



Who We Are

Title of Project, Name of Lead Entity, Partner, Counties in Indiana we are impacting.

PLACE (Purposeful Life and Community Engagement)
Advocacy Links Resource and Advocacy Center
Partners: Hopelink; New Wave Wellness
Initial phase: Steuben, Lagrange, Elkhart, Dekalb, Noble, Kosciusko

What We Expect if We Achieve our Vision

Expected short-term and long-term outcomes; and positive impacts on individuals if your project successfully carries out these actions.

By 12/31/2023 (In the initial 6 counties/service region):
*Advocacy Links will build partnerships with at least 4 traditional residential providers to create ongoing event/activity opportunities.
*Life Consultants will facilitate at least 4 events/activities.
*Life Consultants will facilitate at least 4 events/activities in each key focus area (Social; Education/Support, Vocational/Volunteer).
*Participants will experience a stronger sense of engagement with community partners as evidenced through satisfaction surveys and increased natural supports.
*Community partners will be regularly engaged in the events/activities facilitated by

By 12/31/2024:
*Advocacy Links will add another 6 county region while maintaining the same level of involvement in the original service region.
*Advocacy Links will build partnerships with at least 2 traditional residential providers in the new region.
*Advocacy Links will use the same outcomes and gradual growth expectations as outlined in the short-term column of this tool to grow the second service region.
*Participants will experience a stronger sense of engagement with community partners.
*Community partners will be regularly engaged in the events/activities facilitated by Advocacy Links

What We Will Do

Specific actions your agency will take to carry out pilot project.

- *Create opportunities for people to have interesting things to do in their local community
- *Provide occasion and space for people to build their own personal network of natural support.
- *Support people in building a stronger sense of being a valued member of their local community.
- *Promote people to build a larger group of friends.

How We Will Do It

Plan and implementation

- *Plan and facilitate at least 40 interesting events/activities per month in the target service area.
- *Promote conversation and community interaction through recurring social engagement for individuals to be able to learn to know members of their community.

What Will Result

Long-term goals to transform services and/or better support individuals.

- *Participants will build core groups of 8-12 people in each of the target counties by being involved in at least 1 activity/month each quarter to help build long term connections and natural supports.
- *Ongoing connections with community partners (churches, service organizations, businesses, etc.) are developed and maintained.

What We Want to Avoid

Outcomes that may take away from the vision and will serve as "red flags" to consider course correction.

- Individuals unable to participate in their preferred activities because staffing is limited and funding is exhausted
- Replicating supports and services that already exist
- People unable to do interesting activities because they are too far away and transportation is not available
- Isolation/Depression

