September
Ecosystem
Enrichment – Child
Care Resources &
More



Housekeeping Items

- The session is being recorded, the PowerPoint and other materials will be sent out after the session.
- Please mute yourselves to make sure that speakers can be heard and we do not experience feedback. No need to keep video on unless you want!
- You will be able to ask questions using the chat function
 - If you'd like to ask your question live, please wait until Q&A
 - If you have are having issues with anything, feel free to text 317-690-4238

Overview & Goals

Quality Child Care - CCA

Q&A

Child Care Resources in Indiana - FSSA

Q&A

Voting Resources

Q&A

Career Services Survey

Wrap-Up

Some context for our session today

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Indiana Quality Child Care

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Child Care Answers



Definitions

- CCDF: Child Care Development Fund
- CDA: Child Development Associate credential
- Child Care Research and Referral: local agency that provides various resources for families, child care providers, and the community.
- FSSA: Family Social Services Administration
- Legally Licensed Exempt Homes: child care for fewer than 5 children in a residential setting
- Licensed Child Care Centers: child care programs inside commercial buildings.
- Licensed Child Care Homes: child care for more than 5 children inside a residential setting.
- Registered Ministry: child care operated by a religious organization.
- VCP: Voluntary Certification Program



What fears or concerns do you have regarding child care?



Fears and Concerns About Child Care





Types of Child Care in Indiana





Licensed Child Care Centers

- Facilities designed to provide care for one or more children in a commercial building.
- Licensed by the state of Indiana and must meet certain child care regulations.
- Education Requirement: Lead teachers must have a minimum of:
 - Current CDA Credential, or
 - A 2-year associate degree in Early Childhood Education from an accredited college or university, or
 - A BA or BS in Early Childhood
 Education or Elementary Education
 with a kindergarten endorsement





Family Child Care Homes

- Provide care in a residential setting for more than five unrelated children, for pay.
- Licensed by the State of Indiana and must meet certain regulations.
- Education Requirement: Owner must:
 - Have a current CDA Credential, or be enrolled in, or agree to complete, a CDA credential within 3 years of their license date; OR
 - Associates degree or higher with at least 12 hours in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or a related field





Legally Licensed Exempt Child Care Homes

- Provide care in a residential setting for 5 or fewer children that are not related to the provider. These programs are not required to be licensed by the state.
- CAN be certified to accept
 CCDF vouchers if they meet the
 Provider Eligibility Standards.
- No education requirement





Registered Ministry and VCP

- A **registered ministry** provides child care in a facility that is operated by a religious organization.
- Ministries may meet the Voluntary Certification Program (VCP) therefore meeting the state guidelines as a licensed child care facility.
- Education requirement: No requirement for ministries; VCP programs require education.



