

Introducing the Indianola Promise Community.



Indianola's youth will never miss a beat.

"Wonderful!" After clapping and hoisting an enthusiastic thumbs up, B.B. King offered this piece of advice to the IPC Summer Campers.

"Always stay in beat," he insisted. "When you walk with a friend, you don't want to walk ahead of them or behind them, right? That would be rude. The same goes for the blues. Always stay in beat."

That, in a nutshell, is what IPC is designed to do. As Indianola's youth grow up, IPC will help them make the most of their efforts to never miss a beat.

To learn more about IPC, call 662-686-3520.

The Indianola Promise Community is a Delta Health Alliance initiative uniting health care, education, community and faith-based services to provide people the opportunity to realize their promise as active members and leaders in the Indianola community. IPC represents an effort to establish best practices from the success of the Harlem Children Zone in Mississippi. Starting with prenatal care, through infancy, as toddlers, teens, students and high school graduates, IPC will fortify the efforts of Indianola youth as they tackle life's many challenges.

The Delta Health Alliance is a nonprofit organization that supports community-based healthcare initiatives that target critical health and wellness issues in the Mississippi Delta. Located in Stoneville, Mississippi, the Delta Health Alliance currently funds 35 community-based programs that are spread throughout the Delta region.



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Something Promising is happening in Indianola.



Here are some of the ways Indianola's Promise is being Realized.

Healthy Babies

Supplementing existing programs designed to keep babies well, Healthy Babies focuses on outreach. Healthy Babies will feature direct, continuous contact with new parents in their homes to reduce infant mortality and address low birth weight.

Teen Pregnancy

IPC's efforts to help teen mothers and their children will supplement existing programs to improve parenting skills and keep new moms and their infants healthier.

Preschool and Child Care

A high quality early childhood education experience provides a strong foundation for future academic success. To strengthen preschool and child care education opportunities, a variety of quality enhancement initiatives target the families, teachers, and directors who impact IPC's youngest

learners. Projects include community-based parenting education, training and technical assistance for educators, a literacy outreach program, a career ladder program, and more.

K-6 After-school & Summer Programs

To give academic achievement a boost in these grade levels, increased attention will be devoted to the material students are provided to learn, how classes are conducted, and how they are tested. All of this will be conducted during after-school and summer school programs.

Promise School

The Promise School prepares over 100 Indianola students for kindergarten. With no more than 12 children and two teachers per class, each child receives the individual attention needed to learn. Program graduates make significant gains in literacy skills preparing them for a successful kindergarten experience.

IPC Family Health Clinic

The IPC Family Health Clinic is one of many ways Indianola residents will enjoy greater access to health care. Designed to serve patients from infancy to 18 years of age, the clinic will provide preventive, acute and chronic care. When school-based screenings identify issues that require follow-up, the students will be referred to the IPC Family Health Clinic.

IPC Summer Camps

The first set of Indianola Promise Community (IPC) summer camps served over 600 campers, ranging in age from 3 to 18, throughout Indianola. Each camp has its own purpose, from character development and exercise (including swimming lessons), to learning music and dance, to becoming certified for childcare or nursing, to learning about space exploration. Hundreds of Indianola students have experienced the educational adventure of their lives.

South Gate Park

Next to Bethune Recreation Center, 350 Indianola volunteers built a playground in just six hours, designed by South Gate's children, thanks to the efforts of Delta Health Alliance, neighborhood residents, corporate partners, city leaders and KaBOOM!

IPC HQ

IPC Headquarters office on Front Street will offer residents greater access to healthcare in a new health clinic, providing evaluation and treatment, as well as screening for dental care, prenatal care, and chronic conditions like heart disease. The building will also provide a place for residents to meet with IPC managers to plan and evaluate IPC programs.

These efforts represent just a few of those to come in Indianola and throughout the Delta.

