

Region 6 Environmental Scan



The following assets represent the existing organizations, initiatives, and investments that are fueling workforce and educational development in Region 6 within the Pre-K to Career continuum. Assessing all of the current educational and employment assets within Region 6 is the first step towards effectively leveraging resources in order to cultivate a stronger regional workforce.

Pre-K – 12 Assets

School Districts/Corporations ▫ Career & Technical Education ▫ Jobs for America’s Graduates ▫ Head Start ▫ Child Care Center ▫ School Age Program

A student’s career trajectory begins long before searching for their first job. Pre-K through high school education lays the foundation for success, both through in-school programming like Career and Technical Education, and various extracurricular activities. Each plays an important role in a student’s educational and personal development.

School Districts	
Blackford County Schools	Northeastern Wayne Schools
Blue River Valley Schools	Randolph Central School Corporation
C A Beard Memorial School Corporation	Randolph Eastern School Corporation
Centerville-Abington Com Schools	Randolph Southern School Corporation
Cowan Community School Corporation	Richmond Community Schools
Daleville Community Schools	Rush County Schools
Delaware Community School Corporation	Shenandoah School Corporation
Fayette County School Corporation	South Henry School Corporation
Jay School Corporation	Union Co/Clg Corner Joint School District
Liberty-Perry Com School Corporation	Union School Corporation
Monroe Central School Corporation	Wes-Del Community Schools
Muncie Community Schools	Western Wayne Schools
Nettle Creek School Corporation	Yorktown Community Schools
New Castle Community School Corporation	

Source: Indiana Department of Education

Career and Technical Education

Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Muncie Area Career Center	The Mission of the Muncie Area Career Center is to facilitate personal growth, self-esteem, employability, and life-long learning for all students	http://www.muncie.k12.in.us/maccweb
New Castle Career Center	Our goal is to help students prepare for their career. Whether students choose to go directly from high school to college, work, the military, an apprenticeship, or any combination of these, they will gain the experience to make informed career decisions and the skills and knowledge needed to be successful.	http://www.newcastlecareercenter.com
Richmond Area Career Center	Richmond Area Career Center's goal is to expand the services provided to students of Richmond High School, Northeastern High School, and Randolph Southern High School. Our focus remains on providing students with the opportunity to pursue a strong academic education in conjunction with a strong career education so that our graduates are prepared to meet the challenges of the new millennium.	http://www.rcs.k12.in.us/schools/special-programs/richmond-area-career-center
Whitewater Technical Career Center	Not available	http://fayettein.wtcc.schooldesk.net

Jobs For America's Graduates

Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Blackford High School	Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing dropouts among young people who are most at-risk. JAG helps young people stay in school through graduation, pursue postsecondary education and secure quality entry-level jobs leading to career advancement opportunities.	http://www.bcs.k12.in.us/Default.aspx?alias=www.bcs.k12.in.us/BHS
Connersville High School		http://fayettein.chs.schooldesk.net/
Jay County High School		http://www.jayschools.k12.in.us/jchs/
Knightstown High School		http://khs.cabeard.schoolfusion.us/
Muncie Central High School		http://www.muncie.k12.in.us/chsweb
New Castle High School		http://nccsc.k12.in.us/NCHS

Source: *Jobs for America's Graduates of Indiana*

Head Start		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Community & Family Services, Inc.	Head Start promotes school preparation by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services.	www.cfsheadstart.com
Community Action of East Central Indiana		www.caeci.org
Community Care In Union County, Inc.		Not available
FAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT		Not available
ICAP Head Start		www.icapcaa.org

Child Care Center		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Apple Tree Child Development Center YMCA	"Our summer Day Camp programs are specifically designed for children to engage in a wide variety of camp activities throughout the summer including: group games, crafts, sports clinics, outdoor education, field trips, character development, summer reading, and much more!"	www.muncieymca.org
Huffer Memorial Children's Center, Inc.	We provide a after school enrichment program for kindergartners. Partnership with BSU and Muncie Community School.	www.huffermcc.org
Noah's Ark Day Care	Our school age room offers care. We provide snacks and meals, activities, games, as well as educational tools for children to learn.	Not available
Randolph County YMCA Childcare	Youth basketball Youth Soccer Summer Camp	Not available
Richmond Day Nursery	During the school year the children work on homework, have an outdoor playtime and free play. During the summer the children go to the city pool, the city park and other field trips.	Not available