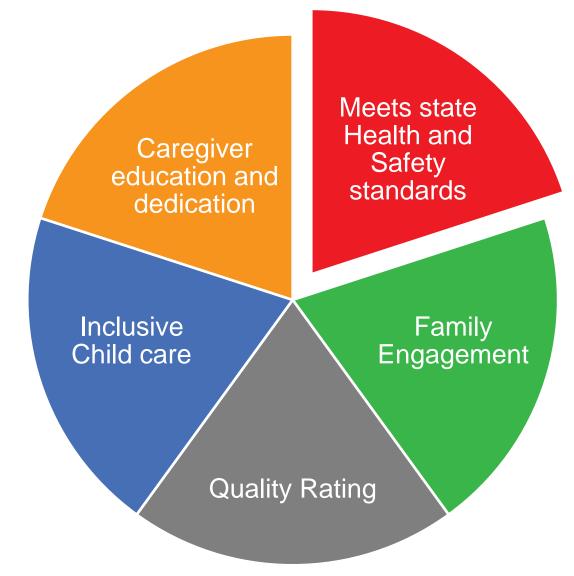


Choosing Quality Child Care





Signs of a Quality Child Care Program



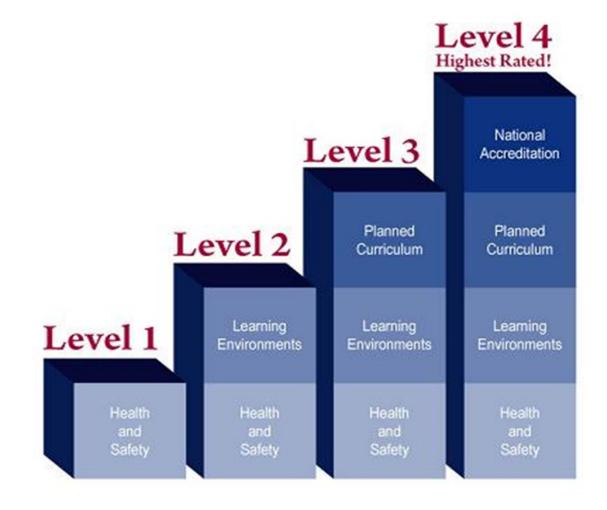




Paths to QUALITY™ is Indiana's statewide rating system for early care and education programs. It is a free resource to help families make informed decisions and to help early care and education providers improve the quality of their programs.



Paths to QUALITY Levels





Some Questions to Ask Yourself



Which child care program will best allow your child to be happy and grow?



Which caregiver can meet the special needs of your child?

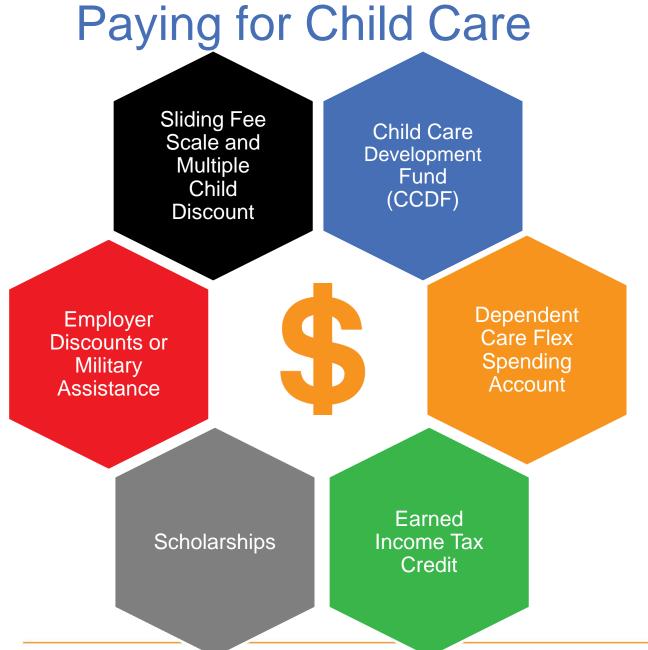


Is the child care available and affordable according to your families needs and resources?



Do you feel good about this specific provider caring for your child?







Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)



CCDF Eligibility

DO YOU QUALIFY?

- Be working or going to school, or have a referral from the Department of Child Services (DCS) or from a TANF/IMPACT case worker,
- · Be within federal income guidelines,
- Have proof of identity for all family members,
- . Live in the State of Indiana,
- Have less than one million dollars in assets, and
- The children who receive CCDF help must be a U.S. Citizen or qualified legal alien

INCOME GUIDELINES

- Gross monthly income (before taxes and any other deductions) cannot be more than 127% of the <u>federal</u> <u>poverty level</u>.
- Your family can stay in the program until your income is more than 85% of the Indiana median income quidelines by family size.
- Licensed foster parents, who want care for foster children, and parents involved with DCS, do not have to meet these income rules.



Questions about CCDF Eligibility?

Contact Maximus at intakechildcare.com intake@maximus.com



On My Way to Pre-K



On My Way PreK

WHY OMWPK?

On My Way Pre-K provides grants for 4-year-olds from low-income families, so they may have access to high-quality pre-k programs the year before they begin kindergarten. The grants are available in all 92 counties. The program is flexible and is built around the needs of families, offering options for full-day or partial-day programs. When applications are available, families are chosen on a first come-first served basis in the order in which applications are received. There are limited slots available in each county, so families should apply early for best chances. Applications will be accepted until all available slots have been filled.

DO YOU QUALIFY?

- The child will be 4 years old by August 1
- The child must live in a household with an income below 127% of the <u>federal</u> poverty level.
- Parents or guardians in the household must be working, going to school or attending job training.

If funding remains, there may be a limited number of vouchers available for children who live in a household with **incomes up to 185% of the <u>federal poverty level</u>.

