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ABOUT THE LEARNING NETWORK OF CLINTON COUNTY

The Learning Network of Clinton County, established in 2004, was the first Purdue Extension-affiliated learning center in the state of Indiana. The Learning Network is organized to respond to new needs rapidly and deliver programs at a location convenient, familiar, and welcoming to Clinton County residents.

OUR MISSION

To provide opportunities for all learners to build knowledge and lifelong learning skills for workforce development, healthy living and to enhance the quality of life through education.



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SUMMER KIDS WORKSHOP

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Summer Kids Workshops were held from June 1-26, 2026, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Forty-three hands-on workshops were offered, ranging from Japanese to Scrapbooking, Operation Fit Kids to Crazy Science, and Aviation to Young Engineers. Four hundred and forty-three participants, ranging from 1st graders to 9th graders, attended the program from each of the four county school districts. This year, the Learning Network added these new workshops: VEX Robotics.



We received very positive feedback from parents of children who attended Summer Kids Workshops. Clinton County students pay **\$75 per workshop**, but scholarships are available for those who receive free-and-reduced lunch or have multiple siblings enrolled in the program. Student fees only pay a portion of the total cost of providing Summer Kids Workshops to the community.

STAFF & ADMINISTRATION

The Summer Kids' Workshop staff was made up of 24 licensed teachers and one instructor, two administrators and two college-age assistants. Off-site transportation was provided for Kids in the Kitchen, 911 Emergency, Mini Police Academy (4-H/Edward Jones Building), Outdoor Exploration (at Camp Collum), and Mini-Farm Adventure (at Highland Heights Farm outside of Frankfort). Summer Kids' Workshop students who lived within Frankfort city limits were also provided with transportation to and from Summer Kids Workshops.

The remaining costs for the programming, including staff, transportation, equipment and materials, were paid for by generous donations from community businesses, the Clinton County Community Service Grant, Indiana Afterschool Network, and an investment from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Strengthening Youth & Families Program. Thanks to the partner organizations (listed on the next page) for their support.

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4 WEEKS

43
WORKSHOPS

24
TEACHERS

JUNE 2026

Check us out on:



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

BCS Boutique

Cintas

Clinton Central School Corporation

Clinton County Community Corrections

Clinton County Community Service Award
(Clinton County Commissioners)

Clinton Prairie School Corporation

Community Schools of Frankfort

Con-Agra Ryder

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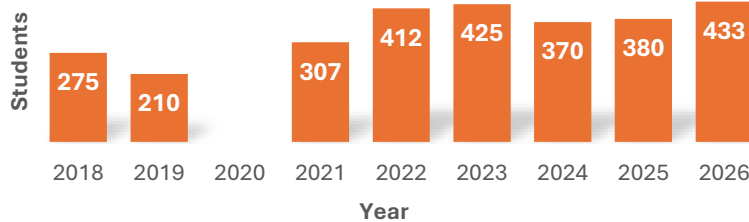
Rossville Consolidated School District

Skiles Electric

Stoeller Automation

Tenneco

Summer Kids Workshop Participation



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CLINTON COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION

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ABOUT

Clinton County Adult Education (CCAЕ) at the Learning Network of Clinton County removes barriers to educational advancement by providing classes for High School Equivalency Testing (HiSET), English as a Second Language, and a growing number of Integrated Education and Training (IET) certifications.

In spring of 2026, CCAЕ debuted its latest IET offering of Construction Classes through the National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER).

LIKE & FOLLOW

For regular updates and offerings, follow Clinton County Adult Education on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/clintoncoae>