Source: Indiana Afterschool Network

School Age Program		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Ball State Cardinal Kids Camp	Cardinal Kids Camp is an interactive day camp designed for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.	http://bsu.edu/recreation/cardinal-kids-camp.html
Blackford County YMCA	The Blackford County YMCA School Aged Child Care program is specifically designed for children K-5. Your child will participate in	www.muncieymca.org

	activities such as outdoor play, learning life skills, homework assistance, and learning centers that stimulate individual interest.	
Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County	The Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County is a positive safe place for members to attend after school. They are provided many different areas to play, work on social skills, and complete homework. We also provide programs in the Arts, and Character and leadership development.	www.bgcrichmond.org
Creative Child Care	The Muncie Community Schools Creative Child Care Program provides childcare before and after school to children in grades K-5th grade. Daily Activities include snack, homework time, group games, activity centers, Sparks Active Recreation activities, gym time, and outside group activities when the weather permits. Our goal is to provide quality, safe, and affordable childcare to children attending Muncie Community Schools.	www.muncie.k12.in.us
DCSC Albany Elementary - Latchkey Program	A wide variety of activities are offered plus a snack each day during the school year. During summer there are two snacks plus lunch offered. The program includes both tutoring and enrichment activities through small and large group planned activities.	www.delcomschools.org
DCSC Eaton Elementary - Latchkey Program		
DCSC Royerton Elementary - Latchkey Program		
Jay County Boys and Girls Club Summer Day Camp	The recreational summer day camp is located at the Jay Community Center, the camp stays busy with field trips, day trips, swimming, free movies, crafts, games, educational programming, and trips to the Hudson Family Park and local businesses.	www.jaycc.org
Motivate Our Minds, Inc.	The mission of Motivate Our Minds is to provide premier individualized supplemental educational programs for children. We value: *Building Proficiency *Enhancing self-esteem *Developing Character *Producing contributing members of society.	www.motivateourminds.org
Randolph County YMCA Kids Club & Summer Camp	The Randolph County YMCA's Kid's Club has been offering after-school care for over 20 years. Nutritious snacks and drinks are provided daily. Numerous activities include: structured homework time, cooperation and character building activities, board games, Legos play, sports and fitness, arts and crafts, and outdoor play.	www.randolphcountyyymca.org
Richmond Family YMCA Y-Care	The Y-Care program provides a safe, caring, fun and learning atmosphere. Children are assisted in developing self-esteem, learn	www.richmondfamilyymca.org

	cooperative skills and practice the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.	
Whitewater College Programs, Inc/The Link ExCEL Afterschool	Afterschool program located at Frazee, Grandview and Maplewood Schools.	www.2thelink.com

Source: *Indiana Afterschool Network*

Post-Secondary Education Assets

College Success Coalitions ▫ Post- Secondary Educational Institutions

Most jobs today require some level of post-secondary education, whether a certificate, associate’s degree, bachelor’s degree, or beyond. These resources are key to delivering important educational programs and promoting students’ success academically, all while preparing students for the workforce upon graduation.

College Success Coalitions		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Blackford County College Success Coalition	<p>The Indiana College Success Coalitions is a network of state and local organizations interested in increasing college access and success within the State of Indiana. Member organizations include local government, businesses, agencies, schools, local media, libraries, youth service organizations, service clubs, community foundations, faith-based organizations and others. Local organizations are part of county-level coalitions while statewide organizations are part of the state-level coalition. Collectively, these coalitions make up the Indiana College Success Coalition.</p>	http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=5
Delaware College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=18
Fayette College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=21
Henry College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=33
Jay College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=38
Randolph College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=68
Rush College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=70
Union College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=81
Wayne College Success Coalition		http://cgi.asainstitute.org/cgi-bin/csc/countyinfo?id=89

Post- Secondary Institutions		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Ball State University	We focus on students and high-quality, relevant educational outcomes. Disciplinary knowledge is integrated with application. We do this in a manner that fundamentally changes students, researchers, and our external partners, who look to the university for guidance. We transform information into knowledge, knowledge into judgment, and judgment into action that addresses complex problems	www.bsu.edu
Earlham College	The mission of Earlham College, an independent, residential college, is to provide the highest quality undergraduate education in the liberal arts, including the sciences, shaped by the distinctive perspectives of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).	www.earlham.edu
Indiana University East	Indiana University East challenges students to grow intellectually and personally in a supportive and scholarly environment where faculty teaching skills and participation in the creation and dissemination of new knowledge and artistic work enhance learning opportunities for all. Indiana University East values a diversity among its faculty, staff, and students and in its contributions to the cultural and economic development of the communities it serves.	www.iue.edu
Ivy Tech Community College-Connersville	Ivy Tech Community College prepares Indiana residents to learn, live, and work in a diverse and globally competitive environment by delivering professional, technical, transfer and lifelong education. Through its affordable, open-access education and training programs, the College enhances the development of Indiana's citizens and communities and strengthens its economy.	www.ivytech.edu
Ivy Tech Community College-Muncie		
Ivy Tech Community College-New Castle		
Ivy Tech Community College-Richmond		
Western Governors University Indiana	The principal mission of Western Governors University is to improve quality and expand access to post-secondary educational opportunities by providing a means for individuals to learn independent of time and place and to earn competency-based degrees and other credentials that are credible to both academic institutions and employers	www.indiana.wgu.edu

