participate
Promoting good health	85	7
Fostering commercial real estate improvement in lower income neighborhoods	84	3
Promoting youth development	70	6
Preparing people for jobs	52	6
Beautifying community spaces	47	4
Promoting volunteering	40	3
Promoting educational reform	34	4
Fostering entrepreneurship	32	4
Fostering racial harmony	31	4
Promoting arts and culture	27	3
Increasing availability of recreation opportunities	25	8
Connecting Neighbors	22	5
Increasing availability of and access to jobs	21	2
Increasing neighborhood safety	20	3
Fostering Community Networks	14	4
Building neighborhood trust	12	2
Affordable Housing	12	2
Improving access to transportation	11	2
Promoting economic development in distressed areas	10	5
Promoting commercial revitalization in lower income areas	10	6
Expanding business and industrial development in distressed areas	10	3
Designing a Plan for Community Renewal	6	4
Other	6	0

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Counties Served

Clark	36
Crawford	27
Edgar	24
Clay	36
Parke	28
Sullivan	29
Vermillion	17
Vigo	40

SERVICE PROVIDER SURVEY PAGE 1

(includes government agencies)

Highlights

- Collaboration with other service providers is essential (73% collaborate)
- The inter-related priorities of promoting community networks (38%), volunteerism (50%), and linking neighbors (30%) are key community building goals/initiatives
- Youth Development (47%) is also a core initiative of Wabash Valley service providers
- Nearly all service providers have multiple sources of revenue
- Most service providers are private not for profit organizations
- Populations served are relatively evenly distributed and vary predictably by services provided with 77% percent of all providers serving multiple age groups
 - 30% of service providers serve all age groups
 - 24% of service providers serve 3 or 4 age groups
 - 5% missing data
- Crime, safety, and recreation are areas of potential interest to service providers—although not currently core areas of activity
- Promoting good health is a high priority

SERVICE PROVIDER SURVEY PAGE 2

(includes government agencies)

Volunteerism, Community Engagement, & Related Contributions

	Yes	Handicap Accessible	Provide Staff
Meeting Space	32	25	7
Business resources Available to Community	10	n/a	8
Skills Available	38	n/a	n/a
Collaboration Efforts w/others	57	n/a	n/a

Programs & Initiatives

	Yes	No, but would like to participate
Promoting good health	45	1
Promoting volunteering	39	1
Promoting youth development	37	3
Fostering community networks	30	3
Preparing people for jobs	27	4
Connecting neighbors who need help with those who can help	23	8
Fostering racial harmony	19	5
Building neighborhood trust	14	5
Increasing availability of and access to jobs	13	6
Promoting educational reform	13	5
Increasing availability of recreation opportunities	13	11
Promoting arts and culture	13	3
Increasing neighborhood safety	10	10
Improving access to transportation	8	6
Beautifying community spaces	8	6
Promoting economic development in distressed areas	6	4
Increasing affordable housing and home ownership	6	7
Fostering entrepreneurship	5	5
Other	5	4
Promoting commercial revitalization in lower income areas	4	4
Expanding business and industrial development in distressed areas	4	3
Fostering commercial real estate improvement in lower income neighborhoods	2	3
Designing a plan for community renewal	2	8

Funding Sources

United Way organization(s)	34
Federal and state governments	35
Local government(s)	16
Own fund-raising	48
Fees from clients	24
Other	11

Total Service Providers with Multiple Sources

4 or more	21
3	14
2	10

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Services Provided

Education	27
Youth development	24
Transportation	23
Financial assistance and basic material needs	18
Family strengthening	18
Recreation	17
Physical health services	15
Crime prevention	14
Child care	13
Community organizing	12
Homeless Shelter	11
Arts and culture	10
Nutrition counseling	10
Legal Services	10
Family economic self-reliance	7
Employment opportunities for lower-income people	7
Housing for lower-income people	6
Congregate or home-delivered meals	6
Counseling (mental health)	6
Substance abuse services	6
Respite care for people of all ages who are cognitively or emot	5
Child care for children with special needs	5
Home health care	4
Homemaker or chore service	4
Family planning	4
Adult day services for people who are cognitively or emotionall	4
Delinquency prevention	4
Neighborhood revitalization	3
Respite care for people of all ages with physical disabilities	3
Household violence (related services)	3
Planning and coordinating services	3
Economic development in distressed areas	2
Entrepreneurship	2
Adult day services for people with physical disabilities	2
Information and referral	2
Emergency Shelter	0
Other (Please specify)	0

