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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Prepared by: Directors' Barbi Brewer-Watson & Miya Petitgoue

OCTOBER 2025

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

DATA FROM SEPTEMBER 2025

CONSTRUCTION

In Progress: **34**

First Ward: 6

Second Ward: 6

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 6

Sixth Ward: 8

Seventh Ward: 8

General Wait List: **183**

Completed September 2025

Lead Program: **0**

Healthy Homes: **0**

CDBG Programs: **0**

MIRA Program: **0**

Completed Since May 2025: **12**

all ECDA waitlists are closed effective June 1, 2025

Data Updated: 9/29/2025

LEAD PROGRAM

GOAL: 3 homes completed each month in 2025



OFFICE OF
LEAD HAZARD CONTROL
AND HEALTHY HOMES

Healthy Children

Healthy Families

Healthy Communities

In Progress: **8**

First Ward: 1

Second Ward: 4

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 0

Sixth Ward: 2

Seventh Ward: 1

Program Wait List: **97**

Completed In Previous Month: **0**

Completed Since May 2025: **3**

Data Updated: 9/29/2025

In Progress: **13**

First Ward: 3

Second Ward: 1

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 1

Sixth Ward: 5

Seventh Ward: 3

Completed In Previous Month: 0

Completed Since May 2025: **8**

HEALTHY HOMES

GOAL: 5 homes completed each month in 2025



Healthy Children

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Data Updated: 9/29/2025

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

GOAL: 23 homes completed in 2025



In Progress: **6**

First Ward:	2
Second Ward:	0
Third Ward:	0
Fourth Ward:	0
Fifth Ward:	0
Sixth Ward:	1
Seventh Ward:	3

Completed Since May 2025: **6**
Completed Since January 2025: **12**

Data Updated: 9/29/2025

MEDIAN INCOME REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE

GOAL: 8 homes completed in 2025



In Progress: **3**

First Ward: 0

Second Ward: 1

Third Ward: 0

Fourth Ward: 0

Fifth Ward: 1

Sixth Ward: 0

Seventh Ward: 1

Program Wait List: **18**

Completed Since January 2025: **3**

Data Updated: 9/29/2025

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DEMOLITION PROGRAM

GOAL: 8 deteriorated structures in 2025



In Progress: 4

First Ward:	0
Second Ward:	0
Third Ward:	0
Fourth Ward:	0
Fifth Ward:	4
Sixth Ward:	0
Seventh Ward:	0

Completed Since January 2025: 0

Data Updated: 9/29/2025

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC FACILITY PROGRAM

GOAL: Fire Stations #4 & #6 Roof Repair



photo of fire station #3 completed 2024

FIRE STATION #4 (100 N FAIRMONT AVE)

COMPLETED - in close out

FIRE STATION #6 (885 N WASHINGTON AVE)

COMPLETED - in close out

Data Updated: 9/29/2025

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

DATA FROM SEPTEMBER 2025

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM

GOAL: dispend funding to social service agencies serving Kankakee residents



photo of Kankakee County attendees at Home Illinois Summit, hosted by the Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness and Supportive Housing Providers Association

2025 - 2026

Grant Agreements in review with CDBG Program Manager and scheduling meetings with agencies.

Reimbursement for May 25 - April 26

Cornerstone Services (\$10,000)

Harbor House (\$20,000)

Catholic Charities (\$20,000)

Salvation Army HPP (\$20,000)

Still I Rise (\$10,000)