*These children must also have a parent or guardian living in the hosehold who is working, going to school or attending job training OR who receives Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income (also known as SSD) benefits.**

OMWPK FEDERAL POVERTY CHART

MONTHLY INCOME BEFORE TAXES

Current Eligibility		Additional New Eligibility	
Family size	0%-127%	Family size	128%-18
1	\$0 to \$1,350.00	1	\$1,351.00 to \$1,9
2	\$0 to \$1,825.00	2	\$1,826.00 to \$2,6
3	\$0 to \$2,299.00	3	\$2,300.00 to \$3,3
4	\$0 to \$2,773.00	4	\$2,774.00 to \$4,0
5	\$0 to \$3,247.00	5	\$3,248.00 to \$4,7
6	\$0 to \$3,721.00	6	\$3,722.00 to \$5,4
7	\$0 to \$4,195.00	7	\$4,196.00 to \$6,1
0	\$0 to 4 669 00	0	€4 670 00 to €6 0

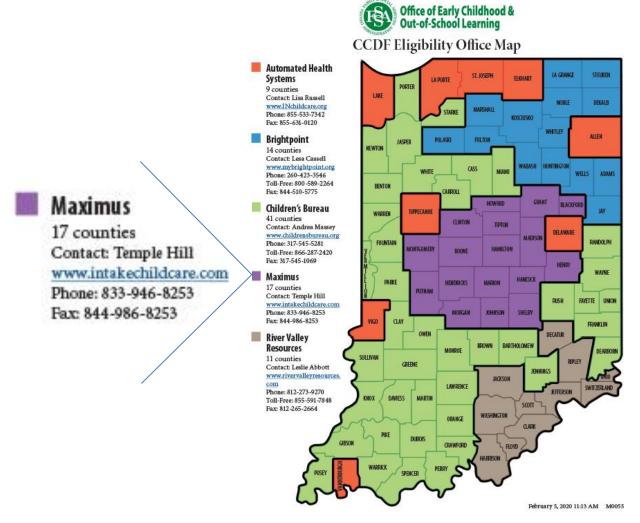
https://earlyedconnect.fssa.in.g ov/onlineApp/home

LaKesha Fillmore @fssa.in.gov





CCDF Intake Offices





CCDF for Foster Families

Step 1

- Your DCS caseworker will submit a referral to Maximus.
- An Intake Agent from Maximus will contact you to schedule an appointment.

Step 2

- The Intake Agent will inform you of the required documents to submit online.
- Once you receive your voucher, you will have approximately 10 days to find child care.

Step 3

- Search for child care via childcare.in.gov
- Search for child care with Child Care Answers



How to Search for Child Care



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yvi40zG4K1o



childcareanswers.com



800-272-2937





Child Care Answers serves as Central Indiana's Child Care Resource & Referral agency, otherwise known as a CCR&R. CCR&Rs work to ensure that children receive the best care possible through a variety of activities.



WE HELP FAMILIES

If you have a child in need of care, we can guide you through the process. We provide resources to help you understand what quality care looks like, options to find care, and tools to choose a provider. We also provide support to keep you engaged with your provider throughout your child's development.

LEARN MORE



WE HELP PROVIDERS

We help aspiring child care providers prepare to become licensed and understand their unique needs as a small business. Established child care programs can also rely on us to provide connections to resources that help them develop as professionals and improve the quality of their programs.

LEARN MORE



WE SERVE THE COMMUNITY

We compile and share data about providers and children to aid the community leaders like you in your efforts to improve early childhood education. Whether you are a local business or a social services agency, we'll work with you to promote quality efforts and awareness.

LEARN MORE



Steps when searching for child care

Review
List of
Programs
Child Care

Child Care Answers can provide list based on address and other criteria Call or email programs

Ask questions on topics important to you; example questions in Provider Checklist

Check inspection reports

Find reports at childcarefinder. in.gov

Visit programs

Use Provider Checklist to understand what to look for

Call references



Child Care Resource & Referral Agency

Provider

How can families connect with us?



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Choosing the right child care can be overwhelming, but you are not alone in the process - Child Care Answers is here to help!

Kristin Cofield

Family Engagement Specialist kristinc@childcareanswers.com

FOLLOW US!