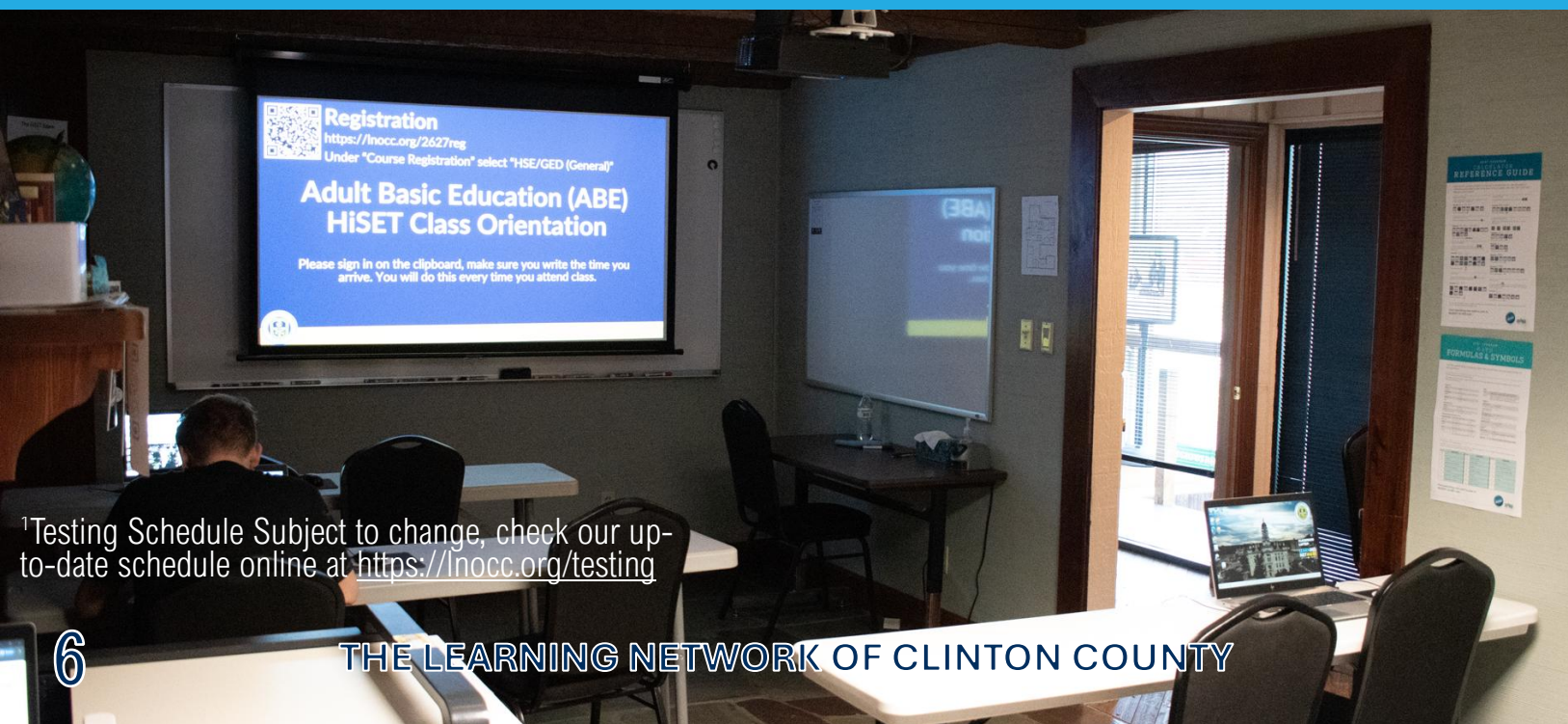


TESTING CENTER

Located on site at 1111 S. Jackson Street. Our Testing Center offers monthly HiSET testing on a near monthly basis (typically on a Tuesday and Thursday), from September to May¹.

September	15 th & 17 th
October	20 th & 22 nd
November	17 th & 19 th
December	15 th & 17 th
February	16 th & 18 th
March	16 th & 18 th
April	20 th & 22 nd
May	25 th & 27 th

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¹Testing Schedule Subject to change, check our up-to-date schedule online at <https://lnocc.org/testing>

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

CLINTON COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION

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ABOUT

This program is for adults seeking their High School Equivalency (HSE), formerly known as the GED. Clinton County Adult Education offers free classes and materials (including technology and software) to prepare for the HiSET test. This test is available in English, Spanish, and Braille.

Clinton County Adult Education had 22 students complete the program and go on to graduate in July 2026. Both daytime and evening classes are offered in person on a weekly basis.

41 STUDENTS
ENROLLED

30 MADE
PROGRESS¹

22 COMPLETED &
GRADUATED



"My time at CCAE was very positive and welcoming... The team did an amazing job clearly explaining expectations, helping me study, and supporting my learning as I prepared for the HiSET."

