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Mark your Calendar

May 4—25th Annual Risky Business Conference

Join Youth and Shelter Services as they host the 25th Annual Risky Business Conference. This conference brings adults and high school youth together to increase knowledge of the critical issues confronting youth.

The event will take place at the Scheman Building on the Iowa State University Campus. Registration ends April 29th. To learn more, [Click here](#).

May 12—ICYD Council Meeting

The Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Council will meet Wednesday, May 12th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Location is TBD.

Youth Development News

Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth

The *Midwest Evaluation of the Adult Functioning of Former Foster Youth* (Midwest Study) is a prospective study that has been following a sample of young people from Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois as they transition out of foster care into adulthood., [Click Here](#).

serve a diverse population in local or regional communities; build social, academic, leadership, and/or life skills in early adolescents (primarily ages 13-18); show positive results against a demonstrated community need; and reach at-risk children in working families.

DEADLINE: July 1 (applications accepted from June 1 to July 1).

Best Buy's Children Foundation Offers Grand Opportunity

Through its 15 Community Grants Program, Best Buy is offering grants to non-profits that help teens excel in school, engage in their communities, and develop leadership skills.

The maximum award is \$10,000. Special consideration will be given to programs that

The Des Moines Register Reports on the State of Certain Iowa Schools

The Des Moines Register presents an article on Schools in Need of Improvement in Iowa and what some these schools or districts are planning to do moving forward. To view the article, [Click Here](#).

A Note From Our Chair...

Preston Daniels is the director of the Department of Human Rights and is Chair of ICYD.

Change is hard and at times resisted. Our State government is undergoing many changes to be more efficient (cost less) brought about by the economic downturn. Even though the reason for these changes is to reduce costs, state agencies are looking at this as an opportunity to find better ways of doing business. Dick Moore, the director of the Child Advocacy Board and ICYD Council member, likes to say, "We want 1+1 to equal 3." In other words, by working together, to become more efficient, to work smarter not harder, the overall result will be an increased value to the citizens of Iowa. So, there have been some changes (and will be more) to how state government works, so things will be done differently in new and better ways. The ICYD Council wants to be part of the new math equation.

We welcome comments and suggestions to help us work toward achieving ICYD's purpose,
Preston Daniels

SIYAC Update



Saba Hafeez
SIYAC Member
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I continue to learn as I serve on SIYAC. Through legislative trainings, first hand experience lobbying and advocating in the capitol, and opportunities to share and debate positions following Roberts Rules, we as a council have learned how to operate within the legislative construct. But personally, I've gained something more than a better understanding of parliamentary procedure.

The decisions we make have an impact on the lives of Iowa's youth and I believe the change we want to see rests not within the law abiding citizens but through efforts to raise awareness and educate our communities on issues affecting youth. As a representative of Iowa's youth I am committed to informing our communities about these issues and I know it will make a difference.

If you or your organization would like to partner with SIYAC, contact SIYAC@iowa.gov.