

Impact Spotlight: a system-level investment in Council for Youth Development

WE OBSERVED

- some local youth trends moving in the wrong direction
- the opportunity to quickly boost existing work to new levels
- the need to use shared metrics to track progress and tell the story behind the data

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE INVESTMENT

- 43% decrease in the number of "in county" youth in detention
- decreases in use of marijuana, cigarettes, alcohol and prescription drugs by 12th graders
- 15% decrease in teen pregnancies

SO WE INVESTED IN



Council for Youth Development
Bartholomew County

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE

- investing in youth development today saves resources in the future
- funding existing, high potential, and collaborative programs drives system-level change

THEY CREATED

- an active, highly engaged coalition of 100+ organizations working together
- shared metrics called the Youth Development Index
- initiatives aimed at improving trends and ensuring all youth thrive

WHICH DELIVERED

- first ever Youth Master Plan for the county
- county-wide alignment of key youth-serving programs
- improved professional development resources so youth and their families can receive better quality support

THE IMPACTS INCLUDE

A community-wide commitment to track progress and a way to collectively address areas for improvement

Overall, kids are safer, healthier, and on a better path to success as a result of this HFBC investment

A clear plan that strengthens cross-sector partnerships and ensures the community builds Developmental Assets in every youth