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CANdid Conversations: New Radio Series Elevates Local Voices on Community Issues

Evansville, IN – ECHO Housing & Community Development is excited to announce the launch of CANdid Conversations, a powerful new radio segment airing every other Saturday from 8:00–9:00 AM on WEOA (1400 AM, 98.5 FM, and 100.7 FM), beginning July 5, 2025.

About CANdid Conversations

CANdid Conversations is your front-row seat to the people, partnerships, and progress shaping the future of Southwest Indiana. Powered by ECHO Housing & Community Development, the show explores bold, honest conversations around the systems and solutions that impact our everyday lives—housing, neighborhood revitalization, mental health, youth opportunity, workforce development, and more.

Each episode brings real issues and real voices to the forefront, featuring leaders, service providers, and the voices of local residents. *CANdid Conversations* is rooted in the work of the **Collective Action Network (CAN)**—a regional, cross-sector collaboration focused on improving quality of life through physical, social, and economic development launched in 2024.

ECHO serves as the backbone organization for CAN, helping to align dozens of partners in data-driven strategy and network-building that puts residents at the center. From neighborhood listening sessions to co-designed solutions, resident voice is a core driver of the initiative—and of this radio series.

“Communities don’t just need conversation—they need connection, coordination, and action,” said Merrick Korach, host of CANdid Conversations. “Every other Saturday, we spotlight real collaborations working together to solve real problems. These stories of local collaboration show what’s possible when residents are not only heard but empowered to lead change where they live.”

Tune In and Share Your Voice

Listeners are encouraged to visit ECHO Housing & Community Development’s Facebook page to share concerns, questions, and ideas about issues that matter most. These community submissions will directly help shape the conversations and guests featured on the show every other weekend.

When: Every other Saturday, beginning July 5, 2025

Time: 8:00–9:00 AM

Where: WEOA • 1400 AM | 98.5 FM | 100.7 FM

Are you a resident, partner, or changemaker in your neighborhood? Share Your Thoughts: go to echohousing.org/community-development and click on CANdid Conversations or go to our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ECHOHousingCorp> and find the featured (pinned) post on CANdid Conversations.

Whether you're a resident, neighbor, leader, or changemaker, *CANdid Conversations* invites you into a deeper dialogue on what it takes to build stronger, more connected, and more equitable communities.

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ABOUT ECHO HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ECHO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Community Development Corporation with a mission to improve lives by reducing barriers to housing, social wellbeing, and economic opportunity. ECHO operates eight homeless service programs across the housing continuum, including emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, and affordable housing. In addition to addressing housing insecurity, ECHO serves as the backbone organization of the Collective Action Network (CAN), a regional cross-sector initiative focused on collaborative, resident-informed strategies that address the root causes of community challenges. *website:* www.echohousing.org

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