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Mark Your Calendar!

August 26 - ICYD Steering Committee and SAWG meeting

The ICYD Steering Committee will be meeting the last Wednesday of every month, with the next meeting falling on August 26th. For more information, please contact Steve Michael at steve.michael@iowa.gov

September 9, 2009 - Learning Supports Kick-Off

Learning Supports will be kicking off its season with a conference on Relationships. Among the highlights is Dr. Robert Brooks, Harvard Medical Professor. To learn more about this free event, visit www.iowa.gov/educate and follow the Learning Supports link.

November 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. Hotel rooms are at the Ramada Inn Northwest and are under the name "Prevention Symposium for \$86/night (plus tax). Participants are responsible for making reservation and for expenses incurred.

**Ramada Inn Northwest
5000 Merle Hay Road
Des Moines, IA 50322
Phone: 515- 278-0271**

Want your event in the next issue? Contact amy.daniels@iowa.gov with a date, location, and a short description.

Help us out!

Please send comments and/or suggestions about the name of the newly updated newsletter to amy.daniels@iowa.gov. Let us know what you think!

Youth Development News

ICYD to Launch New Website

The Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development is getting a new look! Look for updates in the September issue.

Learn and Serve America Grants Now Available

The Corporation for National and Community Service announced Thirty-six Learn and Serve America Grants designed to engage students in service-learning projects that enhance their education. For the full article, visit: [Click Here](#).

Guide Seeks to Help Heal the Wounds of Children Exposed to Violence

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Safe Start Center has published "Healing the Invisible Wounds: Children's Exposure to Violence." For this and more resources, [Click Here](#).

Fostering Connections Act put to Work

Signed into law in October of 2008, the *Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act* benefits young people in foster care. The Act will help vulnerable children find a safe, loving and permanent home by increasing opportunities for adoption and

relative guardianship. For more information on the act, [Click Here](#).

Child Trends Publishes Articles on Out-Of-School Programming

Research suggests that participation in out-of-school time programs and activities can lessen the likelihood that youth will engage in negative behaviors, such as using drugs and alcohol, dropping out of school, and practicing unhealthy eating habits. Child Trend wanted to find out what the youth thought. To read, [Click Here](#).

Barriers and Promising Approaches to Workforce and Youth Development for Young Offenders

A new report released by the Annie E Casey Foundation in collaboration with the National Youth Employment Coalition, the Youth Development and Research Fund, and the Justice Policy Institute, highlights innovative juvenile justice initiatives that are reducing crime and making communities safer by helping youth to be self-sufficient in all facets of life. To view the entire report, [Click Here](#).

Want to submit an article or resource? Email [Amy Daniels](mailto:amy.daniels@iowa.gov) with a link and description.

ICYD Happenings

In the past 10 years, the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development has leveraged more than \$5 million in new federal and private funding to support youth development efforts in Iowa communities. One example of ICYD's ability to generate funding for youth is the Rural Homeless Youth Demonstration Project.

The project has recently chosen Boone as its pilot committee and will work with Youth and Shelter Services to operate the program. YSS has begun a plan and is now working to implement steps to improve the quality of life for homeless youth as well as to educate the community.

YSS has created four work groups, including: Caring Adults, Safe Places, Youth Engagement, and Education/Employment. The Safe Places committee has recently been looking at a place for the youth to acquire skills, get connected, and to have access to resources they may not otherwise have access to, while the Youth Engagement committee recently held a kick-off barbeque event at Mc Hose Park in Boone.

For more information, please contact Carrie Dunnwald at CDunnwald@yss.ames.ia.us.

SIYAC Update

The State of Iowa Youth Advisory kicked off the 2009-2010 service year with a Technology of Participation (ToP) training led by United Way coordinators Janie Jeffries and Jim Swaim.

The full day event consisted of an interactive ice breaker, attention to topics of interest, and the development of action plans to accomplish SIYAC's goals.

SIYAC Coordinator Annelise Plooster stated, "The ToP training equipped SIYAC members with an effective approach for tackling the many issues Iowa's youth face. SIYAC members worked together to reach consensus on many of the year's agenda items and I look forward to seeing their unified efforts succeed."

If you or your organization would like to partner with SIYAC, contact Annelise.plooster@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. This interagency initiative is designed to better align state policies and programs and to encourage collaboration among multiple state and community agencies on youth-related issues. 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.