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Englewood Women's Initiative (EWI) Collaborative

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Major Goals

- Improve economic security for low-income, working women and their children
- Align with work of Englewood's Quality of Life Plan
- Active, community-based advisory group
- Break down silos

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- Target numbers:
 - 50 working women, 10 women entrepreneurs
- Pilot year – at least one self-sufficiency benchmark:
 - Employed in position with career advancement
 - Enrolled in post-secondary institution
 - Completed trade/manufacturing training
 - Completed business training
 - Increased income/wage and/or benefits
 - Increased net worth
 - On a pathway to a job that pays \$40,000/year

How will this work?



Partners



Services/Supports

- Job training and placement
- Manufacturing job training
- Financial counseling (credit coaching, benefits counseling)
- Business plan development, marketing
- Loans for entrepreneurs
- Domestic violence screenings
- Trauma and mental health services
- Emergency rent subsidies
- Legal assistance (landlord/tenant disputes, eviction, etc.)
- Referrals to early childhood programs/child care resources

Key Questions

1. How do we meet each woman where she is and provide multiple pathways for her to succeed?
2. What expertise can each partner bring to the table, and how can they learn from each other?
3. How can this strengthen/enhance other efforts in Englewood?

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