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State Awards \$25 Million for Career Coaching Grants

Grants prepare Hoosier students for college and careers

(INDIANAPOLIS) – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](https://che.in.gov) has selected 28 organizations for the Career Coaching Grant to provide Hoosier students with comprehensive resources to make informed decisions about college and careers. In effort to align the system of career coaching and navigation, the Indiana General Assembly created the Career Coaching Grant during the 2023 legislative session, appropriating \$25 million to the fund for the current biennium.

“We were pleased to have such a significant interest in the Career Coaching Grant which led to an incredibly competitive selection process,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “To assure Indiana’s talent pipeline is aware of and prepared for high-demand careers, it is vital for Hoosier students to receive quality, consistent, and individualized career coaching support. These grantees will play a pivotal role in helping realize this goal and inspire students to pursue higher education and career paths right here in Indiana.”

The recipients selected for the funds will guide students toward college and career readiness milestones by way of structured career coaching sessions, support, and events. These organizations are positioned throughout the state, ensuring broad geographical support is provided to partner schools.

“In K-12 education, we have an incredible opportunity to help every student find their purpose and understand the possibilities for their life’s path,” said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. “As we work together to blur the lines between K-12, higher education, and the workforce, the Career Coaching Grant is a key component in better connecting students to their future. This individualized coaching complements our ongoing efforts to increase flexibility and personalization for students, and this grant will support schools and community partners with additional resources to help students find the right path for themselves.”

The grant period concludes December 31, 2025.

Recipients	Grant Amount
Area 31 Career Center	\$200,000.00
Batesville Community School Corporation	\$720,000.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County	\$1,500,000.00
Center of Workforce Innovations	\$1,000,000.00
Central Indiana Educational Service Center	\$1,000,000.00
Christel House International	\$750,000.00
Community Education Coalition	\$492,303.96
East Central Educational Service Center	\$1,893,028.98
Elevate Indianapolis	\$536,002.00
Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana Inc.	\$441,375.00

Horizon Education Alliance	\$989,533.00
Indiana University (College + Career = Success)	\$1,061,555.14
Inspire Success	\$1,511,618.48
Ivy Tech Community College	\$964,254.86
Junior Achievement of Central Indiana	\$999,466.00
Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana	\$855,920.00
Monroe County Community School Corporation	\$275,000.00
Northern Indiana Educational Service Center & Northwest Indiana Educational Service Center	\$1,795,000.00
Options in Education Foundation	\$200,000.00
Project Leadership	\$1,070,800.00
Region 8 Education Service Center	\$587,750.00
Regional Opportunity Initiatives	\$1,766,265.00
Rooted School Indianapolis	\$161,950.00
Shepherd Community Center	\$211,884.45
Skyepack	\$1,667,088.50
South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce	\$734,240.00
Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board	\$577,500.00
Vincennes University	\$734,651.00

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates, and defines Indiana’s postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana’s financial aid programs, including the [21st Century Scholars](#) early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020.