Data Updated: 9/29/2025



PRIVATE SECURITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

\$10,000 in funds available for lighting/camera reimbursement

TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDS

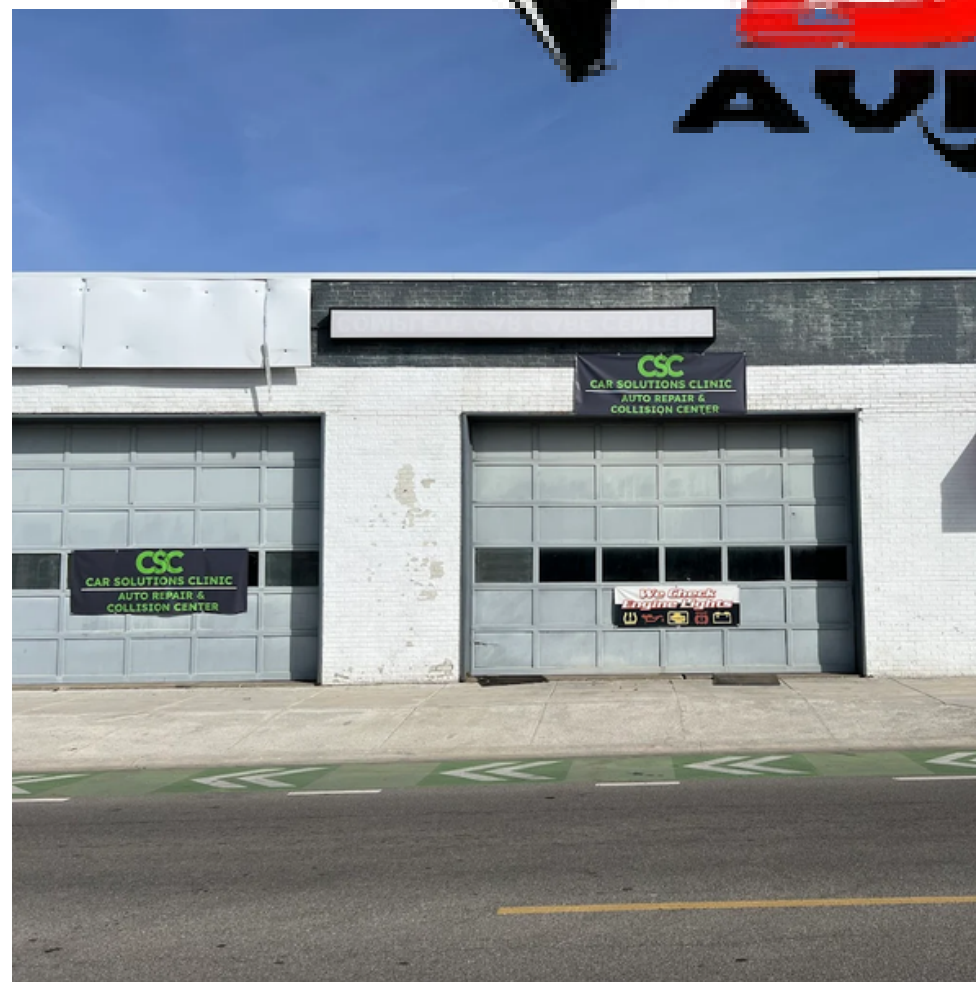
Month	# of Applications	Amount Spent
QUARTER 1	18	\$3,214.90
QUARTER 2	13	\$2,532.40
QUARTER 3	10	\$2,114.32

REMAINING FUNDS: \$2,138.38

BUSINESS LICENSE & RETENTION

DATA FROM SEPTEMBER 2025

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES | AUGUST 2025



- The Daily Journal | 8/01
- Ziri Fresh Market Inc. | 8/01
- Kankakee River Petroleum LLC | 8/01
- Economy Inn | 8/01
- Quick & Easy Market Inc. | 8/11
- Cornerstone Services | 8/22
- Car Solutions Clinic Inc. | 8/22
- King Fuel Services LLC | 8/22
- Van Drunen Farms | 8/22
- DI4 Aviation | 8/22

33 TOTAL TO DATE

*indicates home-based

BUSINESS RETENTION VISITS REPORT

6-MONTH RECAP

WARD	BUSINESSES SURVEYED	IMPACT
1	Urban Barbershop Co., The Majestic, Brookmont Bowling Center, Rubber Rose Books & Print	• Brookmont Bowling Center emphasized how not all businesses have access to incentive options
2	Knack Brewing & Fermentations, HB Equities LLC, Kankakee-Iroquois-Ford Association of Realtors, Gracie Pie Apothecary, Midwest Meteorites & Minerals LTD	• KIFAR offered website: realtorparty.realtor for potential grant opportunities • Midwest Meteorites appreciated the opportunity to talk about their unique business
3	Autumn The Acne Coach, Oliver's Bar & Grill	• Both businesses were able to complete survey via email • People and diversity were noted as City's greatest assets
4	Taco Bell # 24586, Greater Kankakee Airport - IKK, El Mexicano Restaurant, 2 Rivers Area Credit Union	• Taco Bell is looking forward to QuikTrip Development • Greater Kankakee Airport has plans to expand
5	Glade Plumbing & Heating Company, Duncan Homes Inc., M-Four Service, Hemenover Construction, Kankakee Valley Park District, Fastsigns Of Kankakee, 5 Star Wings & More, LLC, Riverside Community Credit Union	• Glade has a succession plan in place and recently presented at our September business workshop • M-Four wanted follow up on application status towards abandoned property program • K.V.P.D. recently became a Chamber Member
6	N/A	• Mostly residential housing was found • Small pocket of businesses will be part of future retention visits
7	K-Fashion City, Hoekstra Transportation LLC, High Point Residence Kankakee, Our Home Snacks, LaBeau Bros. Inc., J.R. Edwards Brushes & Rollers	• High Point Residence is accepting applications for new residents • Our Home Snacks is hiring • J.R. Edwards is purchasing new production equipment for their facility

