



Family assistance aims at building happy homes

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EAST CHICAGO | East Chicago Housing Authority has brought a new program, DYPEC 2013: Happy Homes, to West Calumet Complex to assist the families it serves.

A partnership between ECHA, First Midwest Bank, First Baptist Church and the Indiana Parenting Institute, DYPEC 2013 offers parenting and life skills education to the residents of West Calumet Complex. By providing its residents with training in parenting, home management, and fiscal management onsite, ECHA is seeking to serve its constituency holistically.

Gone are the days when you could just provide housing and/or other benefits, and families would use that assistance to help them get ahead, said an IPI spokesperson. "More and more, families are finding themselves stuck in the system, and ECHA believes that filling in the gaps in their life skills know-how may just be the missing link to supply them and motivate them to improve their lives," according to an IPI news release.

Parents meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays onsite at West Calumet Complex, 4700 Larkspur St., to discuss their challenges and desires, and to help each other with ideas and suggestions to overcome and/or achieve them.

They also meet to acquire additional skills and resources by which to make healthier decisions and choices for themselves and their families. Refreshments, child care, and giveaways are provided. After 12 meetings, parents become eligible for a certificate, witnessing their commitment to strengthening their families and their lives.

For further information, or to register, call Rosemarie at (219) 886-1111. Space is limited.

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