Child Care Resources

Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning



Child Care Subsidies
On My Way Pre-k
Early Ed Connect
Trends Since COVID-19
Local Resources





Child Care Subsidies



Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)

Eligibility:

- 127% of FPL at initial eligibility 85% of State Median Income (SMI) at redetermination
- Working or attending a job training program
- Child between 0 and 13 (some exceptions)

On My Way Pre-k Eligibility:

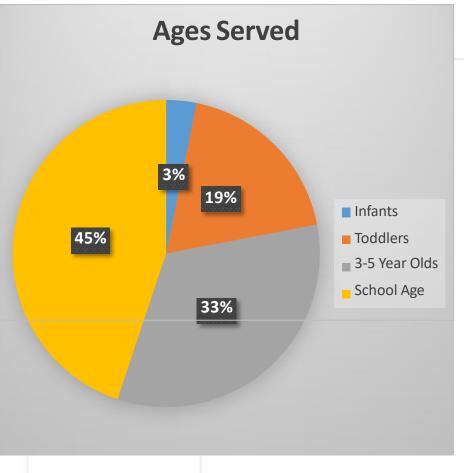
- 127% of FPL
- Working or attending a job training program (some exceptions)
- Child must be 4 by August 1st
- Family must choose a Level 3 or 4 Paths to Quality Program

Child Care Subsidies

CCDF currently serves

- 41,474 children and21,528 families
- 1,209 of the children served had a disability
- 3,810 children were prioritized due to homelessness





Child Care Subsidies



- 93.6 % of families received subsidies because of employment.
- 26.5 % of families had copayments, at an average of 8.5 % of income.
- 50.3 % of families had overages, at an average of 3.0 % of income.

- The average family size was 3.6 and the average number of children served per family was 1.9.
- 93.1 % of families were headed by a single parent.



How to apply for help?

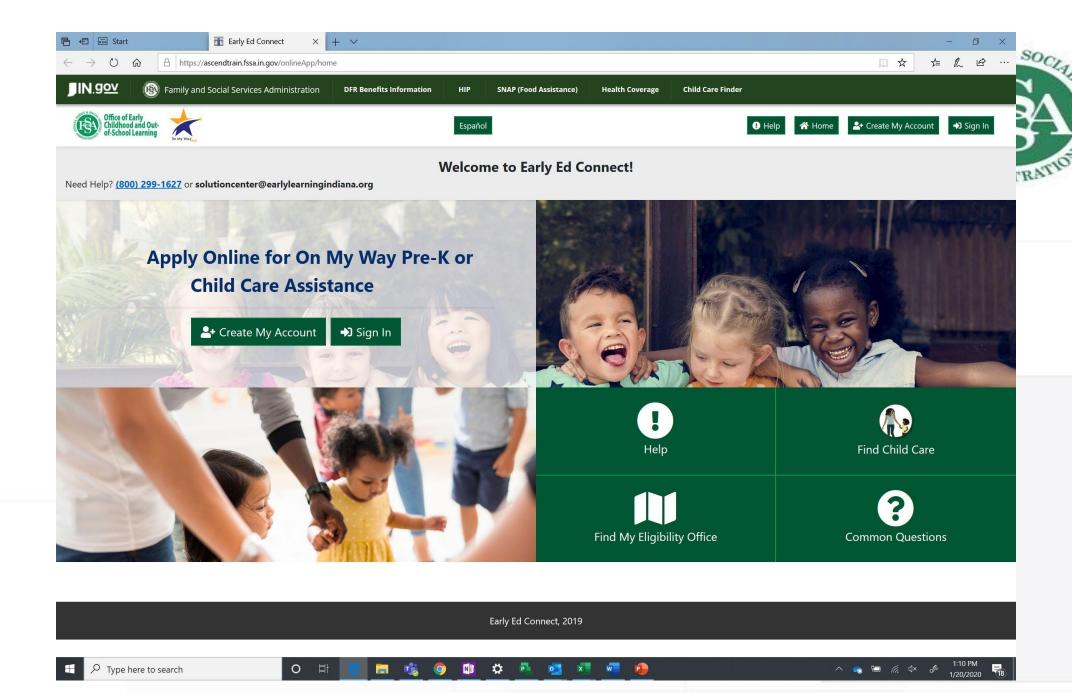


Early Ed Connect:

https://earlyedconnect.fssa.in.gov/onlineApp/home

- Easy use via mobile devices, as well as on a computer or tablet
- Ability to apply for multiple children in one application
- Ability to upload supporting documents, including via photo from a mobile phone
- Ability to save application progress and complete it at a later time
- Notification of successful submission
- Available in English and Spanish
- Online support information and videos





What happens once you are in the program?



