

AHSI Place-Based Partnerships

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AHSI sought to launch and sustain three Place-Based Partnerships...

- Site selection – January-May 2008
- Development of local partnerships (ongoing)
 - City, school district, intermediary, postsecondary
- Local partnership facilitation:
 - School model development
 - Wraparound support services
 - Data
 - Opportunities for collaboration



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Indianapolis, Indiana

Team Members

The Mind Trust intermediary
Goodwill / Indy Met
Mayor's office/ City of Indy
Multiple school districts
Ivy Tech

Policy Conditions

Heavy small school expansion
Range of per-pupil funding \$\$

Current Goals

- Explore networked access to wraparound services, postsecondary supports
- Solidify operations in AHSI schools & programs

Progress

- Indy Met/Big Picture in 5th year – 45 of 49 grads in post-secondary
- Opened 5 Diploma Plus schools (4 districts) in Fall, 2008
- Obtained State Board of Education waivers



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Nashville, Tennessee

Team Members

Office of Mayor /Metro Nashville
+Office of Vice Mayor/Council
Metro Nashville Public Schools
Alignment Nashville
Multiple higher ed institutions
Nashville Career Advcmt Center

Policy Conditions

New mayor; education top priority
State supervision; interim Sup't
Per-pupil funding approx. \$8,000
SLCs in 12 of 17 high schools

Current Goals

- Develop DP schools (2009) and GTC program (2010)
- Apply for support / develop YouthBuild program
- Close look at dropout and struggling student data

Progress

Big Picture High School operating; will divide into two schools in 2009



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Newark, New Jersey

Team Members

- Newark Public Schools Office of Alternative Education
- The Office of the Mayor
- Rutgers University
- Essex County College
- The Nicholson Foundation

Policy Conditions

- * State supervision, new Sup't
- * Per-pupil funding \$20,000+

Current Goals

1. Introduce AHSI to local foundation community
2. "Planning year" for 3 Big Picture and 2 Diploma Plus schools
3. Facilitate internal/external shift in perception of alt. education

Progress

- Opened CIS PLC; aligning existing program with Gateway



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What's next? Partial list...

- Meetings with city agencies focused on wraparound services
- Bridge connections between existing and new AHSI schools, programs
- Develop tools that reflect experience, support local work



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