



### Who We Are

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

Bridging The Gap

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Allen County (& surrounding areas)

### 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.*

#### Short Term Outcomes:

Graduate 15-20 participants.

Provide their social coaches with guidance on how to assist the individuals in maintaining these skills.

Host a graduation ceremony for participants who completed the course.

Incorporate graduates into future classes to serve as peer mentors.

Long Term Outcomes:  
Assist individuals in improving their personal relationships.

Increase participants interest in attending leisure and recreation activities with social components.

Success will be achieved when individuals social needs are met through increased opportunity to appropriate make connections with their peers and nurture those connections afterwards.

Another positive impact will be assisting individuals in obtaining the necessary social skills to live a well rounded holistic life.

### What We Will Do

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

Become PEERS Certified Trainers.

Recruit participants through a structured registration system.

Implement weekly social skills lessons in a classroom setting at Turnstone.

Facilitate periodic social outings to generalize the previously reviewed skills.

Host optional Speed Dating Event.

Host occasional social outings to generalize previously reviewed skills.

### How We Will Do It

*Plan and implementation*

Round 1 begins June 2023.

Weekly lessons in a classroom setting at Turnstone on Monday or Wednesday from 12:000-3:00PM.

Lessons will include hands on learning experiences.

Participants will receive assistance from Pure Abilities therapists and consultants in small group settings.

Pre, mid, and post assessments will be administered to assess applicability and each individuals increase in socially appropriate behavior.

### What Will Result

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

Provide a more structured environment for clients to evolve socially.

Create an environment for like minded people with the shared interest of expanding their social repertoire.

Foster community and create a stronger social culture for the IDDD population served through the Medicaid waiver.

### What We Want to Avoid

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

Participants social development being hindered by external social influences.

Participants human rights being restricted by their support system.

Transportation hindering individuals ability to attend weekly lessons and optional outings.