-Zech H. Class of 2026

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

With Ed in the Morning from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
And Nick at Night from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M.

¹Graduates of the program are included in this figure.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

CLINTON COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION

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ABOUT

This program is for adults who wish to gain English literacy or improve their English language skills. The Learning Network offers four levels of instruction with a focus on reading, writing, listening and speaking in English from beginner to advanced instruction. Classes meet every Monday and Wednesday morning and evening at the Learning Network/Extension building and in the evenings at Wildcat Creek Career Cooperative.

A person's level is determined by a pre-test, and their level gains are determined by a post-test after 40–60 hours of instruction. Classes and books are free, paid for by a grant from Indiana's Department of Workforce Development (DWD). Enrollment is open August–May with a \$30 enrollment fee.



99 STUDENTS
ENROLLED

70 MADE
PROGRESS



8

THE LEARNING NETWORK OF CLINTON COUNTY



WELDING

CLINTON COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION

ABOUT

In Fall 2025, the Learning Network offered welding certification classes at Rossville Junior/Senior High School.

The course is for 8 weeks of evening classes and is available to students 18 years of age and older. Through this course students earn their SMAW and OSHA 10 certification.

In a lot of cases, our students take this course free of charge if they qualify for assistance through the Workforce Readiness Grant.



CONSTRUCTION

CLINTON COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION

ABOUT

In Spring 2026, the Learning Network began offering Construction Classes through NCCER (National Center for Construction Education & Research). These classes are held in Frankfort at the Wildcat Creek Career Cooperative building downtown.

The course is for 8 weeks in the evening and is available to students 18 years of age and older. Through this course students earn their OSHA 10 certification.

In a lot of cases, students take this course free of charge if they qualify for assistance through the Workforce Readiness Grant.



HSE GRADUATION

JULY 30, 2026

The Learning Network's most recent HSE graduation ceremony was held in July 2026. Though not every graduate attended, it is a capstone achievement worth celebrating and recognizing all our graduates.

This year, State Representative Mark Genda (District 41) was our keynote speaker, and Frankfort Mayor Judy Sheets awarded diplomas. We celebrated the successes of the hard-working students of the Learning Network. These students persevered to complete their high school education, becoming role models for other Clinton County residents, as well as their family members and friends.





BRIDGING THE GAP

MEDICAL INTERPRETER TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

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ABOUT

Bridging the Gap (BTG) is a nationally recognized 40-hour medical interpreter training course. By the end of the course, participants will have the skills and knowledge necessary to interpret in a medical setting.

BTG is taught in English and is open to bilingual speakers of all languages. No medical interpreting experience is required! Language proficiency testing is required to verify a candidate's competency in his/her other language. This course prepares bilingual candidates with foundational skills and specialized medical vocabulary to become effective, competent, and professional medical interpreters.



CURRENT MEDICAL INTERPRETERS

<https://www.lnocc.org/interpreters>



6 LEARNING NETWORK GRADUATES

4 TRINITY CLINIC GRADUATES

6 IU HEALTH PARTNERSHIP GRADUATES



PLAZA COMUNITARIA

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ABOUT

For the past 13 years, the Instituto Nacional para la Educación de Adultos (INEA) [National Institute for Adult Education] has been offering educational support to Mexicans who have settled outside Mexico through "Plazas Comunitarias" run by community-based organizations in the U.S. The collaborative Plazas Comunitarias project is permanently overseen by the Instituto para los Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME) [Institute for Mexicans Abroad] via the network of Mexican consulates in the United States of America.

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The Plazas Comunitarias are educational facilities open to the community. The educational programmes and services they offer are aimed primarily at young people and adults who have so far not managed to complete elementary education. They enable these people to gain official qualifications that are valid in Mexico. People can also use the Plazas Comunitarias to obtain information on vocational training options, to use the communication and information opportunities that these facilities offer, and to use the online services made available to them. Plazas Comunitarias therefore enables young people and adults to access a wide range of complementary educational resources through which to advance their learning.