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Type of Organization

A private, not-for-profit corporation	50
A private, for-profit corporation	2
A federal government agency	1
A state government agency	3
A city government agency	5
A county government agency	3
Unincorporated consortium	0
Unincorporated organization	0
Other	9

Populations Served

Children ages 0-13	53
Youth ages 14-20	48
Adults ages 21-50	47
Adults ages 51-65	48
Adults ages 66 and Older	45

Counties Served

Clark	16
Crawford	18
Edgar	12
Clay	25
Parke	18
Sullivan	15
Vermillion	25
Vigo	31

CHURCH SURVEY PAGE 1

Highlights

- Services are unevenly distributed between age groups
 - Programs focus primarily on young (<13 77%) and older age groups (>51 67%)
- Promoting volunteerism is the highest priority
- Promoting improved human relationships is a uniformly high priority
 - Racial Harmony (51%)
 - Connecting Neighbors (39%)
 - Neighborhood Trust (39%)
- Core services are youth and family oriented

CHURCH SURVEY PAGE 2

Space Available to Community

25 Churches Provide Space and 9 Spaces are Handicap Accessible

Initiatives & Programs

	Yes	Like to?
Promoting volunteering	23	3
Fostering racial harmony	22	1
Connecting neighbors who need help with those who can help	17	0
Building neighborhood trust	17	4
Promoting youth development	16	0
Promoting good health	9	5
Beautifying community spaces	6	0
Increasing availability of recreation opportunities	5	5
Promoting arts and culture	5	4
Increasing neighborhood safety	3	2
Fostering community networks	3	1
Preparing people for jobs	2	6
Promoting educational reform	2	2
other	2	0
Improving access to transportation	1	1

Counties Served

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Edgar	3
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Parke	3
Sullivan	4
Vermillion	1
Vigo	14

Populations Served

Children ages 0-13	33
Youth ages 14-20	19
Adults ages 21-50	12
Adults ages 51-65	14
Adults ages 66 and Older	15

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Services Provided

Youth development	31
Financial assistance and basic material needs	25
Family strengthening	23
Education	17
Recreation	11
Child care	8
Counseling (mental health)	8
Planning and coordinating services	8
Emergency Shelter	5
Arts and culture	4
Congregate or home-delivered meals	4
Delinquency prevention	4
Legal services	4
Community organizing	4
Family economic self-reliance	3
Physical health services	3
Child care for children with special needs	3
Substance abuse services	3
Crime prevention	3
Economic development in distressed areas	2
Neighborhood revitalization	2
Employment opportunities for lower-income people	2
Home health care	2
Housing for lower-income people	1
Nutrition counseling	1
Family planning	1
Household violence (related services)	1
Transportation	1
Other (Please specify)	1
Entrepreneurship	0
Homemaker or chore service	0
Respite care for people of all ages with physical disabilities	0
Adult day services for people with physical disabilities	0
Respite care for people of all ages who are cognitively or emotionally impaired	0
Adult day services for people who are cognitively or emotionally impaired	0
Information and referral	0
Homeless Shelter	0

ASSOCIATION SURVEY PAGE 1

HIGHLIGHTS

- Youth-related projects are the highest priority of associations
- Community and economic development are also important
- The small number of responders makes additional discussion difficult

Initiatives & Projects

	Yes	Like to?
Promoting youth development	12	1
Fostering commercial real estate improvement in lower income neighborhoods	10	0
Promoting good health	9	0
Beautifying community spaces	8	0
Promoting volunteering	6	0
Preparing people for jobs	5	0
Increasing availability of recreation opportunities	5	0
Connecting neighbors who need help with those who can help	5	0
Designing a plan for community renewal	5	0
Fostering entrepreneurship	3	0
Increasing neighborhood safety	2	0
Fostering racial harmony	2	0
Fostering community networks	2	0
Other	2	0
Increasing availability of and access to jobs	1	0
Promoting economic development in distressed areas	1	0
Expanding business and industrial development in distressed areas	1	1
Promoting educational reform	1	0
Promoting arts and culture	1	0
Improving access to transportation	1	1
Promoting commercial revitalization in lower income areas	0	0
Increasing affordable housing and home ownership	0	2
Building neighborhood trust	0	0

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Edgar	3
Clay	2
Parke	3
Sullivan	3
Vermillion	5
Vigo	4