Statewide, the initiative is coordinated by the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males to provide free health screenings and education at more than 50 barbershops throughout Indiana. The health initiative is coordinated statewide by the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males. In Evansville, there were 122 Black males screened for hypertension and diabetes as well as given information on prevent cancer. Participating barbershops included Filippo's Designs, Jerald's Barbershop, Shark's Den, Going Forward Barber and Beauty Shop, Lynch's House of Coiffure and One World Barbering. Local partners included the Evansville Area Health Education Center (EvAHEC), hosted by the University of Southern Indiana. Evansville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., YMCA of Southern Indiana and American Medical Response (AMR).

On August 11, 2014, Evansville Commission on the Social Status of African-American Males joined with the Black Star Project and with more than 700 cities across the country to participate in the Million Father March 2014. The objective was to encourage parents to take their children to school on the first day of classes. Commissioners were assigned to three local schools, McGary, Glenwood and Lincoln to welcome parents, distribute backpacks and encourage fathers and mothers about the mission of the Commission. The Commission also coordinated a limousine ride to transport a family to school on the first day. The initiative was well received by parents and school officials.

On February 22, 2014, the Evansville Commission on the Social Status of African-American Males sponsored a Criminal Conviction Exposition at the National Education and Training (NEXT) building. Approximately 75-80 people attended the workshop at CK Newsome Community Center. Prosecutor Nick Herrmann, Judge Leslie Shipley, Evansville Mayor John Dugué and Helen Dugué, President of Evansville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Central Labor Council of Southern Indiana. Participants were invited by the Commissioner to work with the community and to reaffirm the community's commitment to civil rights.

Activities of the Social Status of African-American Males - The Evansville Commission on the Social Status of African-American Males was established in 1991 with the goal of improving the social, economic and educational status of African-American males. The commission's vision is to create an environment in which African-American males realize their full potential and contribute to the economic development of the community.

On October 28, 2014, the Evansville Commission on the Social Status of African-American Males sponsored a panel discussion entitled "The Importance of Not Ex-offenders." A panel discussion included representatives from the Indiana Department of Corrections; Senator Jim Tom; Vanderburgh County Prosecutor, Nick Herrmann; Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department and Vanderburgh County Public Defender Agency and an ex-offender, Tabiee Doutie, anchor/reporter for Eyewitness News WEGT/WYTV moderated the session. Additional collaborators included Goosetown Neighborhood Association and Carver Community Organization.

Activities of the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Advisory Board on Disability Services - The Advisory Board on Disability Services is charged to act as a liaison between local government and people with disabilities to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. The advisory board works with government officials to ensure ADA compliance, promotes public awareness, and provides support for people with disabilities. Initially, the value they bring to society and promotes public awareness of the need for accessible buildings, services, programs and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Annually in March, the Advisory Board on Disability Services plans activities to promote Disability Awareness Month in Evansville. Disability Awareness Month is celebrated throughout Indiana. Led by the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, the goal of Disability Awareness Month is to increase awareness and promote independence, integration and inclusion of all people with disabilities. The 2014 campaign theme was "Dare to Dream!" The theme encourages communities to change attitudes about people with disabilities and focus on communities that are sustainable, accessible, and economically viable and encourage civic and social engagement for all. The Advisory Board also sponsored an art/essay contest for grades K-8.

On August 9, 2014, the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Human Relations Commission hosted a public hearing at City Hall. The hearing was held to discuss the impact of the ADA on the community. The commission's goal is to ensure that people with disabilities have equal access to public services and resources.

Statistics - Total 136

EHVRC Processed - 68
Transferred to U.S. Equal Employment Commission - 66
Transferred to Indiana Civil Rights Commission - 13
Motivated Settlem: 184,851.50
Probable Cause - 1

Closures
Settlements
25 Right to Sue
No Cause
48 Total Closures for 2014
93
Administrative Closure
19