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Connections Inc. and the City of Indianapolis Launch “The Wrap” Program to Support Vulnerable Youth Ages 16–21

Indianapolis, IN – April 1, 2026 – Connections Inc., in partnership with the City of Indianapolis Office of Public Health and Safety – Division of Re-entry (OPHS), is pleased to announce the creation of “**The Wrap**” program, a care coordination and community navigation service aimed at supporting vulnerable youth and young adults ages 16 to 21 in Marion County, Indiana.

Launched as a proactive initiative to support young people navigating serious life challenges, The Wrap is designed to serve youth who have had prior involvement with Indiana’s juvenile or adult justice systems at some point in their young lives—yet they are not currently receiving any services from the Indiana Department of Child Services or any probation departments. Services are offered at **no cost** to participants.

“The Wrap offers personalized care coordination to help youth meet their most urgent needs—whether it’s finding housing, accessing food, securing medical or mental health care, preparing for employment, or returning to school,” said Jenifer Asher, President and CEO of Connections Inc. “We know that when young people feel supported and equipped with real solutions and the tools to achieve their goals, their opportunity to be successful adults and possibly even parents in the future grows dramatically.”

Program participants will be connected with a caring adult who will work with them one-on-one to assess their needs and help navigate critical services such as:

- Housing, food, clothing and hygiene resources
- Crisis intervention for safety concerns
- Medical and mental health care
- Substance use and trauma recovery supports
- Education re-engagement (high school, vocational training or college admissions)
- Job readiness and employment placement
- Parenting support and childcare when appropriate
- Vital document acquisition (ID, birth certificate, etc.)
- Access to public benefits (Medicaid, SNAP, TANF)
- Long-term personal planning

The Wrap is operated by a team of highly experienced professionals at Connections Inc., a respected behavioral health and family support services provider operating in Indiana since 1999. The Wrap program is generously funded through a financial commitment from the Office of Public Health and Safety and their leadership offers support to the initiative.

“Young people in crisis often don’t know where to turn,” said Winta Gebremichael, Director of Re-entry for the City of Indianapolis. “The Wrap provides a compassionate, practical way to guide them through challenges and toward opportunities.”



Referring partners can contact The Wrap by emailing thewrap@connections-inc.net or calling 317.423.1000 during Connections business hours of Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm. A professional referral form is attached for our colleagues to complete as much as they are able. Walk-ins are also welcome at the Connections Inc. office at 8604 Allisonville Rd., Suite 280, Indianapolis, IN—just across from the Castleton Mall.

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