This program emerged as part of a medium-term project launched by the Consejo Nacional de la Educación para la Vida y el Trabajo' (CONEVYT).

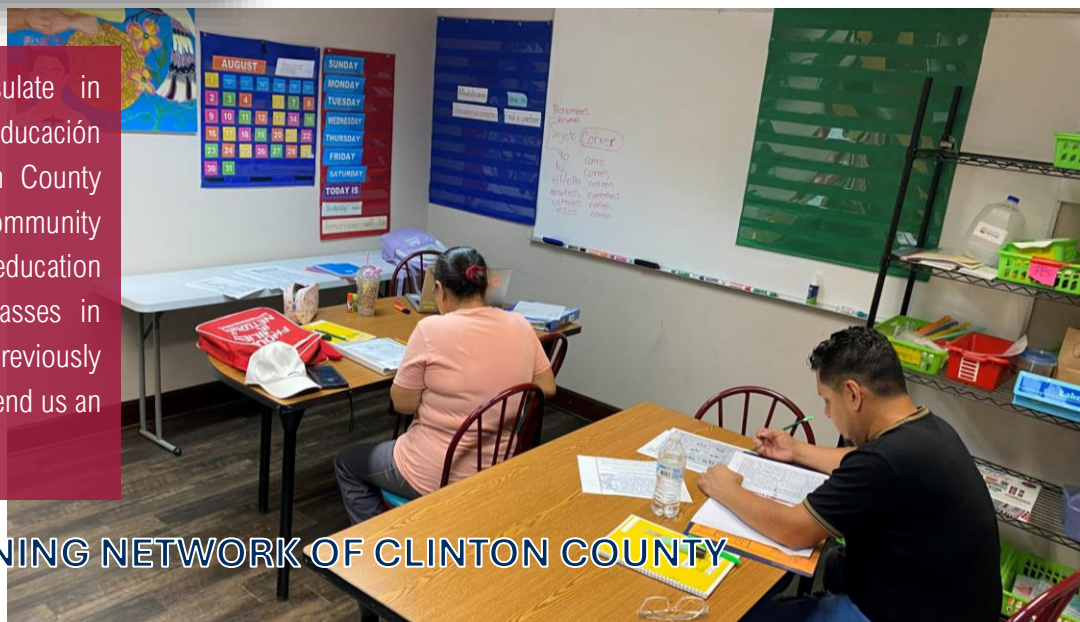
For more information visit:



(www.uil.unesco.org/en/litbase/plazas-comunitarias-united-states-america)



With the support of the Mexican Consulate in Indianapolis and INEA (Instituto Nacional de Educación de Adultos), Learning Network of Clinton County offers the necessary courses for adults in our community to obtain their elementary or middle school education certification from Mexico. We also offer classes in Spanish to prepare students for HiSET testing, previously known as the GED. For any questions, please send us an email or give us a call. 765-659-6380 ext 1814



The Impact of Adult Education

Quick Facts Indiana Adult Education Program Year 2023-24



25,084
Enrolled Students



4,200
High School Equivalency
Diplomas



3,409
Workforce Education
Participants



2,809
Career Certifications

Indiana Adult Education is a National Leader[†]



#1 Student
Outcomes

#1 Workforce-based
Enrollment

#2 Career
Certifications

#3 High School
Equivalency Diplomas



In a multi-year review* of wage data, The Indiana Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis calculated an average **wage gain** of **\$5,000** per adult education participant within one year of exit from programs. This gain encapsulates multiple outcomes including an estimated **\$8,900 wage gain** for adults earning an HSE.

Economic Impact** Indiana Adult Education Program Year 2023-24

\$16,985,041

State Investment[†]

\$74,665,000

Economic Impact



\$57,679,959

Return on Investment

The analysis also revealed increased employment stability for adult education participants and increased employment one year after exit.



Employment Participation

3.0 to 3.3 Quarters

67% one year after exit

* Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis Legislative Services Agency Workforce Program Review 2024

** Economic impact is based on students who exited programs into the labor force, 14,933 statewide, and the LSA average wage gain data. Return on investment is the economic impact less the state investment (Indiana Technical Education Reporting System, 2023-24).

[†] State investment was matched by \$11,897,894 of federal funds, representing 32% of total Indiana Adult Education funding.

