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Mark your Calendar!

Oct. 13 - Effective Investments in Positive Youth Development (PYD) Webinar

Join The Finance Project for a webinar on financing and sustaining youth programs. The webinar will take place from 1:00-2:00 pm and will focus on the development of comprehensive systems of support for PYD through coordinating policies, programs and funding. To register, [Click Here](#).

Oct. 24-Reggie's Sleepout

October 24th will mark the 4th annual Reggie's Sleepout at Drake Stadium. Join more than one thousand others to "Sleep Under The Stars So Kids Can Reach Them". To register or to make a donation, [Click Here!](#)

Oct. 27-ICYP Council Meeting

The ICYP Council will meet from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Starkweather Room of the Jessie Parker building in Des Moines.

Nov. 5-2009 Prevention Symposium

Save the Date for the 2009 Prevention Symposium! The symposium is sponsored by The Iowa Department of Public Health and Training Resources for individuals who have an interest in learning about substance abuse and problem gambling prevention. To learn more about attending, [Click Here](#).

Nov. 16-Iowa Nonprofit Summit

The Summit will offer opportunities to explore innovation, collaboration, adaptation, connectivity, and advocating for the role of nonprofits. Don't miss this unique convening opportunity with Iowa colleagues. Register at www.RegOnline.com/npsummit2009.

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Youth Development News

RHYTTAC Announces New Website

Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Centers has developed a new and improved website. Check out their new resources and trainings today! [Click here](#).

Washington Youth Voice Handbook Provides Insight to Involving Youth

There has been a lot of talk about finding ways to get the youth voice heard. This resource is meant to tell us what, who, why, where, when, and how youth voice happens. To access this resource, [Click Here](#).

Journal Features Research on Preventing Child Maltreatment

The Future of Children brings research and reflection on the shift in the field child maltreatment toward prevention. To read more, [Click Here](#).

Audioconference to Focus on Postsecondary Success

The Institute for Youth, Education, and Fam-

ilies (YEF) will host a free, hour-long audio-conference on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 11:30. The conference will focus on "Opening Doors: New Municipal Initiatives to Put College Education Within Reach." To learn more about this unique opportunity, [Click Here](#).

Tips for Developing Youth Leadership

Suite 101 presents an article about how to develop leadership qualities in all youth. Author Ashley Anderson focuses on leadership as a combination of character traits and learned skills. To view this article, [Click Here](#).

Research Suggests a Need to Vary Youth Extracurricular Activities

US News and World Report presents research about the need to get kids involved in activities outside of sports. The article emphasizes a need for youth to be involved in youth development programs as well as on sports team in order to become well-rounded. To read more, [Click Here](#).

SIYAC Update

For this month's issue we will be hearing from the new chair of the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council, Veronica Arndorfer.

My name is Veronica Arndorfer and I am a 16 year old senior attending Algona High School in Algona, Iowa. I am currently the Chair for the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council. SIYAC is a very important asset for the youth and state of Iowa. This committee allows for a youth voice in an otherwise "adult world." Specifically, I hope that a more widespread knowledge of this committee and all of its affiliates and works can be accomplished. I am thrilled with the various goals that our group has for itself, whether it be continued work with organizations like Team Nutrition or creating surveys to better understand what issues the youth of Iowa needs the most focus on. This month I will be attending a conference in Washington D.C., which will bring together other advisory councils across the nation and I will be able to meet with congressman over issues that Iowa's youth consider important. It is my hope that this year will be filled with many successes and learning experiences.



If your organization would like to partner with SIYAC, contact 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.

If you have feedback, suggestions, or information to share, send it to amy.daniels@iowa.gov.