Adult & Workforce Assets

Adult Basic Education ▫ WorkOne ▫ Vocational Rehabilitation

When students are not successful in traditional academic systems, Adult Basic Educational programs provide remediation and the fundamental skills employees must have to thrive in Indiana’s changing economy. WorkOne resources also work to bridge employment and skills gaps for those who may be un- or under-employed and help employers find properly trained employees.

Adult Basic Education		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
John Jay Center	Indiana Adult Education programs provide math, reading, and writing instruction free of charge to help you acquire the skills needed to earn a high school equivalency, go to college, or enter an entry-level occupational certification program.	http://johnjaycenter.com/
Muncie Area Career Center		http://www.muncie.k12.in.us/maccweb/Programs/AdultEducation
New Castle Community Schools		Not available
Richmond Adult Education Center		http://www.rcs.k12.in.us/schools/special-programs/richmond-adult-education-center
Whitewater Technical Career Center		http://fayettein.wtcc.schooldesk.net/AdultEd/tabid/11976/Default.aspx

Source: *Indiana Adult Education*

WorkOne		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
WorkOne - Blackford County	The WorkOne Center is the heart of the workforce development system. It's where WorkOne staff help people find a new or better job, choose a career, access training or get the information needed to succeed in today's job market.	http://www.work-one.org/
WorkOne - Delaware County		
WorkOne - Fayette County		
WorkOne - Henry County		
WorkOne - Jay County		
WorkOne - Randolph County		
WorkOne - Rush County		
WorkOne - Wayne County		

Source: www.in.gov/dwd/WorkOne/

Vocational Rehabilitation		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Vocational Rehabilitation Services Area 11	Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS), a program of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS), provides quality individualized services to enhance and support people with disabilities to prepare for, obtain or retain employment.	www.VRS.IN.gov
Vocational Rehabilitation Services Area 23		

Source: www.vrs.in.gov

Business & Industry Assets

Economic Development Organizations

While each step in the continuum is vital, local business and industry are true drivers of change and shape workforce needs. Whether building a coalition to support local industries, attracting new businesses to the region, and any step in between, business and industry must be active participants in order for the system to be effective.

Local Economic Development Organization		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Blackford County Economic Development Corporation	Mission: To stimulate economic growth, which will provide new employment opportunities, expand the local tax base, and create new wealth for Blackford County.	www.blackfordcoedc.org
Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County Indiana	Our mission is to improve the business and community environment as well as employment opportunities in Wayne County, Indiana.	www.edcwc.com
Economic Development Group	The Economic Development Group fosters economic and employment opportunities for the people and businesses of Fayette County. We do this by supporting private investment into our economy.	www.edgconnersville.com
Jay County Development Corporation	We are here to assist communities in growing their economies. In some cases, this may mean helping them in the area of industrial recruitment and retention. In other cases, the JCDC will assist our communities in making their communities even better. Growth and development, with a strong concentration in professional assistance have enabled our communities to buck the trend of population loss in east central Indiana.	www.jaycountydevelopment.org
Muncie/Delaware County Economic Development Alliance	The Vision 2016 Economic Development Program has the following goals: Expansion and retention of existing businesses, new business attraction, image of Muncie-Delaware County, workforce education, community planning and preparedness, early childhood education.	www.muncie.com
New Castle-Henry County Economic Development Corporation	Mission: The primary mission of the New Castle-Henry County Economic Development Corporation is to foster a strong economic environment that supports businesses and nurtures growth and new investment in the region. We are dedicated to promoting and facilitating economic development and to improving the quality of life in Henry County by increasing its economic base.	www.nchcedc.org

