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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 Starkweather room at the Jessie Parker Building.

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!](#)

Youth Development News

U.S. National Institute of Health Presents Research on Childcare before School

This article focuses on the importance of quality daycare on a child's future. The research found that children who attended quality daycare saw benefits lasting into as far as high school. To read more about this study, [Click Here](#)

Child Trends Discuss School Readiness Practices in the United States

Child Trends presents a report about the early years of education and why they are essential to the future of a child. To read this report, [Click Here](#)

A Note From Our Chair...

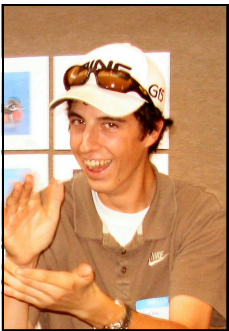
Preston Daniels is the director of the Department of Human Rights and is Chair of ICYD.

The ICYD Council recognizes that there are many quality and effective initiatives that address youth issues at the state level and in communities. The ICYD Council is aware of many of these, and are in a position to partner with some of them; however it is possible we do not know about some other initiatives. One of our challenges is to find better ways to align and coordinate the many youth initiatives in Iowa. We will need assistance to accomplish this, so we will be engaging additional individuals and organizations in this effort to identify the initiatives and develop strategies to share information and align policies and practices. If you know of an organization that is not connected to the ICYD Council's work, please contact us.

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

Preston Daniels

SIYAC Update



Gabe Walsh
Alta, Iowa
SIYAC Chair

The State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council will return nine members this coming year, a lot more than our one member that was returned this prior year. Also, the council is currently interviewing new applicants to try to fill in the missing links in the chain that are needed in order to reach our full potential. This past year was basically a build up year for the council. We had a lot of success and reached a majority of our goals, starting a council from scratch besides one member. I believe this coming year will be different because we will be returning so many bodies within the council that now have the experience and we will be able to bring all new members up to speed immediately.

To tell you a little bit about my self, I attend Alta High School, and I really enjoy being involved. I plan to study Political Science in the coming year, so SIYAC is like a dream come true for a high school student like me. A couple of issues I am very passionate include texting and driving and the compulsorily school age. These are two issues that SIYAC's Legislative Affairs Committee hope to tackle in the coming term.

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