- Children receive 53 weeks of support
- Families receive personal days to cover absences from the program
- If the family loses employment they have 16 weeks (now 26) to gain employment before they are no longer eligible
- Income eligibility is higher at renewal

Trends since COVID-19



- Over 2,500 programs closed at the height of stay at home
- Only around 200 programs closed currently
- Parents may be fearful about taking children to care
- Low overall enrollment

Child Care Safety Guidelines



All guidelines can be found at:

https://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/5761.

<u>htm</u>



Challenges and Opportunities



Let's get back to work

https://youtu.be/3iMZFVE2kfU

Family Checklist

http://brighterfuturesindiana.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/06/Updated-Checklist-B2W-Safety-Response-Needs-1.pdf

Local Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Services Provider Map

Vendor Key	SDA
Geminus	1
Right Steps Child Development Centers	2
Child Care Answers (CCA)	3
Chances and Services for Youth (CASY)	4
4C of Southern Indiana	5

Geminus

8400 Louisiana Street Merrillville, IN 46410 Phone: (219) 685-1500 Toll Free: (844) 685-1500

Website: http://ccrr.geminus.org/CCRR-Index.html

Right Steps Child Development Centers

Contact Information: 817 Woodmere Drive Lafayette, IN 47905 Phone: (765) 742-7105 Toll Free: (800) 932-3302

Website:

http://www.thechildcareresourcenetwork.org

Child Care Answers

1776 N. Meridian St., Suite A Indianapolis, IN 46202 Phone: (317) 636-5727 Toll Free: (800) 272-2937

Fax: (317) 687-6248

Website: http://www.childcareanswers.com

CASY

Booker T Washington Community Ctr., 2nd Fl.

1101 S. 13th Street Terre Haute, IN 47802 Phone: (812) 232-3952 Toll Free: (800) 886-3952 Fax: (812) 232-1731

Website: http://www.casyonline.org

4C of Southern Indiana

414 SE Fourth Street, Suite 102

Evansville, IN 47713 Phone: (812) 423-4008 Toll Free: (866) 200-5909 Fax: (812) 423-3399

Website: http://www.child-care.org







VOTE

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Near
Eastside
Get Out the Vote
10 East Voter
Headquarters

VOTE

Voting Essentials

NEAR EASTSIDE | UNREGISTERED VOTERS

Bosart Brown / Brookside / Little Flower / Emerson Heights/ Holy Cross Tuxedo Park / Rivoli Park / Emerson Heights



★ 2020 Election // Key Dates ★

October 5, 2020

The deadline to Register to Vote in Indiana

October 6, 2020

Early Voting Begins

October 22, 2020

Absentee Ballot Request cut-off

November 3, 2020 (noon)

Absentee-By-Mail cut-off. Received not postmarked





YOUR VOTE. YOUR VOICE.

The deadline to register to VOTE in Indiana is Monday, October 5!

HEADQUARTER HOURS

Saturday, September 26 // 10am-5pm Saturday, October 3 // 10am-5pm Monday, October 5 // 10am-5pm

AT THE 10 EAST VOTER HEADQUARTERS YOU CAN:

- * Register to vote
- ★ Verify your Voter Status
- Get your voting questions answered
- ★ Pick up postcards to canvass your neighborhood.
- * Request an absentee ballot





VOTER HEADQUARTERS Additional Site Details

- **Exterior VOTE murals and banners**
- **Justin Brown art exhibition**
- **Kids Election // Vote stickers**
- Gift card drawing for new registrants
- Vote tote bag for new registered voters



Artist Engagement // 10 East Headquarters



Indianapolis artist, John Moore



Indianapolis artist, Justin Brown // Intelligence Countered exhibition



100 Vote Tote Bags being printed by Cat Head Press

Given to anyone who registers to vote until they are gone

Bags will have FAQ's about voting inserted and 2020 Polling Sites

Postcard Canvassing // Postcard Pick Up Site

5,000+ Grab and Go Postcards will be available at the 10 East Voter Headquarters that <u>anyone</u> can pick-up and distribute in their neighborhoods + public places.



EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCTOBER 6. 2020

City County Building 200 E. Washington St.