Randolph County Economic Development Corporation	Our mission is to facilitate investment and foster job retention and creation within our county.	www.randolph-county.org
Rush County Economic & Community Development Corporation	Whether you're thinking about locating in Rush County or want to expand an existing operation, we're here to make the entire process as easy as possible. As a full-service economic development organization, we can assist you with every aspect of the search process from site selection, to reviewing the available incentives, to helping you find the perfect home for your family.	www.rushecdc.org
Union County Development Corporation	Our Mission: To create an environment in our community that will attract business, retain the business that we have and promote tourism. To continue the effort to making Union County a fun place to live, work and play!	www.ucdc.us

Source: Indiana Economic Development Corporation

Regional Economic Development Organization		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Energize—ECI (East Central Indiana)	Formed in 2005, Energize-ECI, Inc. is a pro-active private-public partnership with a mission to market the assets and resources of the 10-county East Central Indiana (ECI) region and to team with local economic development organizations (LEDOs) and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to bring capital investment and new jobs to the region and to assist existing ECI businesses grow and prosper.	www.Energize-ECI.org
I-74 Business Corridor	The I-74 Business Corridor brings together economic development and business leaders from the City of Batesville and Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Ripley, Rush and Shelby Counties in a collaborative effort to help companies like yours do business here.	www.I-74biz.com

Source: Indiana Economic Development Corporation

Local & Regional Planning Assets

Community Foundations ▫ Regional Works Councils ▫ Local Workforce Investment Boards ▫ Regional Planning

Each regional asset above plays a key role in developing a healthy workforce. However, the overarching planning organizations and initiatives provide the direction and collaboration to keep Indiana competitive on a national and global level. These institutions have the ability to align resources, and promote efficiency to achieve the most important regional objectives.

Community Foundation		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Community Foundation of Randolph County Inc.	The Community Foundation of Randolph County, Inc. seeks to bring people and resources together to enrich the lives of Randolph County residents.	http://randolphcountyfoundation.org/
Fayette County Foundation	Not available	http://www.fayettefoundation.com/
Henry County Community Foundation Inc.	is to help where the needs are the greatest and the benefits to the community and its citizens are most substantial, and to provide public spirited donors a vehicle for using their gifts in the best possible way now and in the future as conditions inevitably change, and to provide excellent stewardship of those gifts which it receives.	http://www.henrycountycf.org/
Portland Foundation	Not available	http://www.portlandfoundation.org/
Rush County Community Foundation	The foundation of Rush county's future is a nonprofit public charity established in 1991 to serve donors, award grants and scholarships, and provide leadership to enrich and enhance the quality of life in Rush County, Indiana, not only today but for our future generations.	http://rushcountyfoundation.org/
The Community Foundation of Muncie & Delaware County Inc.	The mission of The Community Foundation of Muncie & Delaware County, Inc. is to encourage philanthropy, assist donors in building an enduring source of charitable assets and exercise leadership in directing resources to enhance the quality of life of the residents of Muncie and Delaware County, Indiana.	http://www.cfmdin.org/
Union County Foundation Inc.	The mission of the Union County Foundation, Inc. is to assist donors in building and preserving perpetual charitable funds; to meet the changing needs of our community and to enrich the quality of life for the residents of Union County.	http://www.ucfoundationinc.org/
Wayne County Foundation Inc.	The Wayne County, Indiana, Foundation, Inc. exists to foster and encourage private philanthropic giving, to enhance the spirit of community and to	http://www.waynecountyfoundation.org/

	improve the quality of life in the Wayne County, Indiana, area now and for future generations.	
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Source: Grantsmanship Center

Regional Works Council		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Region 6 Works Council	The Works Councils are charged with facilitating sector partnerships within their region and enhancing the career readiness of Hoosier adults and high school students through the development and support of innovative career and technical education (CTE) curricula	http://in.gov/irwc/region6/index.htm

Workforce Investment Board		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Eastern Indiana Workforce Investment Board – Alliance for Strategic Growth	Alliance for Strategic Growth, Inc. exists to empower the Eastern Indiana workforce to meet existing and future sector-driven employment demands. The ASG, Inc. Board of Directors also serves as the Eastern Indiana Workforce Investment Board and works closely with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development to deliver exceptional WorkOne services to the citizens of Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne counties.	http://www.asgcorp.org/

Regional Planning		
Organization	Mission Statement	Website
Northeast Indiana Area Health Education Center	The mission of the Indiana AHEC Network is to improve health by recruiting, educating and retaining healthcare professionals for underserved communities in Indiana.	http://cms.bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/bbc/affiliatedcenters/neahec