[†] National data is obtained through the National Reporting System Program Year 2022-23 (www.nrs.ed.gov)

TECHNOLOGY TODAY

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ABOUT

Since March 2020 when the pandemic began, the Learning Network has initiated some innovative programming to respond to the needs of adult learners who live and work in Clinton County. By interacting with those learners currently enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL), High School Equivalency (HSE), Pl@za Comunitaria, Citizenship, Driver's Education and health education programming, it became apparent how important it was to begin specifically teaching digital literacy skills to our local residents, as well as those who work in our local industries with jobs that demand a baseline level of computer competency.

Thanks to funding from the United Way of Clinton County, the SIA Foundation, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), AT&T Foundation, and most recently the Enterprise Foundation; the Learning Network has been able to design and deliver the Technology Today (Tecnología Hoy) program. A bilingual (English/Spanish) facilitator is available multiple times per week (in person) at the Learning Network computer lab (1111 S. Jackson St., Frankfort) from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 40 weeks out the calendar year.



Technology Today (Tecnología Hoy) teaches “just-in-time” digital literacy skills. This walk-in, tech-help class is in an “on-demand” format as adult learners have interest. The class focuses on such skills as: sending email/managing attachments, navigating video conferencing platforms, using software for documents and spreadsheets, and applying online for job opportunities and work credentialing.



**Total number
of people
served** **567**



DIGITAL LITERACY COURSES

Number of people enrolled: 88

Number of Classes offered: 13



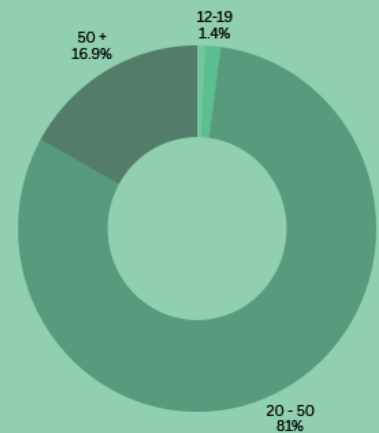
PUBLIC COMPUTER LAB

Number of lab users: 543

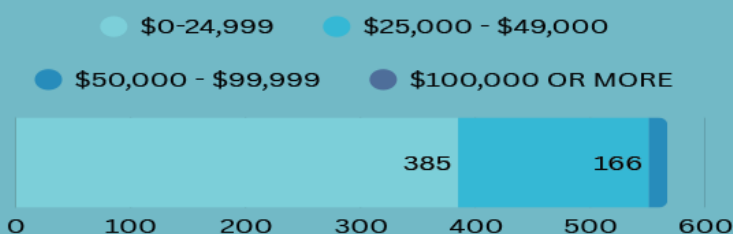
Hours of usage: 1253



AGES SERVED



ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLD INCOME



NUMBER OF ACCESS POINTS CREATED

14



DRIVER'S EDUCATION

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ABOUT

The Learning Network's Driver's Education class prepares adult learners to pass the written driver's test in Indiana. It is meticulously designed to benefit both native English speakers and native Spanish speakers, ensuring students have all the knowledge and confidence they need to succeed.

The course covers a comprehensive range of topics, including Indiana traffic laws, road signs, safe driving practices, and essential rules of the road. Each module is interactive and engaging, featuring quizzes, practice tests, and real-world scenarios to reinforce learning.

With easy-to-follow lessons and 24/7 access, adult learners can study at their own pace, anytime and anywhere. Our instructors are available (both in person and online) to provide guidance and to answer any questions learners might have, ensuring a supportive and enriching learning experience.

Driver's Education for English Learners

Course Participants Grades Activities Competencies

▼ Welcome!

Collapse all

Pre-Test

Announcements

▼ Teacher Materials Not available

▼ Lesson 1: Signs

Lesson 1: Words to Learn

Introduction to Road Signs

Sign Colors



ABOUT

Since 2020, the Learning Network has assisted 75 legal permanent residents of Clinton County in their pursuit of becoming citizens with our citizenship education program. The Capt. Harmon Aughe Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has partnered to provide community support for the newly minted citizens and their families.