Oct. 6 - Oct. 23 // 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. 24 - Oct. 25 // 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. 26 - Oct. 30 // 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 // 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Nov. 2 // 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

VISIT WWW.INDIANAVOTERS.IN.GOV

Find Your Early Voting Site Find Your Election Day Voting Site Learn What's on the Ballot Learn about Absentee Voting Learn about your Voting Rights

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Last day to Register to Vote in Indiana is October 5th!





WHO CAN VOTE IN INDIANA?

You can vote in person in an Indiana election if you meet all requirements below:★

- · You are **registered to vote**:
- · You are a U.S. Citizen:
- · You are a resident of Indiana:
- · You will be at least 18 years of age at the next General Election, November 3, 2020;
- · You are **not currently in prison** after being convicted of a crime;
- · You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days before the election*:
- Have a current Photo ID



WHEN IS **ELECTION DAY** AND WHEN ARE THE

POLLS OPEN? Election Day is Tuesday. November 3. 2020. The polls are open 6am-6pm.



WHERE DO I

VOTE? You can vote Early or on Election Day at any Voting Center. To

find the 2020 Voting sites go to: vote.indy.gov



WHERE CAN I GET HELP WITH MY DOCUMENTS?

VoteRiders (voteriders.org / 844.338.8743) is providing 100% free assistance towards obtaining documents.



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO VOTE?

You must first register to vote. Register to vote or verify your voter registration at www.indianavoters.in.gov. The registration deadline is October 5.



CAN I VOTE EARLY?

We strongly encourage you to vote early! In-Person Early Voting Begins on October 6, 2020. You can vote early at the Marion County Election Board Office at the City-County Building (200 E. Washington Street, W-144). Visit vote.indy.gov to find additional early voting sites.



WHO IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

To find a list of who is on the ballot go to indianavoters.in.gov.

CREATE YOUR VOTING ACTION PLAN!

- Check the status of your voter registration and/or register to vote at www.indianavoters.in.gov by October 5
- Check to make sure that you have a valid State or Government Issued Photo ID that does not have an expiration date prior to November 3, 2020. Obtain a free Photo ID are your local BMV branch or contact voteriders.org for additional assistance.
- Identify your Early Voting or Election Day Polling Site at www.vote.indy.gov/Vote-Centers
- Determine when you will vote and put the date on your calendar. Early Voting begins October 6!
- Absentee Voting: If you need to vote absentee request your ballot at www.indianavoters.in.gov. The ballot request deadline is October 22. Completed absentee ballots must be received by noon on November 3 (postmarks do not count).

indianavoters.in.gov



VOTE EARLY

(MARION COUNTY VOTERS ONLY)

NEW WEEKEND HOURS!

CITY-COUNTY BUILDING

WEEKDAYS:

Oct 6 - Oct 23: 8am - 5pm Oct 26 - Oct 30: 8am - 7pm 11/2 8am - noon

WEEKENDS:

NEW Oct 10 - 11: 10am - 5pm *NEW* Oct 17-18: 10am - 5pm Oct 24 - Oct 25: 10am - 5pm Oct 31 - Nov 1: 10am - 5pm

- KRANNERT PARK
- PERRY TOWNSHIP GOVT CENTER
- WARREN TOWNSHIP GOVT CENTER
- MSD LAWRENCE ADMIN BUILDING
- ST LUKE'S UMC

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Oct 26 - Oct 30 11am - 7pm

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VISIT VOTE.INDY.GOV FOR MORE INFO



Individuals can vote at any polling place on Election Day.

Many Election Day Polling Places for November 3 have changed!

Visit Vote.Indy.gov to find the election day polling places near you

3 Ways You Can Help

Encourage people to register and verify their voting registration status.

- Refer people to our East 10th Street Voting Registration Site // 2301 E. 10th Street
- Go to indianavoters.in.gov

Pick up Voting FAQ postcards and distribute. Help people understand where, how and when to vote.

Encourage Early Voting.

Contact

Joanna Nixon 317-258-3139 joanna@joannanixon.com





Marion County Ecosystem, we need your help!

Please complete <u>this career services survey</u> as soon as possible.

It will be used for:

- Future Ecosystem Enrichment Content Planning
- Resources developed to help you with career services
- Data that can help us meet gaps in service delivery
- And MORE!



Wrap-Up



Next Session: October 22nd

Register Here



Want to Info from Past
Ecosystem Enrichment Click Here
Sessions?



<u>Career Coaching Survey!</u>