BUSINESS ATTRACTION & DEVELOPMENT

DATA FROM SEPTEMBER 2025

CALENDAR YEAR 2024

TOURISM ECONOMICS

\$166.9 million

KANKAKEE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION TO STATE TRAVEL EXPENDITURES,
SLIGHTLY DIPPING FROM \$167.7M IN 2023



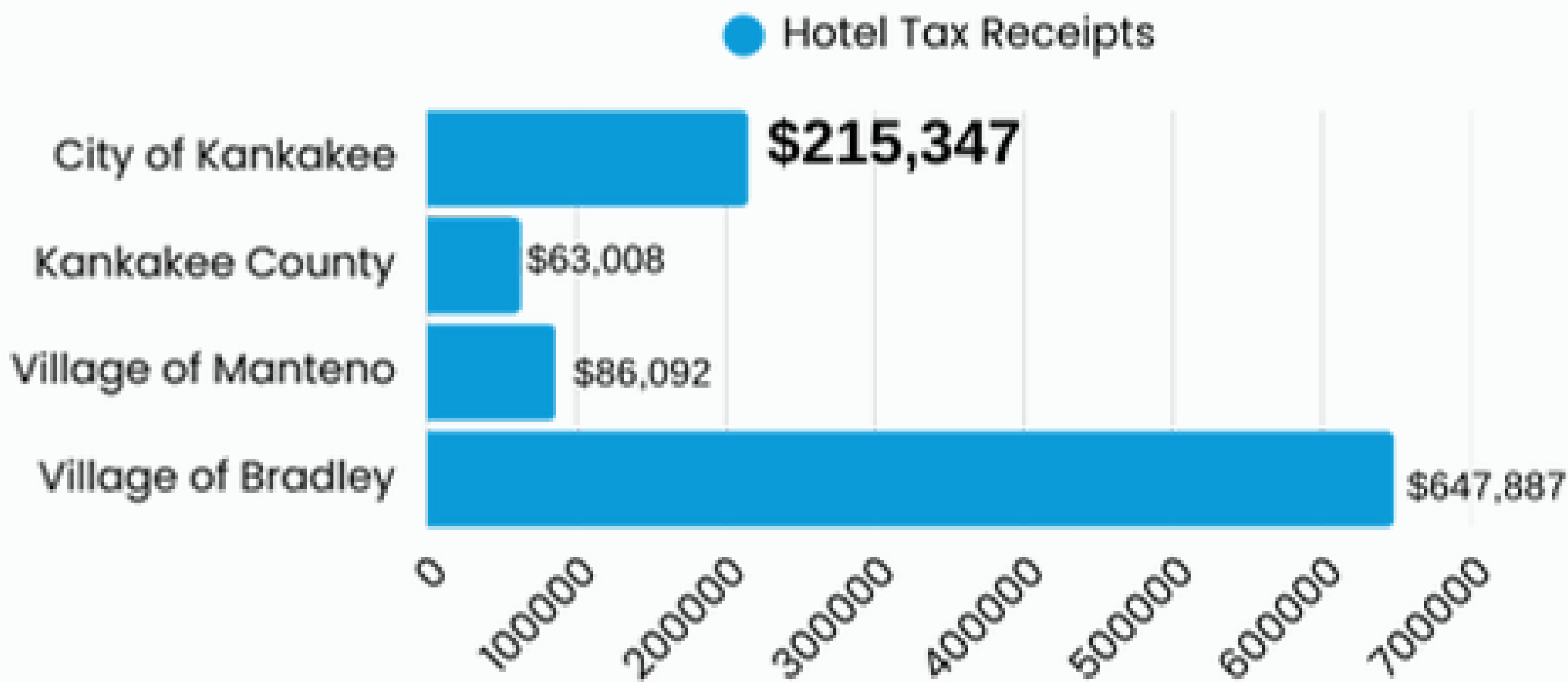
\$6.8million

IN LOCAL TAX REVENUE, UP FROM \$6.7M IN 2023.

