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Forward Wayne County Hosting Richmond NICE! Program

Wayne County, Indiana— Forward Wayne County (FWC) is launching a Richmond edition of its Neighborhood Involvement and Community Engagement (NICE!) virtual series. It is ideal for neighborhood associations, neighborhood groups, school groups, community groups, and others located in Richmond.

“We were awarded funds from the Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce’s Center for Excellence to expand the NICE! program as a day time option for Richmond groups,” said Acacia St. John, Program Manager for Wayne County.

“We have had several requests for a day time option, so this is exciting. Our goal is to engage at least 10 groups, but would love to see more. Upon successful completion of the series, these groups will have the opportunity to apply for place-making grants.”

The Richmond series will be held weekly on Tuesdays, from 11:00am-12:30pm, starting on October 19th and ending on November 23rd.

Registration is now [open](#) and will close on October 15th. Spaces will fill up quickly. FWC invites groups to see why neighborhood development is important [here](#).

NICE! provide residents and community organizations with the tools, resources, and steps for enacting community development. The six-part virtual series aims to teach residents and groups:

- why it's important to have a NICE! Group
- how to create a NICE group
- how to sustain the group's momentum
- how to improve neighborhoods and communities through the idea of social infrastructure and interaction

About Center of Excellence Fund

The Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce’s Center for Excellence, in partnership with the City of Richmond, received a grant in 2016 from America’s Best Communities to work on the human capital pipeline, communication, and quality of place in Richmond to attract, retain, and develop a 21st century workforce. The key themes defined in the original America’s Best Communities grant align directly with Forward Wayne County’s foundational purpose and therefore offered an opportunity to use the remaining grant funds to strengthen Richmond.

About Forward Wayne County

Forward Wayne County, an umbrella unit of the Wayne County Foundation, serves as a county-wide backbone organization to convened coalitions to foster a vibrant economy and promote prosperity in Wane County, Indiana.

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