

What is Thriving Connections?

For people who want to transform poverty into stability, Thriving Connections is a multi-generational community building model that gathers diverse people who cultivate intentional relationships across economic class by creating a safe harbor to focus on achieving financial, emotional, mental, physical, social, and spiritual growth. Thriving Connections provides a holistic approach to helping individuals and families captain their ship of life as they achieve their goals, better understand the challenges of poverty, and effect change. This results in everyone feeling empowered with purpose and direction to move forward together.



Volunteer Opportunities


There are many ways to be part of TC's Crew. Volunteer to be an Ally, prepare a meal, work with our youth, provide transportation or home delivery, lead programming, or serve on the Guiding Coalition. Most opportunities are currently remote.



Contact us for more information!

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South Central Community Action Program
SCCAP
Empowering people to reach their potential

Thriving Connections



Making connections to leave poverty behind



About SCCAP

The South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) is a nonprofit organization based in Bloomington, Indiana that has served low-income people for 55 years. Our mission is to provide opportunities for all people to achieve personal and economic independence to strengthen our community.

SCCAP is also proud to offer:

- Covering Kids & Families
- Growing Opportunities
- Head Start & Early Head Start
- Energy Assistance
- Housing Choice Opportunities
- Weatherization

All SCCAP services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.

Captains



Captains are individuals or families who are motivated to get out of poverty. The Captain is sailing their own ship of life and is in charge of where they would like their ship to go. Of course, like any voyage, there will be barriers and challenges along the way. Captains are in charge of educating and leading their crew, charting their own course to their "treasure" -- a stable life with enough resources to not just survive, but to THRIVE!

Allies



Allies are part of a Captain's crew, and are there to support the Captain as they sail towards their destination. Allies are people with stable resources who have been trained to work with Captains, offering help in areas in which they are familiar—including money management, education, and establishing social/community connections.

Training



Before a captain is matched with their crew they receive training including the causes of poverty and challenges of living with limited resources. After they are matched, captains and crew receive ongoing training and support in areas of education, sustainable employment, and personal growth.

A Safe Harbor



Just like every Captain needs a safe place to take their boat to rest, restock, and repair, Thriving Connections weekly dinners are a place to share a meal, information, and time with positive people. Captains have many challenges to navigate – from stormy seas and pirates to a lack of provisions and crew. We support each other in our journeys and provide a respite from the challenges of the sea outside the harbor.



Community Education & Big Picture



Thriving Connections partners with other not-for-profit groups, schools, local businesses, and others to foster better understanding of issues relating to poverty. The Guiding Coalition advisory group provides the framework to identify community needs and work on removing the barriers that make it difficult for people to overcome poverty.