



# Elkhart County Child Dashboard

## Year 1 Report

SEPT 2021 TO AUG 2022



CHILD DASHBOARD

Elkhart County

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# 1st Anniversary Child Dashboard

We were hopeful when we launched the Elkhart County Child Dashboard on September 29, 2021.

At every turn, the collaboration and resulting impact have exceeded our expectations. Gathering data to see trends has helped us act in new ways together. The dashboard has become a catalyst for action in big and small ways. When the average daily census rose to alarming levels in Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center, a task force acted quickly to find solutions. There are dozens of other examples of how conversations and actions sparked by the Child Dashboard are helping us as a community to better reduce risks and support strengths of children and families.

We create change when we act. Having data on which to base our decisions helps us to more accurately target our actions and increases our effectiveness.

We are at the end of year one, but just beginning on our journey together with this powerful community tool to guide us. I am so grateful for the over 60 partners who have come together in this effort and the ways we are collaborating and taking action together. I am humbled and awed by all of you. Thank you so much for all you are doing for the children of Elkhart County.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Shetler Fast



# Accomplishments

The first year of the Elkhart County Child Dashboard has been one of remarkable growth. The Child Dashboard is changing how we help the youngest in our community.

Since launching in September 2021, we have nearly tripled our number of collaborating partners to 63 nonprofits, schools, and others working at child-related issues. Our dashboard includes 51 data points. The response to our mini grant process was incredible with 55 applications and 39 funded so far. We have dispersed over \$80,000 in mini grants, supported by the Community Foundation of Elkhart County, Robert Weed Corp, Bashor Children's Home, Oaklawn Foundation and The SOURCE.

The key to this community initiative is the work being done collaboratively by many partners. Community partners are sharing data, they are coming together to find solutions when data is trending in ways that put children at risk. More than 50 leaders attended each quarterly action meeting in the first year and brainstormed solutions, often finding immediate ways to take action.

Elkhart County has built a reputation for manufacturing goods for others, but now we're building a public health initiative that is drawing state and national attention.



# Community Impact

## Data

**51 unique data indicators**

tracking Risk and Protective factors

**14 local organizations**

sharing internal data

**4**

Action Meetings leading to

**3 community taskforce groups**

## Action

**Over \$80k**

Dispersed in Mini Grants to **39 local pilot projects**

**+9k**

website visits since September 2021

## Community

**63**

Partners, a **55% increase** since September 2021

**"Identify the trend early and we have the opportunity to reshape our future."**

**William Weed, CEO**

*Robert Weed*



# The Dashboard

## How to use the Dashboard

The data points on the dashboard help us see trends that are occurring in our community. Identifying trends will help promote action to strengthen upstream indicators of well-being.

### Color Trends



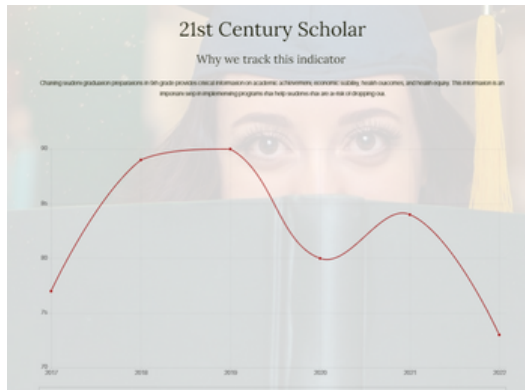
### Upstream Prevention

### Downstream Consequences



### Child Protective Factors

Social Determinants Protective	Community Wellness Indicators	Service Utilization Protective	Signs of Success Protective
Eligible Workforce ✓	Adult-Child Mentorship -	Kinship Foster Care Placements x	High School Graduation Rate ✓
21st Century Scholars -	Adults Trained in Child Protection x	After-School Program Attendance ✓	Literacy Rate in 3rd Grade x



#### Each data indicator includes:

- Importance of indicator
- Historical datasets
- Additional resources



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# Data Action Mini Grant

## Recipients

Innovation opportunities in social service organizations are often limited, which can stifle program development. Mini Grants are low barrier grants of up to \$2,000 to fund pilot and expansion projects that address child safety and well-being in Elkhart County. Below are all our funded projects to date:

**Expanding At-Home Youth Detention Program**  
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

**Encouraging Community Mental Health**  
Middlebury Public Library

**Strengthening Child Abuse Prevention Training Capacity**  
Child and Parent Services

**Equipping School Social Workers with Professional Development**  
Horizon Education Alliance

**Boosting Father Engagement at Events**  
Elkhart All Pro Dad

**Enhancing Parent Experience during Trainings**  
Child and Parent Services

**Elkhart County Volunteer Recruitment**  
Girls on the Run Michiana

**Developing a Self-Regulation Space for Students**  
Goshen Community Schools, High School

**Supporting Evidence-Based Curriculum for Early Learning**  
St. John's Catholic School

**Launching Mentorship and Job Preparation Courses**  
Downtown Ministries

**Programming for Club Alumni to Transition to Adulthood**  
Boys & Girls Clubs

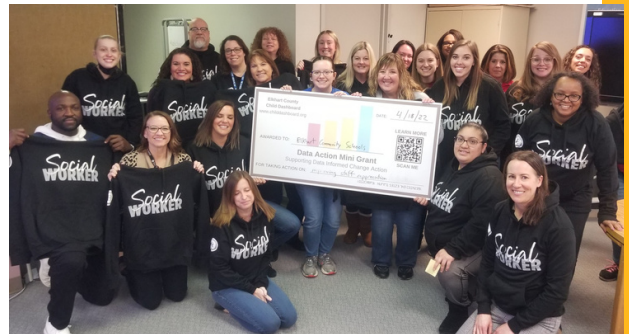
**Improving Social Worker Staff Retention and Satisfaction**  
Elkhart Community Schools



**Pilot After-School Character Development for 4th and 5th Graders**  
Ignite Infinity

**Piloting Behavior Reward Program for At-Risk Students**  
Elkhart Community Schools, PRIDE Academy

**Expanding Minority Girls Mentorship Program**  
Elkhart Community Schools, School Without Walls



# Data Action Mini Grant Continued

**Launching Student Led Suicide Prevention Outreach**  
Baugo Community Schools, Jimtown High School

**Launching Church-Based Support Groups: Grief, Divorce, and Step Families**  
Maple City Chapel

**Hosting Extended Hours for Parent/Child Relationship Building Opportunities**  
8th Street Preschool

**Providing Evidence-Based Tools for School Social Workers**  
Horizon Education Alliance



**Expanding Capacity to Support Students Experiencing Grief**  
Baugo Community Schools, Jimtown Intermediate School

**Expanding STEM Summer Camp for Elementary Students**  
Elkhart Community Schools

**Launching a Trauma Support Dog for Juvenile Detention**  
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

**Training New Provider in Evidence-Based Child Safety Curriculum**  
Child and Parent Services

**Equipping Staff and Space for Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI)**  
Bashor Children's Home

**Creating a Sensory Room to Support Children's Self-Regulation**  
Boys & Girls Clubs

**Training Staff in TBRI**  
Lifeline Ministries

**Training Staff in TBRI**  
YWCA of North Central Indiana

**Training Staff in TBRI**  
Oaklawn Psychiatric Center

**Training Staff in TBRI**  
Child and Parent Services

**Providing Emotional Support Disaster Kits for Children and Families**  
Salvation Army of Elkhart County

**Training Staff in TBRI**  
Boys & Girls Clubs

**Expanding Volunteer Mentor Outreach and Recruitment**  
Big Brothers Big Sisters





# Data Action Mini Grant

## Last ones...

**Training in Emerging ACEs Mitigation Approach**  
**Horizon Education Alliance**

**Expanding Self-Regulation Strategies for Teachers**  
**Goshen Community Schools, High School**

**Accompanying Parents Through TBRI**   
**Boys & Girls Clubs**

**Expanding TBRI Training and Events**  
**Lifeline Ministries**

**Broadening Professional Development to Deepen Support for Hispanic Community**  
**Oaklawn Psychiatric Center**

**Training Administrators and Counselors in Trauma Informed Care**  
**Concord Community Schools**

**Equipping Teachers with Trauma Informed Care Resources**  
**Goshen Community Schools, Prairie View Elementary**

**Continuing Professional Development for School Social Workers**  
**Fairfield Community Schools, Social Workers Collective**

**Developing Vulnerable Family Outreach Campaign**  
**Babies Basic Needs**





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