

Something promising is happening in Indianola.

Introducing the Indianola Promise Community.

The Indianola Promise Community is a Delta Health Alliance initiative that unites 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. Starting with prenatal care, through infancy, as toddlers, teens, students and high school graduates, IPC will fortify the efforts of young Indianola residents as they tackle life's challenges.

Here is a glimpse at the many efforts already underway this summer.



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Summer Camps

This summer, over 600 children are enrolled in IPC summer camps throughout Indianola.

Delta Missions operates one of those camps. It's called **The Character Development Summer Mentoring** and teaches campers new character development traits (like positive attitude) each week, using the Head, Heart and Hands curriculum.

At the **Raspberry Men's Club Summer Camp**, called the Student Summer Development Initiative, campers ranging in age from 13 - 18 years of age receive mentoring and continuing education to improve their readiness for upcoming grade levels, for college and / or workforce development.

As part of its **Summer Outreach Program** summer camp, the City of Indianola champions physical education with swimming lessons.

The BB King Museum applies learning in art (performing and visual arts) to the more practical aspects of living like nutrition, calling their camp "**The Art of Living Smart.**"

At the Indianola Main Street camp, called **Planting the Seeds for Careers** in Agriculture, teenagers tour area farms, restaurants, research facilities and more.

The Color Me A Rainbow Big Read Program summer camp uses technology to kick-start reading skills in children age 3 - 5.

The Care Delta Summer Youth Project teaches Middle Schoolers health and wellness.

At its **College Readiness and Workforce Development Program**, the Kepleré Institute of Technology certifies some teenagers in nursing and childcare while preparing others for college.



T.E.E.N. (Targeting Exercise Energy Now) teaches Middle Schoolers how to incorporate exercise into their daily lives.

The Small World Summer School brings a global variety of cultures to Indianola children, ranging in age from 3 - 5 years old, using math, science, language arts, music and more.



The excitement is building.

Along with the summer camps, work is underway on two important construction projects.

Southgate Park Playground



Volunteers are needed August 7! Sign up now!

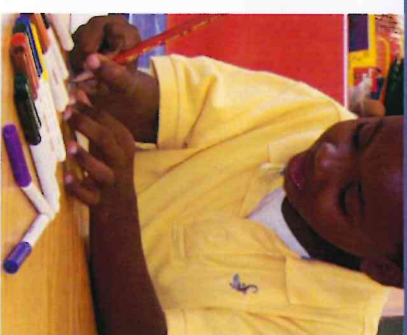
Call the Indianola City Hall, the South Sunflower County Library or the Bethune Recreational Center for more information.

Southgate Park Playground

August 7, next to Bethune Recreation Center Building, in what is now an open field, 350 Indianola volunteers will build a playground designed by experts in play, Southgate's children. Starting at 8:30 AM, in six hours the playground will be complete, and its designers will be playing on it, thanks to the efforts of neighborhood residents, city leaders and KaBOOM!

IPC HQ

By the Fall of 2010, in the newly refurbished IPC Headquarters office in Indianola's downtown business district on Front Street. In these offices, a new health clinic will offer residents greater access to health care, providing evaluation and treatment, as well as screening for dental care, prenatal care, heart disease, diabetes and other chronic conditions. The building will also house IPC's management, providing a place for residents to meet with IPC managers to plan and evaluate IPC programs.



Building young minds at the Promise School

Throughout the summer, the Promise School will be preparing young Indianola students for kindergarten, under

the auspices of Mississippi State University and the Sunflower-Humphreys Counties Progress, Inc. About 170 students enter the Indianola Public School system each year. This fall, over 100 students will spend the summer preparing to make the most of their first year in public school. Throughout the country, students with Pre-K schooling have achieved significantly better performance than those who have had none. This approach has been underway in Indianola for about a year and it's starting to pay off.



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