



### Who We Are

*Title of Project, Name of Lead Entity, Partner, Counties in Indiana we are impacting.*

Social Skills for Youth, The Arc of Evansville, in collaboration with Pure Abilities, LLC Vanderburgh County and area communities, along with Allen County

### What We Expect if We Achieve our Vision

*Expected short-term and long-term outcomes; and positive impacts on individuals if your project successfully carries out these actions.*

Participants are introduced to new social skills

Participants retain new social skills

Participants have an increased number of opportunities to practice new social skills gained

Participants report increased confidence in starting conversations with people they just met

Participants report they made a new friend through this project

Participants will build a foundation of social skills for establishing significant relationships, obtaining satisfying employment as adults, being an integral part of the local community, and finding meaning in their lives.

### What We Will Do

*Specific actions your agency will take to carry out pilot project.*

Staff will complete training course related to social skills

Participants will be recruited

Pre/Post Assessments, monthly questionnaires, and observations will be completed

Participants will complete skill building exercises, role-playing opportunities, and meet new people in the community

Data will be captured, retained, and reported

### How We Will Do It

*Plan and implementation*

A maximum of 120 participants will be enrolled in the project

Three, ten-week sessions will be provided and each session will include the age groups of 10-12, 13-15, and 16-17

Each week, participants will participate in curriculum instruction, role-playing, and opportunities to practice learned social skills in a community setting with children of the same age

A partnership will be formed with a minimum of two community agencies

### What Will Result

*Long-term goals to transform services and/or better support individuals.*

Additional supports will be available for youth to build necessary social skills for living a successful future that includes competitive community employment, independent community living, and experiencing natural supports

### What We Want to Avoid

*Outcomes that may take away from the vision and will serve as "red flags" to consider course correction.*

Participants exiting the program early

Participant surveys indicate a minimal change in confidence