1,247 jobs

DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO DOMESTIC TRAVEL SPENDING

EVERY \$1 INVESTED IN ILLINOIS *MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING* CAMPAIGN
GENERATES **\$75** IN VISITOR SPENDING FOR THE STATE.



- 1.Lodging Spend | 2024: **\$31.6M** | 2023: \$30.6M
- 2.Food & Beverage| 2024: **\$35.9M**| 2023: \$35.6M
- 3.Recreation| 2024: **\$12.9M** | 2023: \$12.7M
- 4.Retail | 2024: **\$11.8M** | 2023: \$11.8M
- 5.Transporation | 2024: **\$74.7M** | 2023:\$76.9M

2024 Spend by Industry



KANKAKEE RIVER VALLEY REGATTA

- 4,200 in attendance (30+ minutes)
- Average time at the event: 182 minutes
- 25% of visitors traveled greater than 50-miles
- Top 3 locations visited before the event:
 - Holiday Inn Express
 - McDonalds - East Court St.
 - Meijer
- Top locations visited after the event:
 - Walmart, Kankakee
 - Circle K, Aroma Park
 - Holiday Inn Express



FACEBOOK PAID ADS: (WILL BE IMPELNTING FOR PARTNER MUNICIPALITIES THIS FISCAL YEAR!)

Reach: 31,111

Link Clicks: 2,304

Engagements: 9,215!!!!

- Average cost/click: \$0.10 (*industry standard average is \$0.50-\$1.00*)
- Click thru rate: 4.4% - *nearly triple standard benchmarks*
- Broad engagement



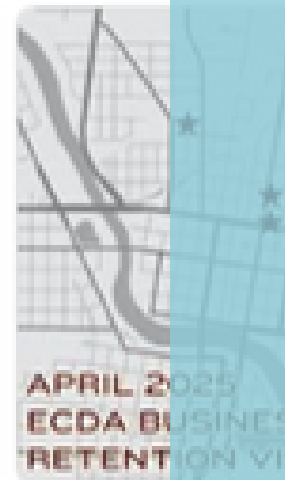
Other Marketing Efforts:

- WGN 3-Week Radio Campaign
- WGN LIVE on-air interview & podcast
- Organic Social Media
- E-Newsletter features x 2
- Website & Blog Articles

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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MEDIA OUTREACH



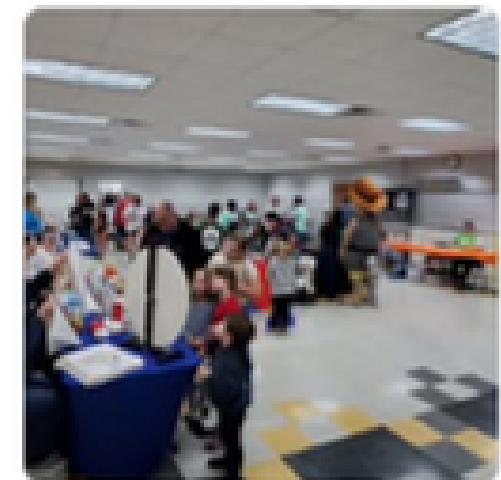
1,474 followers



415 Followers



654 Newsletter Subscribers





COMMUNITY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025:

September 10 - KCC Resource Fair

September 16 - St. Mary's Food Pantry

September 20 - Hispanic Heritage Celebration @ Kankakee Farmers' Market

September 27 - Neighborhood Cookout @ Kankakee First Church

OCTOBER 2025:

October 7 - Community Conversation: In Their Shoes

October 10 - KSDIII's Hispanic Heritage Celebration

October 19 - Halloween Downtown

October 24 - Kankakee Public Library's Halloween Spooktacular

October 25 - Kankakee Farmers' Market

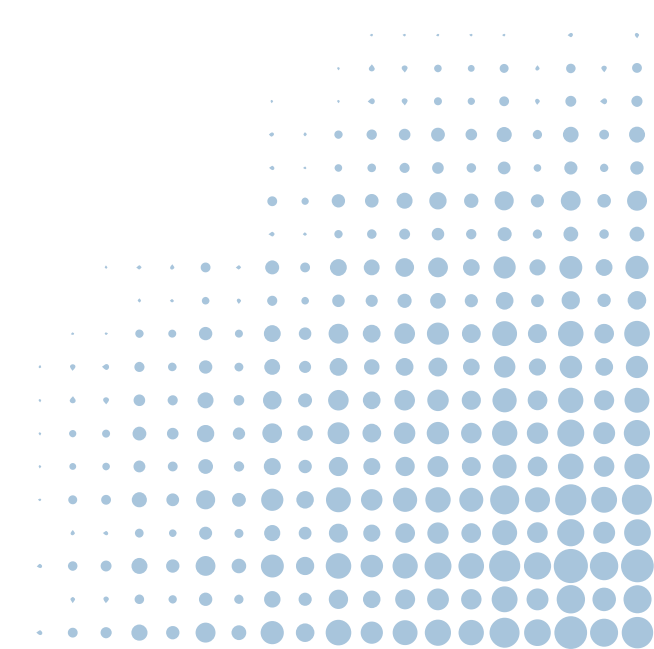
THEIR STORY with **HARBOR HOUSE**

Real Life Church
2095 W Station St, Kankakee, IL 60901

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2025	TIME: 5:30 - 7:30 PM LIGHT MEAL PROVIDED
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CITY OF KANKAKEE Economic & Community Development Agency

KANKAKEE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 2025

September 2 - KCCOLT Meeting

September 4 - Continuum of Care Meeting

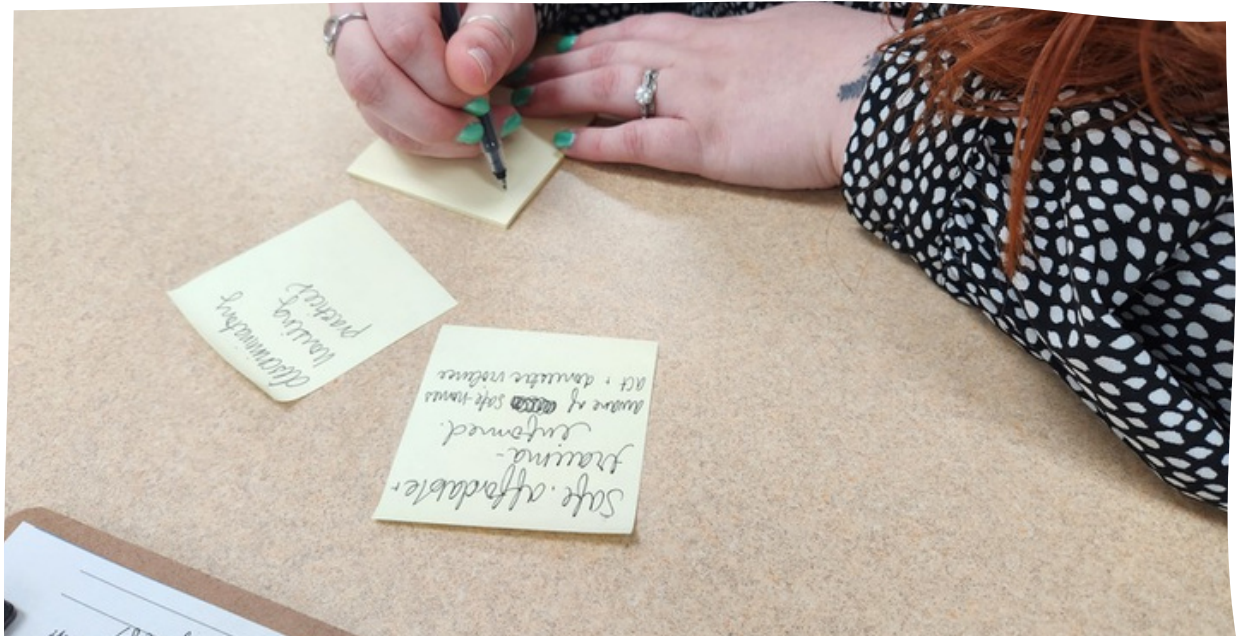
September 25 - Success by 6 Coalition Meeting

OCTOBER 2025:

October 2 - Continuum of Care

October 7- KCCOLT Meeting

October 23 - Project SUN's Community Planning Team Meeting



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