



# Indiana Parenting Institute™

Great Parenting Happens Here!

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## ABOUT IPI

Indiana Parenting Institute, Inc.™ (IPI) is a nonprofit family services organization headquartered in Gary, IN that serves families throughout the state of Indiana looking to improve, or strengthen, their family bond, and to realize their full potential. IPI provides these families with evidence-informed, group-based parenting education and life skills training, as well as a Family Resources Access Point, to strengthen their family (and community) relationships and to transform their lives.

Considered Urban Family Parenting Specialists, IPI has realized notable successes in enhancing the well-being, opportunities, and resilience of disadvantaged and at-risk families in Indiana's urban communities. By starting with a family's current skills and competencies, IPI works with families to broaden these, keeping parents abreast of the latest techniques and practices needed to successfully navigate, and more effectively address, the challenges of raising and educating children faced today due to the complexities of this ever-changing, often uncharted, 21<sup>st</sup> Century landscape.

In addition, IPI provides the professionals who serve these families with Professional Development opportunities that enhance their ability to better serve Indiana's diverse families.

IPI's Vision: To be the preeminent authority on parenting education for urban and rural families.

IPI's Mission: To strengthen parents through education and training, thus creating a better environment for children and families to thrive.

IPI's Values: Trust, Respect and Integrity; Self-esteem, Resilience, and Confidence; Skills Development and Teamwork; Environmental Understanding; Flexibility and Responsiveness; Quality and Innovation.

In 2014, IPI's Founder and CEO was appointed by then Governor Mike Pence to serve on the state's Kids Trust Fund Board. In 2017, IPI celebrated ten (10) years of service to Indiana families, and was recognized by the Governor's Task Force on Drug Enforcement, Treatment & Prevention as a Substance Use Disorder Treatment Best Practice. In 2018, IPI was selected to be the community-based organization representative for Governor Holcomb's Workforce Cabinet.

### Why Parenting Education?

To become and to remain effective, people need training – even caregivers (parents). Parenting is a dynamic enterprise. It is affected daily by new, uncharted influences. To best manage this influx of new technologies, new norms, and new information, parents need to be kept up-to-date. Parenting education is the vehicle for accomplishing this.