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### Mark your Calendar!

#### Nov. 23—Free Webinars

America's Promise Alliance Presents a Free Webinar & Online Discussion: Keeping Kids in School & Preparing Them for Professions as well as how Schools & Non-Profits Can Partner Effectively with Business. Webinar will take place from 3:00 - 4:00 pm EST. RSVP by November 17th to [elainel@americaspromise.org](mailto:elainel@americaspromise.org). Call in and log in information will be provided then.

#### Nov. 24—ICYD Meeting

The next ICYD meeting will take place at 200 E. Grand in the Economic Development board room from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. If you have any questions or comments, please email [steve.michael@iowa.gov](mailto:steve.michael@iowa.gov).

#### Dec. 7—FREE Webinar Series

America's Promise Alliance & Casey Family Programs present a FREE Webinar titled "The Fostering Connections Act: Improving Outcomes for Children in Foster Care". To Register, email Krystal, [kristalj@americaspromise.org](mailto:kristalj@americaspromise.org), by December 3.

#### Jan. 26-27 & April 27-29 — Learning Supports Training

The DE Learning Supports Team is busy preparing for two large events in 2010 that will have Safe, Healthy and Caring Learning Environments as the focus. Both events will be held at the Scheman Center in Ames, Iowa. More information will be available at a later date.

### Youth Development News

#### America After School Presents Study

Afterschool Alliance is reporting the results of a study that looked into what students are doing with their time after 3 p.m. To learn more about the study and the results, [Click Here](#).

#### ICYD represented at Conference

Iowa had a panel presentation at The Interagency Working Group conference called, "Innovative Collaborations to Improve Youth Outcomes: A Federal, State, and Local Dialogue". Steve Michael, Becky McCalley, and Dick Spoth were the panel members. The Interagency Working Group

on Youth Programs is responsible for promoting collaboration at all governmental levels as well as among families, schools, and communities. Its interest is in assisting decision makers in implementing effective strategies for at risk youth. To learn more, [Click Here](#).

#### Grant makers for Children, Youth and Families Resource Library

Grant makers for Children, Youth and Families presents a resource library that includes many articles involving youth development. To read their November edition, [Click Here](#).

### A Note From Our Chair...

*Preston Daniels is the director of the Department of Human Rights and was elected Chair of the ICYD Council on October 27, 2009.*

The passage of House File 315 has formalized the ICYD Council, has provided new opportunities to engage the directors of the participating State agencies, and has created a re-structured ICYD. To demonstrate these points, I have recently been elected Chair of the ICYD. The purpose of the ICYD Council is to improve the lives and futures of Iowa's youth by:

- Adopting and applying positive youth development principles and practices at the state and local level
- Increasing the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of opportunities, supports, and services for youth
- Improving and coordinating state youth policy and programs across state agencies.

We welcome all comments, suggestions, and ideas to help us work toward achieving ICYD's purpose. The members of the ICYD will be working diligently in the next 3 months to create and present the first annual report for the Governor and Legislature by February 1, 2010.

Preston Daniels

### SIYAC Update

*For this month's issue we will be hearing from the Vice Chair of the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council, Sean Ryan of Waukon High School:*



Hello all. My name is Sean Ryan I am currently 17 years old attending Waukon Senior High in Waukon, Iowa. I am serving as the Vice-Chair for the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council. After graduation I plan on attending the United States Coast Guard Academy with a major in Political Science. I strongly believe that SIYAC has a major role in kid's lives here in Iowa. As Vice-Chair I really want to do as much as possible with my peers to make our committee well know throughout the state, and I hope in the future that youth as well as parents can get on our website and post the issues in their area that they would like SIYAC to address. My main focus that I really want to put emphasis on is life after graduation. I feel very passionate about this subject because a lot of high school seniors don't really realize what different colleges offer for them and their skills. I am excited for this year. I am sure we will accomplish a lot and hope to meet a lot of new people that I could call friends.

If your organization would like to work with SIYAC, contact [SIYAC@iowa.gov](mailto:SIYAC@iowa.gov).

This is an electronic newsletter distributed by the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development (ICYD). ICYD is a partnership of state and local entities concerned about youth and youth policies. The goals of the initiative are to promote the use of positive youth development principles in state policies and programs and to facilitate the use of effective youth development practices in communities throughout Iowa.