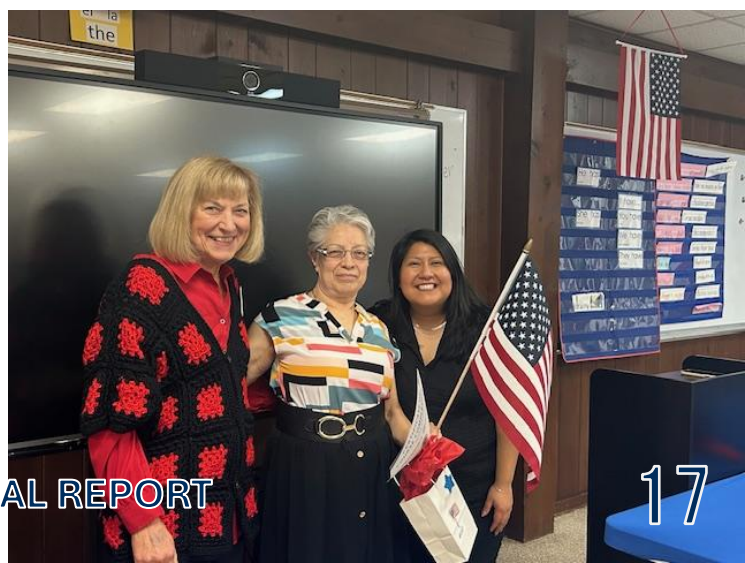


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The United Way of Clinton County provides funding for both the driver's education and citizenship instruction the Learning Network offers.

CITIZENSHIP INSTRUCTION INCLUDES

- Teaching all 128 questions provided by the USCIS for the history and civics test. In addition to this, the Learning Network utilizes material from several online platforms to provide a more interactive and visual way of learning to our students.
- Teaching the vocabulary provided by the USCIS for the Reading and Writing tests. During class, students learn and practice with possible sentences that could be created using words from these lists.
- Teaching new vocabulary from the questions on the N-400 form.
- Teaching vocabulary for small talk and personal information gathering.
- Offering a opportunity to practice with "mock interviews." These are performed at the end of the course to give our learners an opportunity to practice what they learned and feel more comfortable with the interview process.



OUR HISTORY

FUNDING & OUTCOMES

LEARNING NETWORK'S HISTORY

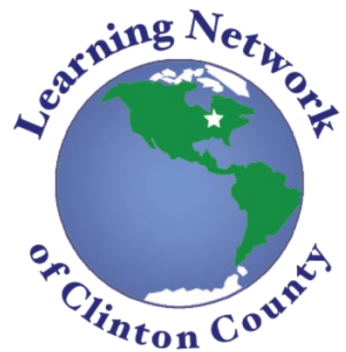
At the turn of a new century, in 2001, a grassroots effort began to expand the reach of Clinton County Extension by creating a learning center with distance education technology and a computer lab for instruction. Supported by local organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Clinton County Council, as well as statewide organizations such as IHETS (Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication System) and ICN (Indiana College Network), the Learning Network of Clinton County was born.

LEARNING NETWORK'S FUNDING

After several Gala fundraisers and much hard work on behalf of many volunteers, the Learning Network became a 501c3, nonprofit, community-based organization in 2004. As a joint venture with Purdue University and the Clinton County Commissioners, the Learning Network contributed a total of \$100,000 toward the \$250,000 purchase of 1111 S. Jackson St., as the new Extension office. After the acquisition of the property, the Learning Network contributed another \$50,000 toward the renovation of the inside of the building.

LEARNING NETWORK'S OUTCOMES

Since 2008, the Learning Network has filed 990s indicating more than \$2 million in grant funding and fee-based revenue spent specifically for its intended purpose of educating all learners. That funding, primarily granted by the State of Indiana, would have been utilized by other counties if not acquired by the Learning Network on behalf of Clinton County.



LEARNING NETWORK'S MISSION

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OPEN HOUSE

*Come see what we have to offer!
Explore a wide variety of classes,
including Citizenship, High School
Equivalency, English, and more!*

**Thursday,
April 29th, 2027**

11 AM – 2 PM

- Tour the building
- Meet teachers
- See our programs
- Ask questions



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