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Mark your Calendar

July 16—Webinar on Foundation Support for Advocacy

Join GCYF and the Alliance for Justice for this session exploring lobbying, how foundations can engage in advocacy, and an overview of activities that constitute advocacy work. This session is in the context of education and will take place at 2:30 ET. [Register Here!](#)

August 11—ICYD Council Meeting

The Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Council will meet Wednesday, Aug. 11th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The meeting will take place in the Stark-weather room at the Jessie Parker Building.

ICYD INSIDER

Youth Development News

Ten Ways to Promote Educational Achievement and Attainment Beyond the Classroom

Child Trends presents a report on what we need to do for students outside the classroom. This article focuses on the important role of the time spent away from the structure of the

school day. To read this report, [Click Here](#)

Your Family 'Type' Can Affect Your Kids at School

USA Today presents a study on how family life can affect the school day. To read this article, [Click Here](#).

A Note From Our Chair...

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

I have recently had the opportunity to review and approve the newest members of SIYAC. The youth council has grown to its maximum size of 21 youth members and unfortunately several quality youth that applied for membership had to be denied. It is hoped, and I strongly encourage the youth that were not selected for SIYAC membership to find additional ways to volunteer their time, expertise, and perspective for the state and communities to benefit from their youth voice.

The ICYD Council will rely on SIYAC in this coming year for their input and guidance as specific effective strategies are developed and prioritized to increase the graduation rate in Iowa. The strategies will be a combination of policy change recommendations to strengthen multi-state agency partnerships and community level strategies to directly support students and families. In addition to input from SIYAC, the ICYD Council will seek ideas and suggestions from parents, schools, and other community representatives. The ICYD Council recognizes the significant commitment that we all must make to reach the Iowa's goal of increasing the high school graduation rate to 95% by 2020.

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

Preston Daniels

SIYAC Update

Over the past two months I have had the opportunity to interview some of the best and brightest students from across the State of Iowa. These are students who care deeply about the world around them and want to be a positive influence for their peers.

I am proud to say that 21 of these youth will be serving on the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council for the 2010-2011 school year. The state of Iowa will look to these students to provide a voice for Iowa's youth and to work to make Iowa a great place for young people to learn and grow.

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

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